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The Paulist Fathers Serving the University of Tennessee

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Aug 31, 2025

*Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29;
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a;
Lk 14:1, 7-14*

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday at 5:05 pm

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 9 am, 11:15 am, 5:30 pm, and 9 pm

**NO Saturday MASS on HOME FOOTBALL
GAMES**

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

Every four years, the **Paulist Fathers** undertake a process of discerning new mission priorities at their General Assembly and preparatory Pre-Assembly meetings. This year, inspired by the synodal style of Pope Francis and Pope Leo XIV, the Paulist Fathers are seeking wider consultation from all those who make up the Paulist charismatic family. Confident that the Holy Spirit is active and alive today in our culture and in each of the baptized, the Paulist Fathers seek your Spirit-led insights and discernment of mission priorities through this Listening Session process.

**Please join us after the 11:15 Mass on Sunday,
August 30 to help shape the future of the Paulist
Fathers.**

Second Collection!!

Archbishop Broglio, President of the USCCB, wrote all Bishops of the US and has asked, given the great pastoral concern for the terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent victims in Gaza, that dioceses take up a special collection to help with the humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our affected brothers and sisters in Gaza and surrounding areas in the Middle East.

Given these humanitarian needs, **Bishop Beckman asks that all our parishes to take up a second collection on the weekend of August 30/31.**

The collection will assist the **Catholic New East Welfare Association (CNEWA)** who is providing vital emergency humanitarian relief and medical and psychological care for the sick, malnourished and wounded. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is working through local Church partners to help provide food, shelter, cash assistance, hygiene supplies and care.

**MYSTERY
OF CATHOLICISM**
WITH BISHOP MARK BECKMAN

Bishop Mark Beckman invites Young Adults (ages 18-35) to join him at the Chancery for a systematic exploration of being Catholic.

**TUESDAYS, 6:30 - 8:30PM
STARTING SEPTEMBER 9TH**

BYOB&S (Beverages & Snacks)
Scan the QR code for RSVP & Updates

Attention Returning Students (and other Parishioners):
Needed: After School Care Assistants, St. Joseph School, Knoxville

St. Joseph School is accepting applications for After School Care program assistants, who will work closely with the ASC Director to maintain a faith-filled, safe environment. Assistants will support all aspects of the program, from helping students with homework to supervision of playground games.

CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS

- A High School diploma is required
- Experience working with children in an educational or camp setting is preferred
- Qualified applicants should email ASC Director, Mrs. Robyn Wilson at rwilson@sjsknox.org

Tennessee Right to Life is hosting its annual **Celebrate Life Banquet** - Tuesday, September 30th at Bridgewater Event Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Featured speaker will be Ms. Tomi Robb, pro-life attorney who will speak on the evil roots of abortion. Her speech is entitled "Endowed by our Creator – The Worldview of Life." We will also get an update on LIFE in Tennessee.

To make reservations, please contact **Tennessee Right to Life** – 865.689.1339 or www.proLIFEknox.org. Cost is \$50 per person. Sponsorship opportunities available.

A poster for the 2nd Annual Barn Dance. It features a red background with a large, stylized illustration of a cowboy hat and a pair of cowboy boots. The text "2nd Annual BARN DANCE" is prominently displayed in white. Below this, it says "at the Knoxville Catholic High School Gymnasium". A box contains the text "Dinner - Square Dancing - Fellowship | 20 September 6PM". A QR code is provided for purchasing tickets or making a donation. To the right of the QR code, it lists: "buy tickets by September 6th", "come in your best country attire", and "BYOB". At the bottom, it states "100% OF FUNDS RAISED GO TO LOVING OPTION ADOPTION AND WILL PROVIDE NECESSARY SUPPORT TO MOTHERS FACING CRISIS OR UNPLANNED PREGNANCIES." The top right corner has the logo for "LOVING OPTION ADOPTION" and "AN EAST-TENNESSEE CATHOLIC CHARITIES AGENCY".

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The readings today center on mindfulness, awareness of where we stand in God's plan. The mountain of Sinai carries a message of the majesty and distance of God, while Jesus' presence as host of the banquet speaks of intimacy and mystery. September's shadow calls us all to mindfulness as we prepare to return to life outside of summer. The Christian life holds these two places of knowledge of God in careful balance. Even in the accounts of the Passion we see the table of the upper room in balance with the Mount of Olives.

Altar means "high place," yet it is also a table. The former liturgy of the Latin Rite began with the priest bowing at the foot of the altar's three steps, chanting *Introibo ad altare Dei*, or "I will go to the altar of God," followed by the altar servers' response, "The God who gives joy to my youth." Many parishioners can recall and recite this scene by heart. As with so many things in liturgy, there are layers of meaning in our worship. The altar table evokes memories of the high places once reserved for encounter with the holy, and the intimacy of the table where hospitality draws us to share food and drink.

—James Field



Why Celebrate the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on September 1

In the United States, the most basic, powerful, and counter-cultural thing we can do for God's creation is pray. The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation kicks off the Season of Creation, a time of sustained prayer and action which lasts a month and four days.

We live in a culture that values busy-ness and accomplishments. Following our Creator's call to "Be still and know what I am God" (Psalm 46:10) humbles us. With prayer, we become open to God's guidance, inspiration, and calls to action. With prayer, God knits us closer together in community. Only by the grace and inspiration of God can hearts and minds transform.

The Creation Justice community is diverse. We have many different ways of praying. Whether you will be taking time on September 1 to go on a meditative nature walk, celebrate liturgy in community, engage with scripture, speak sacred words aloud, or sing your prayers, it matters. Thanks for joining us in prayer!

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Scripture Readings:

Sunday

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday

1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Col 1: 1-8; Ps 52: 10, 11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday

Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday

Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8; Lk 6:1-5

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sept 1 - Sept 7

Monday: OFFICE CLOSED - LABOR DAY
5:05 pm - Daily Mass
4:00 pm - Confessions NO CONFESSIONS

Tuesday: 5:05 pm - Daily Mass

Wednesday: 5:05 pm - Daily Mass
7:00 pm - VolCatholic

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

Friday: 5:05 pm - Daily Mass

Saturday: NO MASS FOOTBALL GAME

Sunday: 9:00 am - Mass
10:00 am - Resident Community Bible Study
11:15 am - Mass
5:30 pm - Mass
6:30 pm - Sunday Supper
9:00 pm - Mass



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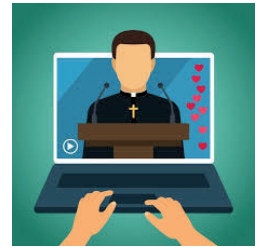
If you're not a fan of QR codes, you can use your computer to go to:
<https://l.ead.me/bf4g2M> and register.

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, Kathy Buckingham, Kevin and Melissa Brott, Mary Ann Haggerty, Mary Pat Hable, Michelle & Scott O'Connell, Pauline Lemieux, Raegan Burcham-Hall, Reverend Greg Goolsby, Reverend James Harrison, Stephen Tracy, Tom Mulligan, Tom O'Brien, 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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