



## Saint John XXIII University Parish/Catholic Center

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*The Paulist Fathers Serving the University of Tennessee*

Saints Peter and Paul

June 29, 2025

*Acts 12:1-11;  
2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18;  
Mt 16:13-19*

### Summer Hours!

#### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Thursday at 5:05 pm

#### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 9 am, 11:15 am,

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday and Thursday - 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm  
or by appointment

#### MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Congratulations!

Please call the office at least 4 months before  
your planned wedding date.

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Please contact Fr. Rich at  
(865) 523-7931 or rmwhitney3@gmail.com

### Reminder:

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held  
for Ruth Lynn (Baird) Prados  
(March 7, 1930 – June 11, 2025)

St. John XXIII University Parish at 4:00 p.m. on  
June 29, 2025 with a reception following.

Graveside service will be at Berry Highland  
Memorial Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. on June 30, 2025

### A Prayer for the Fourth of July

Gracious God, on this day we celebrate the birth of our nation and the gift of freedom. We thank you for the courage and sacrifice of those who fought for independence and for the blessings of liberty we enjoy. We pray for our leaders, that you would grant them wisdom and discernment as they guide our nation. May they lead with justice, integrity, and a commitment to the common good.

We pray for our citizens, that we may live together in unity and respect for one another, recognizing the dignity of each person. Help us to use our freedom wisely, to work for justice, and to build a society where all can thrive.

We pray for peace in our land and around the world. May your love and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

We ask all this in your holy name. Amen.

Office will be closed  
on Friday July 4<sup>th</sup>!



**Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles (June 29)**  
**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Today is an exceptional event on our calendar: the regular Sunday of Ordinary Time is eclipsed by a solemnity honoring two saints who didn't spend much time together in their earthly ministry, and who have distinct feasts so they probably don't mind sharing this one. Yet each suffered a similar fate in the same city, Rome, during the persecution of the Emperor Nero. Nero probably ordered the destruction of many of the residential neighborhoods in service to his building projects, and when the homeless began to look for someone to blame for the fires, Nero targeted the Christians. Soon, Peter was crucified, upside down, on the Vatican hill.

Excavations (called scavi) under the Vatican basilica have proven the authenticity of his burial place near the place of his death. Paul, a Roman citizen, was later granted a swifter execution by sword, and is remembered at a vast basilica on the city's outskirts.

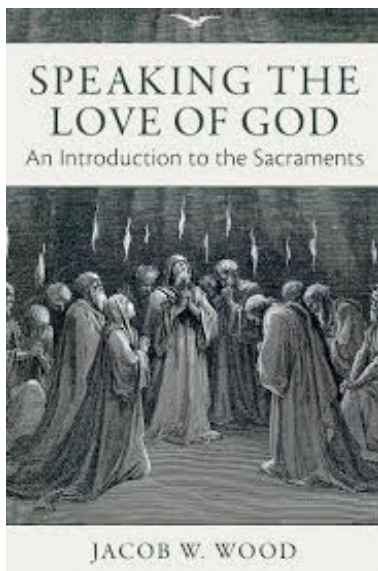
Peter and Paul were just about polar opposites. Peter rough and ready, Paul poetic and polished. Peter carried a burden of regret for his denials, Paul had his own issues with which he struggled. Peter leapt over barriers to go to the Gentiles, Paul strove with and surrendered to the same call. True, they spent very little time together in this life, but the same Spirit filled their hearts and by their witness changed the face of the earth.

—Rev. James Field

## Monthly Prayer Intentions

### June:

That the world might grow in compassion. Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.



"Our words indicate our thoughts, but our thoughts don't make anything happen.... It's not the same with God." In *Speaking the Love of God: An Introduction to the Sacraments*, Dr. Jacob W. Wood shows how Christ gives his Church the power to speak with God's voice in the seven sacraments. In this foundational guide to the sacraments, discover the power of the signs and words that transform us by grace and prepare us for glory.

Beginning 7 pm, July 3rd study of the Sacraments and their roots will begin virtually. This leads to a deeper understanding of the history and fullness of a forecast of our faith infused with God's grace. The study book online on Amazon or other sites.

Meeting days are 7/3, 7/17, 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 9/4. Use QR Code

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### Scripture Readings:

#### Sunday

**The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**  
Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

#### Monday

**Memorial of the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome**  
Gen 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11; Mt 8:18-22;

#### Tuesday

**Memorial of Saint Junipero Serra, Priest**  
Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26: 2-3, 9-10, 11-12; Mt 8: 23-27

#### Wednesday

Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 8: 28-34

#### Thursday

**Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle**  
Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117: 1bc, 2; Jn 20: 24-29

#### Friday

Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24: 1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5; Mt 9: 9-13

#### Saturday

**Memorial Anthony Mary Zaccaria, Priest and Saint Elizabeth of Portugal**  
Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:14-17

### NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

June 30 - July 6

**Monday:** 5:05 pm - Daily Mass  
4:00 pm - Confessions

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4:00 pm - Confessions

**Friday:** NO Daily Mass  
**OFFICE CLOSED - Happy 4TH**

**Saturday:** 5:30 pm - Mass

**Sunday:** 9:00 am - Mass  
11:15 am - Mass



If you still have not signed up for Flocknote please do so now. We will be using this to help with announcing Weather closures and other immediate changes to schedules. We also send out a weekly email through this to keep you informed.



If you're not a fan of QR codes, you can use your computer to go to:  
<https://l.ead.me/bf4g2M> and register.



## St. John XXIII Prayer List

We are blessed to have a caring group of people at St. John XXIII who pray for the people on our prayer list. Each year we restart this list on the **first weekend of June**. Please send the names of people you would like to add to or remain on the new prayer list to [john23@utk.edu](mailto:john23@utk.edu).

Donate Online to St. John XXIII!

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## PRAYER REQUESTS



Let us pray for peace and justice throughout the world. Other prayers are needed for Allen McGinley, Bruce Whitcomb, Cheryl & John Newell, Diego Puigserver, Eleanore Hartrick and Family, Fiorina Buckner, Fr. James Harrison, Fred Boucher, Jerry Carney, Karen Pearson Rich, Kevin and Melissa Brott, Mary Ann Haggerty, Mary Pat Hable, Michelle & Scott O'Connell, Pauline Lemieux, Reverend Greg Goolsby, Reverend James Harrison, Stephen Tracy, Tom Mulligan, Vic and Barbara Kaminsky, and those serving in the military, residents of NHC North, and for any too reserved to let us know.

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