



## Saint John XXIII University Parish/Catholic Center

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*The Paulist Fathers Serving the University of Tennessee*

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 20, 2025

*Gn 18:1-10a;  
Col 1:24-28;  
Lk 10:38-42*

### 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

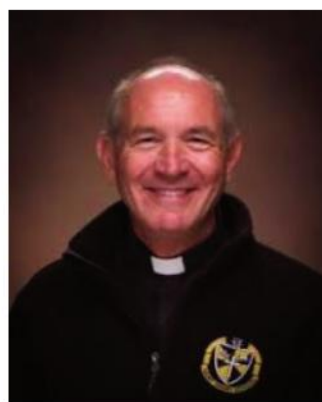
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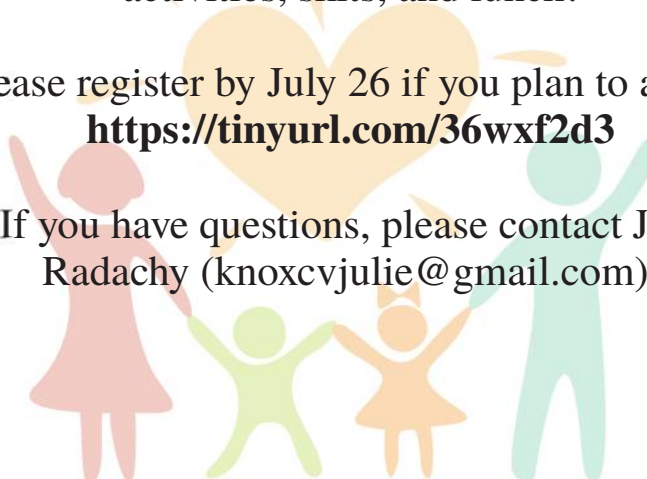
## A Very Special Day with the Bishop

You are invited to join Bishop Mark Beckman for a faith-filled day of fun for special needs individuals and their families! **"A Very Special Day with the Bishop"** will be held on **Saturday, August 2 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at St. John Neumann, 633 St. John Court in Farragut.** Following Mass, there will be activities, skits, and lunch!

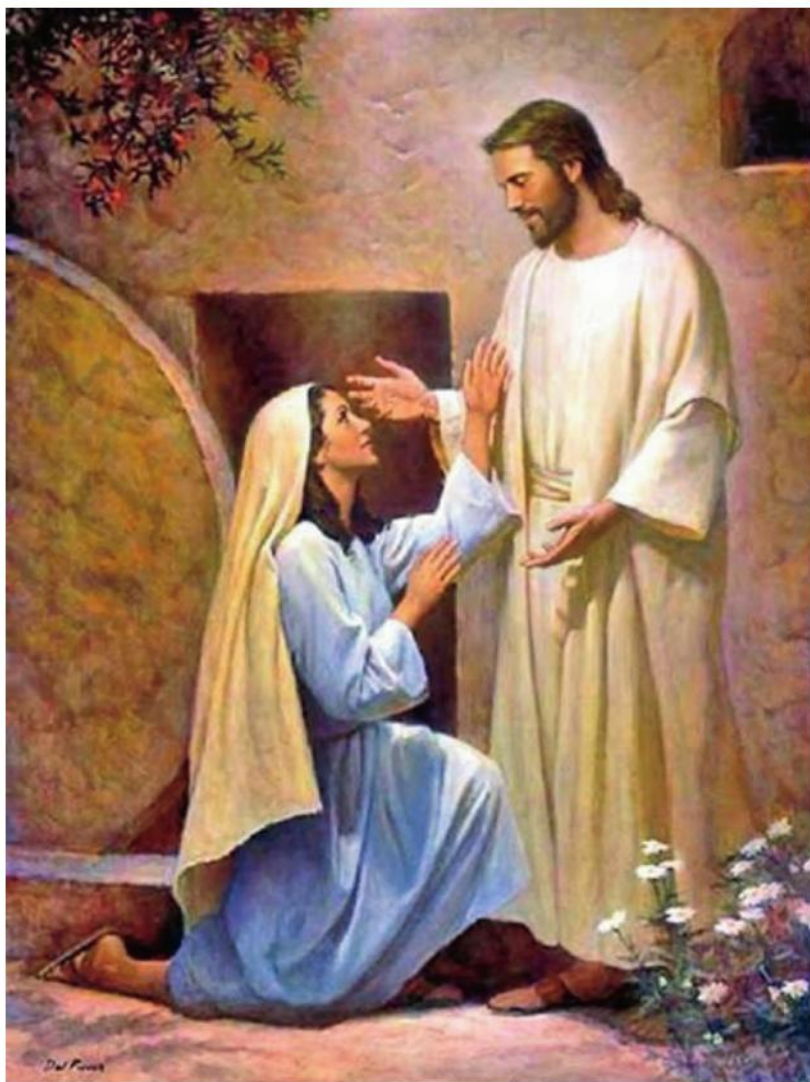
Please register by July 26 if you plan to attend:  
**<https://tinyurl.com/36wxf2d3>**

If you have questions, please contact Julie Radachy (knoxcvjulye@gmail.com).

To watch the 11:15 Mass Online, visit our Website at John23rd.org, where you will find a link at the bottom of the page. or Use the QR Code.







## SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

July 22

Though her transgressions may have been many, just as abundant was her love for her Lord. Perhaps one of the greatest conversion stories of the New Testament, Mary Magdalene was one from whom seven demons had been expelled, a woman plagued by turmoil. She lived her own type of hell on earth, that is, until Jesus crossed her path one day. She first appears in the Bible accompanying him as he journeyed from one town to the other “preaching and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God”. Her gratitude led her to follow and serve her Lord tirelessly, all the way up to the foot of the cross. She did not abandon him in the face of difficulty, nor did she deny him despite the harsh cruelty all around her. She was one of the few to accompany him, gazing upon his beaten and torn countenance as he took his final breath. Jesus rewarded this loving devotion as she is known in Mark’s account to be the first one to see him after the Resurrection (Mark 16:9). May we follow the example of Saint Mary Magdalene in our unwavering dedication to God, so that at the end of our days we may also declare, “I have seen the Lord!”

—Tami Urcia

### Reflection:

There are two questions raised by today’s readings. Whom do we welcome as guests? And secondly, do we pay careful attention to hearing them out?

Living in a hot dry desert like place requires certain behaviors from its residents. Offer water and nourishment to strangers without question because a traveler needs that kind of welcome to survive. When I lived in Chile, any time you visited a household the first thing you would be welcomed with was a glass of water served on a tray. Abraham and Sarah working as a team entertained three men who turned out to be messengers from God or angels bringing them news that they would have a son.

Martha and Mary invited Jesus to share some time and a meal with them. Putting a good meal together for this special visitor was no small task. Probably the two of them planned the menu, went out to buy the food (no refrigerators yet). But Martha did the cutting and cooking. Mary listened to every word the teacher said. The two of them provided a gracious and complete welcome to Jesus.

Both readings underline the two welcomes which make a stranger feel at home: providing a place to rest while enjoying food and drink – Martha was better at that – and listening to Jesus – that was Mary’s specialty.

We can invite ‘strangers’ to join our celebration of the Eucharist. We may also offer food, clothing or even a place to stay. If they wish, we might even share what our faith teaches. What I worry about is our ability to listen to them, to hear their story, what life has taught them. What I am talking about is the difference between going to Mass and being a member of the community. Charles Mulligan



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### **Scripture Readings:**

#### **Sunday**

#### **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

#### **Monday**

Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 12:38-42

#### **Tuesday**

#### **Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene**

Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

#### **Wednesday**

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28; Mt 13:1-9

#### **Thursday**

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Mt 13:10-17

#### **Friday**

#### **Feast of Saint James, Apostle**

2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28

#### **Saturday**

#### **Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30



### **NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS**

**July 21 - July 27**

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

**Tuesday:** 5:05 pm - Daily Mass

**Wednesday:** 5:05 pm - Daily Mass

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

**Friday:** **NO Daily Mass**  
**OFFICE CLOSED**

**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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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, Michele Wilson, Michelle & Scott O'Connell, Pauline Lemieux, Reverend Greg Goolsby, Reverend James Harrison, Shelly McDonald, Stephen Tracy, Tom Mulligan, Troy Tagget, Vance Hutchings, 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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