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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan 18, 2026

*Is 49:3, 5-6;
1 Cor 1:1-3;
Jn 1:29-34*

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE
Monday-Friday - 12 pm

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 9 am, 11:15 am, 5:30 pm and 9 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
2:30 pm to 4:00 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

This year's Mardi Gras party will
be held on **Friday, February
13th!** Please start thinking of
some nice donations for our Silent
Auction! Please bring in any
donations before Monday,
February 9th (the sooner the
better). Information on ticket sales
and Pot Luck sign up will be
coming soon.

Daily Mass Time Change!

We will be changing our
Daily Mass Time from
5:05 PM to **12:00 PM**
(Noon) starting Tuesday,
Jan 20th.

**Confession time is now
from 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm
on Mon, Wed and Friday.**



Martin Luther King Day

The building and office will be closed on
Monday, January 19th in observance of
Martin Luther King Day. There will be no
mass or confessions.

We hope you all have a safe and happy
holiday!

Winter Weather Policy

Our first concern, always, is safety. In the event of a significant snow or ice event, our best advice is stay home. If travel is dangerous, your Mass obligation is suspended. If it's not safe to go out, we can recommend lots of places where Mass is live-streamed every week.

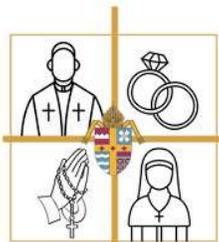
If the weather looks threatening (or if there's already snow or ice on the ground), we will make a determination at least two hours before Mass time.

Here's how to find out:

- Check our web site. There will be a notification on the home page.
- Check your email. We'll send out a FlockNote as soon as we know that Mass must be canceled.
- Check your phone. We'll send out a text message as well. This is a great reason to make sure your mobile number is connected to FlockNote!
- Call us at 865-523-7931. We'll change our answering message to let you know our status.
- Check our local TV stations as you would for school closings. [Note: we're working on putting this piece in place.]

Regardless of our open/closed status, please use your best judgement to determine what's safe where you are. Stay warm and stay safe!

- Fr. Larry and the John XXIII staff



Called By Name Sunday

Diocese of Knoxville Office of Vocations

Called by Name is a diocesan-wide campaign to identify faithful young Catholics, both men and women, who could be future leaders in the Church. This includes, of course, those who may be called to priesthood and religious life, but also anyone who is serving the Church with their gifts and talents.

Bishop Mark Beckman is asking all parishes to participate the weekend of Jan. 17-18, 2026.

Parishioners are asked to submit the names of young people in high school or older, boys and girls, who show love and devotion to the Church, and who possibly could be called to priesthood or religious life.

Parishioners can submit names using pew cards or by using the QR Code.



The Office of Vocations will offer gentle support to these young people as they discern their vocations.

Reflections – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

On November 28, Pope Leo XIV joined Orthodox Patriarchs and Protestant leaders to celebrate the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea which affirmed the teaching that Jesus was fully human and fully God. All current participants felt the terrible scandal of Christian divisions which led to wars, intolerance, fanaticism and ongoing hatreds. How had Jesus' prayer that his followers may be one as the Father and I am one come to this? We can feel the answer within our hearts, a brokenness which leads us to sins of jealousy, envy, slander and revenge. It is a human brokenness which is part of our makeup. We close our doors to people who have no country and arm ourselves against each other.

Notice the first words John the Baptist speaks in today's Gospel. "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." The priest speaks this phrase at Mass as part of the invitation to come forth and receive the Eucharist. The priest says 'sins' instead of the singular 'sin' in the Gospel. (In Spanish, more correctly, the priest says 'el pecado' 'the sin.') What John the Baptist meant was not all the sins but rather the source, collective brokenness of the human community. Secondly, he does not say of Israel or the Jewish people but the sin of the world, the brokenness of the world.

As he says that, he sees Spirit of God descend upon and remain with Jesus. That is the same Spirit we all receive in Baptism. This is Jesus whose body and blood, whose mission, is profoundly ours when we receive communion. So a fair question for us might be, "How do we take away the sin, the brokenness of this world of ours. Like Isaiah, Jesus seeks far more than helping us overcome our individual sins or saving ourselves.

Why does the Catholic church care about the suffering of women and abortion? Why did Pope Leo XIV call Christian division a scandal? Why does the church care about climate change or homelessness in Knoxville? It is God's love embodied in Jesus gifted to us in Baptism and the Eucharist sending us forth "to take away the sin of the world." This mission is not political, this care for healing the brokenness of the world is our mission in the name of Jesus. May God help us to persevere in love.

Charles Mulligan

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Scripture Readings:

Sunday

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Monday

1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mk 3:7-12

Friday

1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-37; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21



January 19 - January 25

Monday: NO MASS or CONFESSION -
MLK DAY

Tuesday: 12:00 pm - Daily Mass

Wednesday: 12:00 pm - Daily Mass
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm - Confession

Thursday: 12:00 pm - Daily Mass

Friday: 12:00 pm - Daily Mass
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm - Confession

Saturday: 5:30 pm - Mass

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



**Next week's
events**



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, 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 Sweden, Jim Romain, John R Sweat, Jordan Family, 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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