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The Paulist Fathers Serving the University of Tennessee

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Nov 9, 2025

*Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12;
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17;
Jn 2:13-22*

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
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MARRIAGE PREPARATION

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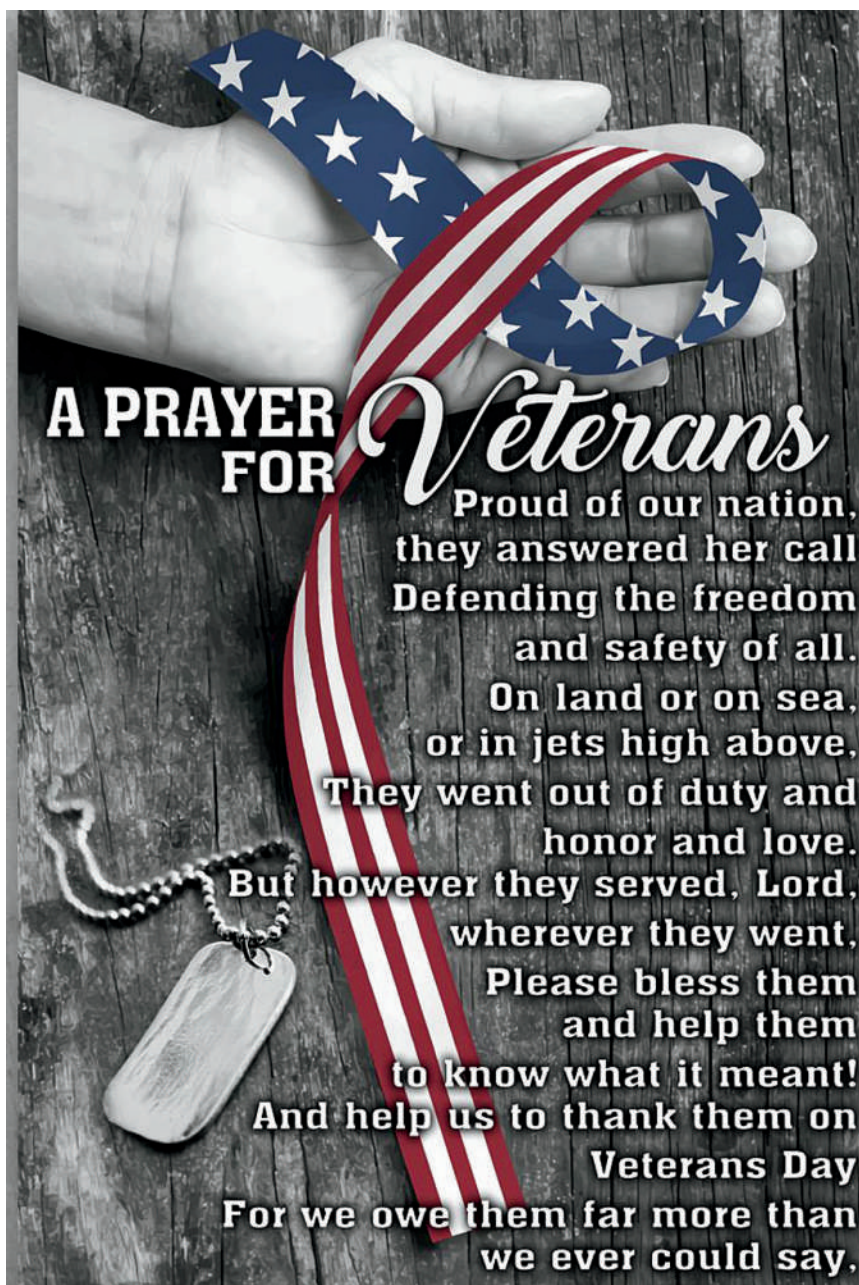
Please call the office at least 4 months before
your planned wedding date.

WANT TO BE CATHOLIC?

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

Thanksgiving Dinner

Our annual Parish Thanksgiving Dinner will be
Friday, November 21st at 6:00pm. Please sign up in
the lobby! We need a total of nine turkeys, cooked and
sliced. We also need side dishes and a few nice items
to be donated ahead of time for our annual bingo
game. Everyone is invited and welcome!!



A PRAYER FOR Veterans

Proud of our nation,
they answered her call
Defending the freedom
and safety of all.
On land or on sea,
or in jets high above.
They went out of duty and
honor and love.
But however they served, Lord,
wherever they went,
Please bless them
and help them
to know what it meant!
And help us to thank them on
Veterans Day
For we owe them far more than
we ever could say.



Baby Bottle Drive

Baby Bottles are still available in the lobby. Please fill the bottles with your spare change, cash, or check made payable to Catholic Charities.

All proceeds benefit the Pregnancy Help Center. Please return your bottles within the next few weeks to the locked collection box in the lobby.

Don't carry cash? No problem! Just scan the QR code and make your donation online.



If you would like to help launder the Church linens, please contact Madeleine Hassil at 865-693-5910.

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The Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle ("The Paulist Fathers") is a community of Catholic priests that seeks to introduce the Good News of Jesus Christ to people beyond the Church walls, and to accompany Catholics who feel apart from the Church. Rooted in hopefulness, the Paulist Fathers trust that the Holy Spirit is not only present in the world but is actively breathing life into all things.

The Paulist Fathers' mission priorities include appreciating and using the gifts of people of color in the Church; welcoming those who feel excluded; inviting more women into leadership and ministry; and engaging young adults in their 20s and 30s. To accomplish our mission, the Paulist Fathers realize the importance of addressing the toxic polarization plaguing our Church and society.

The Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – November 9

Reflection:

The customary temple practice of making pilgrims buy the animals for sacrifice from a stock available in the outer temple developed over many years. Because it was the holy Jewish temple, all business must use Jewish money which was worthless anywhere else. The whole system was governed by the Temple authorities. It made good sense to them. Jesus, an outsider from Galilee, was not qualified as a graduate of Jerusalem's religious schools. He makes a huge scene in the middle of our temple scattering coins and driving the sheep and oxen out into the streets. Shaking with anger, the authorities demanded to know how he felt empowered to do this. This Jesus was violent and caused a big disturbance.

What do you suppose his twelve close followers felt during this chaotic event? They didn't seem to join in this action. They remember his dialogue with the authorities probably because their questions were the same. They understood his answer only after the resurrection. Rather than the destruction of the temple, he was saying that God would raise up his body after the crucifixion. As the temple event happened, all were in the dark.

The feast we celebrate today commemorates the Lateran Basilica in Rome, whose pastor is Pope Leo XIV. It is a Roman parish with a community of believers just like our parish. The second reading declares that this community belongs to God. Paul and the apostles were the master builders and many others continue this work right down to the current pastor. This feast says to us "you are the temple of God and the Spirit of God dwells in you." In you, God's grace flows out into the world making salt water fresh, bearing fruit in so many ways.

But we do not stand pat on a never changing, age-old tradition. The human way we do things can change sometime suddenly. Recently this church of ours has felt some harsh tremors. Changes have come to our worship. Divisions crop up. At our center is the living Jesus. Trust him. Charles Mulligan



November 2025

Here is exciting news from Justice Knox...

“At our Nehemiah Action this spring, we boldly asked Mayor Kincannon for a robust, full micro transit system. We didn’t get a “yes” that night — but we did not stop. Together, we kept building, researching, and presenting the strongest case possible. And today, we can say with joy: We have a yes!

The Mayor has committed to:

- Establishing a team to work directly with Justice Knox leaders and VIA.
- Creating micro transit services that co-mingle with KAT Lift Paratransit.
- Using VIA technology to run and market the service.
- Committing \$170,000 this fiscal year — and again for the next two years to support an integrated transit study by VIA.

This is not yet the full system we asked for, but it is a tremendous step forward. It means real progress for neighbors who have been stranded, for families needing to get to the doctor, the grocery store, or downtown. It means that transportation in Knoxville is one step closer to being what we know it truly is: not a luxury, but a lifeline.” – M.J. Collins, Justice Knox Leader

As Catholics, we have the responsibility to bring to light the needs of people in our community, to uncover injustices and imbalances that oppress and keep people from leading a dignified life no matter how hard they try to overcome obstacles. With Justice Knox, we, people of faith, work to make our community more compassionate and caring by addressing the root causes of poverty. May it be that one day our neighbors will be able to feed and clothe themselves!

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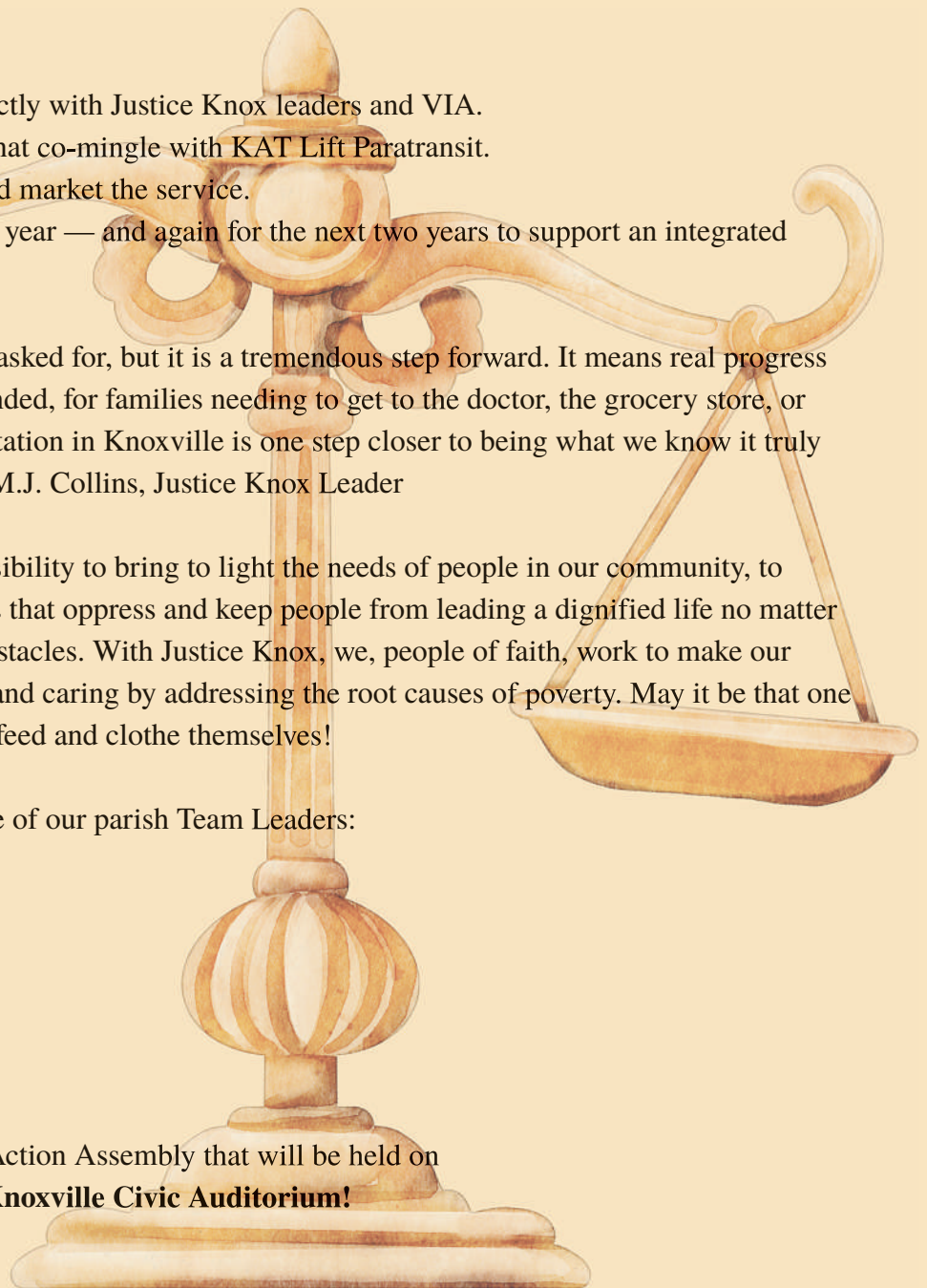
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Looking ahead...

Save the Date for our Nehemiah Action Assembly that will be held on

Monday, April 13, 2026 at the Knoxville Civic Auditorium!

We need YOU there!





Catholic Response to Climate Change Updates

The Catholic Response to Climate Change Committee will meet at **7:30 p.m. on Zoom on Thursday, November 13**. You are all invited to attend this meeting and encouraged to bring your ideas and hopes for our Creation Care work together in East Tennessee.

We will report on news from the new Creation Care Commission of the Diocese of Knoxville, and you will have opportunities to provide input to the Commission's agenda.

For more information, please contact Beth Carroll Hunley at genrop@aol.com or by phone at 865-216-1827.

COP30 November 10-21, 2025 From Catholic Climate Covenant

As world leaders prepare for COP30 in Belém, Brazil, Catholics have a unique role — and a sacred duty — to raise our voices for creation and the most vulnerable among us.

Scheduled to take place in the Amazon Rainforest, this annual United Nations climate summit is more than a political gathering; it is a moment of moral and spiritual conversion, echoing the call of *Laudato Si'* to hear both “the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.”

Pope Francis — and now Pope Leo XIV — remind us that everything is interconnected. The deforestation of the Amazon is not just an environmental issue — it is a human one. It is about Indigenous rights, food security, water access, and global climate stability. It is about environmental justice. And the scope of issues that will be tackled at COP30 goes far beyond the verdant foliage of the Amazon — the challenges tackled at COP30 will impact the whole world, and especially the poor and the marginalized everywhere.

COP30 invites the global community to act with the urgency and integrity that integral ecology demands. As Catholics, we draw from our Social Teaching — upholding the dignity of every person, the common good, and our preferential option for the poor. These values compel us not to treat climate change as an issue “for someone else,” but as a moral crisis that impacts all, especially the “least”

“Lifting the Catholic Voice at COP 30” (recording, slides, and other resources are available)

In preparation for the upcoming COP 30 (2025 United Nations Climate Change Conference, Nov. 10-21, 2025) Catholic Climate Covenant offered a webinar featuring an informative and timely online discussion focusing on important climate justice issues and how the Catholic community will help lift a prophetic voice at the upcoming COP 30 meeting in Belém, Brazil.

All COP30 resources and actions can be found here:

<https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/resources/cop30-united-nations-climate-conference-11-10-25-11-21-25-belem-brazil/>

“God will ask us if we have cultivated and cared for the world He created, and if we have taken care of our brothers and sisters. What will be our answer?” Pope Leo XIV at the Rising Hope for Climate Justice Conference

From the *Laudato Si'* Movement – Pope Leo XIV's Statement at the Rising Hope for Climate Justice Conference



Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850-1917)

November 13

Burly longshoremen glared at the woman in widow's dress who interrupted their drinking to beg money, in broken English, for her orphanage. The bar exploded in laughter as one man responded by spitting in her face. "That was for me," the woman smiled. "Do you have anything for the children?" Given today's national debate, could it be as much God's sense of humor as God's will for our sanctification that our first "American" saint should be an immigrant and naturalized citizen? Frances Cabrini, adopting the name "Xavier," confided to Pope Leo XIII her longing to follow her Jesuit patron to Asia. But the Pope replied, "Not East—West!" So she and her Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart exchanged exotic dreams of China for the impoverished reality of Italian ghettos across the United States and Central and South America. Before her death, Frances had founded seventy educational, health care, child, and family service institutions. Today, from Siberia to Ethiopia, in sixteen countries, Mother Cabrini's sisters and lay associates embody her practical spirituality: "Let's get to work! We'll have eternity to rest!"

—Peter Scagnelli

*Today Love must not be hidden...
It must be living, active and true!*

*Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini
Foundress of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus*



Clean Up Time

Today's Gospel describes the cleansing of the temple. Jesus drives away the animals, overturns the money tables, and chases away those who have made God's house into a marketplace. He had zeal for God's house. It was supposed to be a place of prayer but had become a chaotic, corrupt, worldly space. Jesus was not gentle, but rather quite aggressive, as he cleared out the unholy refuse. In the second reading, Paul reminds us that our bodies are the temple of God. Does Jesus need to cleanse that temple? If I believe that my body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, what does that look like? It is easier to describe the opposite - what it would be like if I didn't consider my body a temple. I would eat food that was unhealthy, indulge in activities that violate God's law and harm my mind and body, and believe that my body and maybe my life were nothing special. I might be easily persuaded to follow the ways of the world. I might doubt that what I do with my body matters to God.

I have been there. I didn't always consider my body a temple of the Holy Spirit. I used to focus on money, use rationalizations to excuse my failures and sins, and indulge in excessive food and alcohol. Surely Jesus wanted to clean out all the refuse that I had invited in. The temple of my body was like the temple Jesus cleansed in Jerusalem.

On the other hand, if I believed that my body was a temple of the Holy Spirit, I would believe that I mattered more. I would recognize that my body and soul were fearfully and wonderfully made. As I welcomed God into my home, I might hold my head a little higher.

If God thinks I am so special, maybe I should think so, too. I would believe that I was blessed.

We teach children that church is a special place. It is God's temple. When I go to church, I wear different clothes. I am a little quieter. Hopefully, my conversations are charitable and my thoughts are more focused on God. I treat the church building differently than other places. God is calling me to treat my body in a special way because it is a temple for Him.

This is a profound but simple truth, one that I haven't fully embraced. My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. I pray for the zeal of Jesus to cleanse my temple. I pray that I can be more forceful in casting out the unholy and self-serving characters I have invited in.

The Jews asked Jesus, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" They wanted to know what authority He had to kick out those who had permission to be in the temple from the powers that be. Who has authority over my body? It is me. I must choose to use that authority to cleanse the unholy and to treat my body as the beautiful temple of the Holy Spirit, believing that one day I will be raised to eternal life with Jesus.

By Colleen Orchanian

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CATHEDRALS

AN ADVENT NIGHT OF WORSHIP



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Scripture Readings:

Sunday

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Monday

Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop
Wis 2:23-3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
Wis 7:22b-8:1; Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25

Friday

Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday

Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Nov 10 - Nov 16

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

Tuesday: **VETERAN'S DAY**
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**
12 pm - Alumni Tailgate

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



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.



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<https://l.ead.me/bf4g2M> and register.



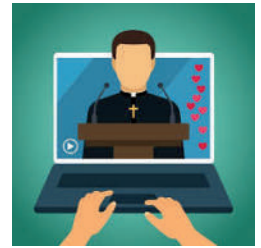


PRAYER REQUESTS



Let us pray for peace and justice throughout the world. Other prayers are needed for Allen McGinley, August Hunter Newell, Bernice Flowers, Bruce Whitcomb, Cheryl & John Newell, Diego Puigserver, Eleanore Hartrick and Family, Ellen Wavrek, Erin Evans, Fiorina Buckner, Fr. John Mulligan, Fred Boucher, Grace and Jack Newell, Gwen Sweeden, Jim Romain, John R Sweat, Julia Biagiarelli, Karen Pearson Rich, Kathy Buckingham, Kevin and Melissa Brott, Mary Ann Haggerty, Mary Pat Hable, Michelle & Scott O'Connell, Pamela Roane, Pauline Lemieux, Peg Hart, Pete, Newell, Raegan Burcham-Hall, Shelly McDonald, Sonny, Stephen Tracy, Susan Herndon, 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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