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The Paulist Fathers Serving the University of Tennessee

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 27, 2025

*Gn 18:20-32;
Col 2:12-14;
Lk 11:1-13*

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



"And I tell you,
ask, and it will be
given to you; seek,
and you will find;
knock, and the
door will be
opened to you."

Luke 11:9

Job Posting: Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

Location: Chancery Office – 805 South Northshore Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919

Classification: Full-Time, Exempt

Reports to: Bishop of the Diocese of Knoxville

Salary: Commensurate with experience

Schedule: Monday to Friday, 35-hour work week

Application Deadline: July 31, 2025

Apply: Send cover letter and resume to mlentz@dioknox.org

Website: www.dioknox.org

About the Role

The Diocese of Knoxville is seeking a mission-driven and highly experienced Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to lead the financial operations of the diocese. In accordance with Canon Law (Can. 494) this is a canonically appointed position with a five-year renewable term. This appointment is made following a one-year probationary period.

The CFO will serve as a strategic advisor to the Bishop and oversee all financial functions of the diocese, including budgeting, financial planning, property management, and compliance. This role requires a leader of exceptional integrity, financial expertise, and a deep understanding of the Catholic Church's structure and mission.

Key Responsibilities

- Provide strategic financial leadership and analysis for the diocese and its affiliated entities
- Develop and manage the diocesan budget in collaboration with the Bishop and Finance Council.
- Oversee financial reporting, audits, and internal controls.
- Supervise the finance team, including Controllers and Assistant Controller.
- Serve as the primary financial liaison to pastors and diocesan institutions.
- Monitor parish and school financial health and advise on corrective strategies.
- Manage real estate transactions, capital projects, and property records.
- Oversee pension and employee benefit plans, including 403(b) and insurance programs.
- Ensure compliance with Canon Law, diocesan policies, and government regulations.
- Participate in various diocesan councils and foundations, including the Investment Council and Catholic Education Trust Fund.
- Support Catholic Charities of East Tennessee with financial oversight and guidance.

Qualifications

Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Finance, or Business Administration (Master's preferred). CPA or CMA certification required.

Minimum of 10 years of progressive financial leadership experience in a major organization or nonprofit.

Strong knowledge of Catholic Church operations, Canon Law, and diocesan finance.

Proven ability to lead and develop high-performing teams.

Excellent communication, organizational, and analytical skills.

Proficiency in financial software and Microsoft Office Suite.

Must pass a background check.

Benefits

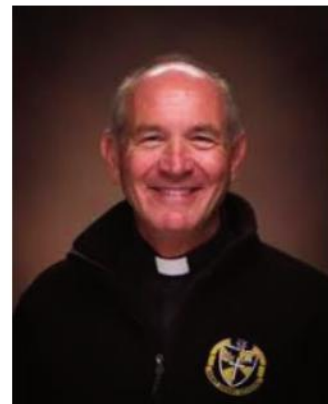
- Health, Dental, and Vision Insurance
- Health Savings Account (HSA)
- Life, Long-Term Disability, and AD&D Insurance
- Pension Plan and 403(b) Retirement Savings
- Generous Paid Time Off
- Opportunities for professional development and spiritual enrichment

This is a unique opportunity to serve the Catholic Church through stewardship and leadership. If you are a faithful, experienced financial professional with a heart for mission, we invite you to apply.

Send cover letter and resume to Maura Lentz at mlentz@dioknox.org.

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
(knoxcvjulie@gmail.com).



Be Careful What You Ask For

Jesus talks about praying for whatever we need with faith and confidence, but he ends by asking, "How much more will the Father . . . give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" (Luke 1:13). Is he saying there are limits to what we can ask for?

"Be careful what you ask for," the saying warns. Just because we want something doesn't mean it will be good for us. Remember the Indiana Jones movies? The artifact that the bad guys were seeking usually turned out to be lethal. But if we have enough faith to pray for something, we probably would not pray for anything evil. So what is Jesus really saying? He is giving us two lessons about prayer.

First, he assures us that God does hear our prayers and answers them. Many people take "ask and you shall receive" so literally that they expect God to do their bidding no matter what they want. Prayers, however, are not a magical ritual that somehow forces God to do our will. God is free to do what is best for us, free to answer some prayers with a no when what we seek is against God's will. So maybe our first prayer should be to ask God to show us what we really need.

That leads us to the second lesson: prayer changes us, not God. If we truly pray as Jesus prayed, we would ask for what we need, adding, "Not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39). If we pray humbly and are open to what God wills for us, we will begin to see that what we really need most is actually God. It's not easy to change our minds about what we want or need. To change our desires from selfish to holy takes a lot of power, the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus was raised from the dead by that power and we will be, too (Romans 8:11). Mary conceived by the power of the Spirit (Matthew 1:18). The bread and wine of the Eucharist become the Body and Blood of Christ by the Spirit's power.

So when Jesus promises that the Father will give the Spirit to us for the asking, the Spirit is both the source of and the answer to our prayers.

Let us ask the Spirit to empower us to desire and pray for what we really need.

Tom Schmidt



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Scripture Readings:

Sunday

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

Monday

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday

Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13;
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday

Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53

Friday

Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday

Lv 25: 1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

July 28 - Aug 3

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**

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.



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, 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.

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.



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