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The Paulist Fathers Serving the University of Tennessee

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Aug 3, 2025

*Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23;
Col 3:1-5, 9-11;
Lk 12:13-21*

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
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Loving God, watch over our children as they begin
their new school year. Bless them with joy at
seeing friends, excitement at new experiences,
and a love of learning.

Guide and protect all who learn, replacing fear
with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with
energy. Give wisdom, patience, and joy to
teachers as they serve their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.



A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The reign of God comes about because people commit to reversing their lives completely, to embracing new vision, new values. Many popular television shows exploit an unattractive side of human nature by pitting contestants against one another, even to the point of performing dangerous stunts or devious schemes, to gain money or favor.

At the liturgy, we counter that impulse by committing ourselves to live generously. In response to Christ's total gift, we offer bread and wine as the emblems of our lives, our hopes, our joys and sorrows. The bread and wine carried to the altar contain our lives, and by offering our lives to God, we prepare to receive the gift of God's own life. We are to become what we receive: the body of Christ.

On Sundays, this self-giving is often accompanied by a collection and procession of gifts for the poor and money for the upkeep of the parish. There are certainly other methods of collecting money, some perhaps more efficient. Yet the act of giving from our abundance, and attending to the needs of the poor, opens us up to participation in the changes the Reign of God requires.

—James Field



August 5 | Give Yourself to Prayer

Saint Oswald

A.D. 604–642

A major shift in the spiritual life occurs when we stop doing prayer and start giving ourselves to prayer.

Giving yourself to prayer means showing up and letting God do what he wants to do with you during that time of prayer. It means letting go of expectations and agendas for our time with God. It means detachment from the feelings that prayer provokes within us. This shift requires us to surrender to the experience and to believe that God is working in us even when it feels like we are not accomplishing anything. It is about enjoying some carefree timelessness with God.



Saint Oswald spent his youth in exile among Irish and Scottish monks, where he learned to give himself to prayer. It ended up being the most important period in his life, even before he became the most powerful king of Britain.

Born around 604 AD into the royal line of Northumbria (one of the kingdoms of medieval England), Oswald's early life was marked by tumult after the death of his father, King Æthelfrith. Threatened by rival kings, Oswald sought refuge among the Scottish and Irish monks on the island of Iona.

During his time in Iona, Oswald not only converted to Christianity, but fell in love with Catholic spirituality. The monks, living under the rule of Saint Columba, practiced a form of Catholicism deeply rooted in prayer, meditation, and community life. Every day, Oswald watched monks give themselves totally to prayer whether or not it was convenient, simply because they loved God. And Oswald did the same. He gave himself to prayer.

When Oswald reached the age of 30, it was time to fulfill his duty to family and reclaim the English throne. He led an army into battle in 634 AD, and was victorious. One of his first acts as king was to invite Aidan, a monk from Iona, to establish a monastery there. This monastery played a major role in the conversion of England.

Oswald never stopped giving himself to prayer, not even as he died. While defending his people in the Battle of Maserfield against pagan invaders, he was struck down. As enemy soldiers closed in on him, he started praying for their souls. His final breath was a prayer.

Saint Oswald knew what it meant to give yourself to prayer.

The shift from doing prayer to giving ourselves to prayer may seem subtle, but the reality is, this is one of the most significant inner changes that can take place in our souls.

Give yourself to prayer. Start today.



For mutual coexistence.

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

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Scripture Readings:

Sunday

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecc1 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17;

Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Monday

Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest

Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday

Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13,

Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday

Nm 20: 1-13; Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9, Mt 16:13-23

Friday

Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday

Dt 6: 4-13; Ps 18: 2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51; Mt 17:14-20

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Aug 4 - Aug 10

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



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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, 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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