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The Paulist Fathers Serving the University of Tennessee

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 13, 2025

*Dt 30:10-14;
Col 1:15-20;
Lk 10:25-37*

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.

WANT TO BE CATHOLIC?

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



If you get pulled over for speeding, you might have several excuses to use, but did you ever say that you didn't know you had to obey the speed limit? As the saying goes, ignorance of the law is no excuse. That is what Moses is telling the people in the first reading. The laws of God are not difficult to understand. Anyone with a conscience should be able to live with them.

By the time of Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees had added many more laws. The scholar who questioned Jesus about eternal life knew what was important: loving God with all your being and loving your neighbor as yourself. If he had stopped there, he would have been all right. But by asking "Who is my neighbor?" he implied that there are limits to love. That's why Jesus used the parable of the good Samaritan to show that love is as simple as helping someone in need.

Even today, we find people making excuses for not doing what God asks of us. We want someone else to interpret it for us, hoping they will find a loophole we can use to ignore God's commands. We judge people who need help, saying they choose to be poor or homeless. We say that between work and family obligations, we have no time to give to the community. We sign our kids up for so many sports that we don't even go to church on Sundays. We always have time to watch our favorite TV shows, but there's never enough time for daily prayers.

Before you start beating yourself up with guilt, remember that God expects us to take care of our families, to spend time with our children, and even to take time to rest and relax. If we are willing to look at our lives and bring them to God, asking for guidance, we are making the first steps to keep God's law of love. Even Jesus, whom Paul describes in the second reading as the image of God and source of all creation, had to die on the cross to show God's love to the world. Jesus understands the difficult choices we make. Ask for his help and you shall receive.
Tom Schmidt

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the page. or Use the QR Code.





Dancing FOR A DIFFERENCE

Join us for an enchanting evening as we help St. Mary's Legacy Clinic build the Mercy Center

- Professional Ballroom Dance Performances
- 3-course Dinner & Drinks
- Silent Auction

Thursday
JULY 17, 2025
Begins: 6:00pm

Sacred Heart Cathedral Hall
711 S Northshore Drive
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Tickets: \$100
Dress: Cocktail Attire





Sts. Louis Martin and Zélie Guérin were the parents of nine children, five of whom became nuns, including the future St. Therese of Lisieux. Louis was a watchmaker and Zélie was a lacemaker when they married in France in 1858. With the success of Zélie's lacemaking, Louis stopped watchmaking to help his wife's business and to help educate the children. Upon Zélie's death in 1877, when Therese (the youngest) was only 4, Louis continued to care for and educate his children, including teaching them about the faith. Louis and Zélie serve as role models for living the sacrament of matrimony, parenting, and life in church at home. They were canonized together on October 18, 2015, making them the first couple to be canonized together.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On a summer day, with the windows open, we may hear the sound of church bells. Bells seem to have come into church life in Irish monasteries around the seventh century, and spread around the Christian world by Irish monks on missionary journeys. By the eighth century, bells were standard equipment in even small parish churches. An ancient ceremony, once called the "baptism of the bells," recognizes that the church bell has a voice to call people to awareness and summon them to worship, and even bestows a name on the bell.

In a world without clocks or watches, the bell had an indispensable role. For calling monks in from the fields for prayer, or alerting far-flung visitors, the bell's voice was enhanced by hoisting it high into a tower. Soon it was learned that the sound of several bells clanging together in harmony imparted a sense of joy to great celebrations, and bell towers prospered, some chock full of bells. Different combinations of rings could indicate a death, a Mass, a wedding, a fast day, the curfew at the end of day, and the Angelus. Before electricity, bell-ringing was hard work indeed: the biggest bell in the Catholic world, in Cologne, Germany, weighs twenty-seven tons! There's no substitute for the resonant roar of a mighty bell; electric chimes are not eligible for blessing!
—James Field



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Scripture Readings:

Sunday

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

Monday

Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday

Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27; Mt 11:28-30

Friday

Ex 11:10-12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday

Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15; Mt 12:14-21



NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

July 14 - July 20

Monday: 5:05 pm - Daily Mass

4:00 pm - Confessions

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Friday: **NO Daily Mass**

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.

Donate Online to St. John XXIII!

Your help is needed for us to continue to serve the students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends at the University of Tennessee.

We are contracted with Vanco Services for the processing of both one time and on-going electronic donations! Please scan the QR code to donate:



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, Erin Evans, Fiorina Buckner, Fr. James Harrison, Fr. John Mulligan, Fred Boucher, Jerry Carney, Jim Romain, John R Sweat, 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, Troy Tagget, 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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