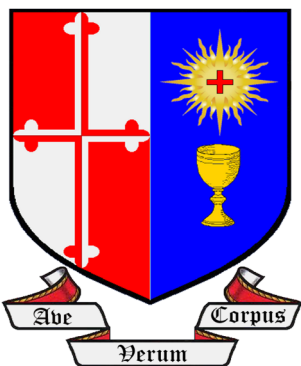


# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church



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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:00 P.M.  
 Sunday 10:30 A.M.  
 Thursday 8:30 A.M.  
 Holy Days 7:30 P.M.

**Sacrament of Baptism**  
 Contact Father concerning instructions for parents  
**Sacrament of Matrimony**  
 Arrangements are to be made four months in advance  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
 Individual confessions on Saturdays at 4:30 P.M.

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time JULY 28, 2019

### Today's Mass

### Next week's Mass

	<u>Saturday Vigil Mass</u>		<u>Saturday Vigil Mass</u>
Readers	Jim Conover	Readers	Vic Landa
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Carol Cowan Ed D'Alessandro Marciana Jacobson Barbara Malinauskas	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	John Andriulli Vic Landa Terri Utsey Brigitte Strickler
Altar Servers	Brigitte Strickler Terri Utsey	Altar Servers	Jim Conover Susan Conover
	<u>Sunday Mass</u>		<u>Sunday Mass</u>
Readers	Alicia Laffoon	Reader	Maria Kazmark
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Connie O'Neill Cathye Palko Peggy Palko Steve Palko Chris Wilson	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Bill Copeland Landa Ferrante Maria Kazmark Jerry Turbyville Joan Turbyville
Altar Servers	Maria Kazmark Nathan Stewart April Wilson	Altar Servers	Joe Cochran Alicia Laffoon Kate Laffoon

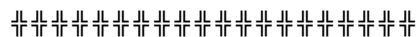


## Requiescat in Pace

Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass we pray for the soul of

*Pat Wink*

Requested by: *Friends & Family members*



Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 AM Mass we pray for the soul of

*Jim DeGross*

Requested by: *The Council of Catholic Women*

*May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

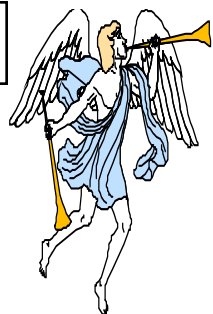
*Amen*

**"Pray for one another, so that you too may be healed"** (James 5:16)

**We remember especially in our prayers:** David Glockner, Archbishop Kurtz, Lorenzo Ortega, Tommy Lawson, Richard Valdivia, Jerry Hornick, Daisy Arteché, Enrique Hernandez, Joe Ferrante, Jill Perkey, Edna Krebs, Ann Silva, Robert Mack, Sr., Ellen Elliott, Terry Gilkey, Michael Baker, those in nursing homes, homebound & on our prayer list.

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT JULY 21, 2019

Parish Offertory	\$ 4,112.00	(YTD) \$ 12,728.50
Building Fund	\$ 655.00	(YTD) \$ 3,230.00
Diocese Collection <i>Africa</i>	\$ 70.00	Total \$ 160.00



**"Try me in this, says the Lord"**

*"When you do your part the Lord adds his power to your efforts."*

## Announcements

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, August 2, 2019

Mass: 6:00 PM

Adoration: 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Benediction: 7:30 PM

**The GOLDEN GIRLS LUNCHEON** - Will be held on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 beginning at 11:30 AM at the **Golden Oak Buffet**, 401 South Tulane Ave., Oak Ridge, TN. The Council of Catholic Women will honor **all ladies 70 years young & up** with this special luncheon. Those under the golden girl age will be **DUTCH TREAT**. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex so we will have a rough headcount. *Everyone is invited to attend.*

**NO** Weekday Mass on Thursday, August 15, 2019.

### Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

The feast of the Assumption is Thursday August 15<sup>th</sup>. The vigil will be celebrated at Saint Christopher on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm *central time* (7:00pm eastern). The holy day Mass will be celebrated on August 15<sup>th</sup> at Saint Ann at 6:00pm eastern time and Blessed Sacrament at 7:30pm.

**Science and Our Catholic Faith:** Today more than ever before, Our Catholic faith is being questioned by those who see no need for religion. Science provides verifiable truths. Religion is founded upon faith which can not be verified. Indeed, faith describes a relationship with God whom we can not even prove exists according to empirical evidence. There are also a number of popular myths about the Church and its supposed conflict with scientific discovery. Some of these misunderstandings are the result of presuming objections raised by some Protestant traditions are shared by the Catholic Church. Join us on Wednesday, August 21, 2019, in Blessed Sacrament Hall. We will begin promptly at 6:30pm and conclude at 8:00pm.

**Positions available** in the **St. John Neumann School** Aftercare program. Due to increased enrollment, the Aftercare program has openings in the Pre-School program along with additional positions in the combined elementary and middle school program. Applicants must be willing to work two to five days per week. Hours of operation are 2:30 PM - 6:00 PM. Days and hours negotiable. Please contact **Lynn Oravitz** at: [Loravitz@sjncs-knox.org](mailto:Loravitz@sjncs-knox.org) or 865-679-1536.

**Helping our Community Family & Friends - "Hands of Mercy"** needs our support with helping people in Roane County. A box is in the narthex for donations of the following items: Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Wipes, Toilet Paper, Dish soap, Deodorant, Toothbrushes, Shaving cream & etc. These donations will help many people in our neighborhood who can not afford these items.

**Narthex Informational Material:** As you leave Mass today, please look at the rack to the left of the Church doors and see the pamphlets and informational materials there and take whichever one that would interest you. *Also*, there are Holy Cards of some of our beloved Saints. Pick one out that would suit your special need and take that card to say a prayer asking the Saint for their intercession on your behalf.

**A Card, Phone Call, or Visit, means so much** — *Please* remember our parishioners who are in the hospital, nursing homes & those who are unable to attend Mass due to illness.

**Thank you to** my parish family for the many cards, phone calls, visits, during my time of recovery. Hope to be back to my home church by the middle of August. May your kindness and goodness be rewarded by our Lord. *Bonnie McCarroll*

**There will be a CPR/First Aid class**, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in Blessed Sacrament Hall. There are only 25 slots available for the class so make sure you sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

**Mark Your Calendar for Sunday, August 4, 2019** - The Knights of Columbus invites **ALL** Parishioners to come and join them following Mass in BSC Hall to honor **Jerry Hornick**, for his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. *His kindness and very helping hands have been a blessing to us all.* Due to his health he is now living in Knoxville with his son.

**Please let Father Sweeney** know of the hospitalization of a parishioner via a phone call, note, or email message so they may receive the sacraments.

**Handicap Parking** - *"Please"* reserve the handicap parking spaces for those most in need. This is especially important on Sunday mornings. *Thank you*

**Married Couples:** "Knock and the door will be opened to you." Discover the amazing plan God has for you and your marriage by attending one of the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends on August 9-11 or September 27-29. You can get more information or apply online at [GATN-wwme.org](http://GATN-wwme.org) or by calling **678-242-WWME**.

**Blessed Sacrament Church Library — A Civilization of Love:** *What Every Catholic Can Do to Transform the World*, a book by *Carl Anderson, Supreme Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus*. The battle today is between the culture of death (where people are judged by the social and economic value) and the culture of life. The author provides a road map for helping Christians understand their role in the world.

**Book Section #B12 — Issue/Christian Sociology**

*We speak about a place where there  
are no tears, no deaths, no fears, no night;  
but those are just the benefits of Heaven.  
The beauty of Heaven is seeing God.*

MAX LUCADO

### The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Corner

Are you interested in joining a Catholic faith-filled community? With the gift of Jesus' precious blood on the Cross and in the Eucharist, let us reflect on the freedom given to us through our Baptism into him, to be heirs of the promise, and liberated from sin. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the way by which persons become new members of the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. We invite you to learn what the Church teaches and to meet some of our parish members who serve in this ministry. Please call *Susan or Jim Conover* at (865) 684-9003 or (865) 247-1559, or you may email them at [susan.jimconover@att.net](mailto:susan.jimconover@att.net) if you have questions or would like further information.

**Inquiry sessions** will begin on **Wednesday, September 4, 2019** at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center and will continue each Wednesday thereafter through the Easter Vigil until Pentecost.

# Parish Calendar of Events

## July 27 – September 1, 2019

Saturday - July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Vigil Mass 5:00 PM Second Collection <i>for Africa</i>
Sunday - July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Mass 10:30 AM Second Collection <i>for Africa</i> Donuts & Coffee ( <i>Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus</i> )
Wednesday - July 31 <sup>st</sup>	Parish Meeting 7:00 PM ( <i>possibility of establishing a Columbarium</i> )
Thursday - August 1 <sup>st</sup>	Weekday Mass 8:30 AM
Friday - August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Mass: 6:00 PM / Adoration: 6:30 - 7:30 PM / Benediction: 7:30 PM
Saturday - August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vigil Mass 5:00 PM
Sunday - August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Mass 10:30 AM Donuts & Coffee ( <i>Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus</i> )
Wednesday - August 7 <sup>th</sup>	CCW Golden Girl Luncheon at Golden Oak Buffet, Oak Ridge at 11:30 AM CPR/First Aid Class/ with Kathleen Walsh conducting the class, at 6:00 PM / BSC Hall
Thursday - August 8 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday Mass 8:30 AM
Saturday - August 10 <sup>th</sup>	Vigil Mass 5:00 PM
Sunday - August 11 <sup>th</sup>	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Mass 10:30 AM Donuts & Coffee ( <i>Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus</i> )
Wednesday - August 14 <sup>th</sup>	Celebrating the Feast of the Assumption / St. Christopher Mass 6:00 PM ( <i>Central Time</i> )
Thursday - August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Feast of the Assumption <b>NO</b> Weekday Mass St. Ann Mass: 6:00 PM BSC Mass 7:30 PM
Saturday - August 17 <sup>th</sup>	Vigil Mass 5:00 PM Second Collection <i>for Catholic School Tuition</i>
Sunday - August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Mass 10:30 AM Second Collection <i>for Catholic School Tuition</i> Donuts & Coffee ( <i>Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus</i> )
Wednesday - August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Science and Our Catholic Faith / 6:30 - 8:00 PM in BSC Hall
Thursday - August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Weekday Mass 8:30 AM
Saturday - August 24 <sup>th</sup>	Vigil Mass 5:00 PM
Sunday - August 25 <sup>th</sup>	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time / Mass 10:30 AM Donuts & Coffee ( <i>Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus</i> )
Thursday - August 29 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday Mass 8:30 AM
Saturday - August 31 <sup>st</sup>	Vigil Mass 5:00 PM
Sunday - September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time / Mass 10:30 AM Donuts & Coffee ( <i>Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus</i> )

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saint Ann Catholic Church</b> 198 Ridge Road Lancing, TN 37770</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mass: Sunday 8:30 AM (<i>Eastern Time</i>)</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saint Christopher Catholic Church</b> 160 Holt Spur Road, Jamestown, TN 38556</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vigil Mass: Saturday 6:30 PM (<i>Central Time</i>)</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Religious Education for Youth</b> Director: <i>Alicia Laffoon</i> Alicia Mobile: 865-250-5686 Email: <a href="mailto:alaffoon@tntech.edu">alaffoon@tntech.edu</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Council of Catholic Women</b> All women of BSC are members of the CCW. Meetings: will be posted in your up coming Bulletin. Watch for them!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Knights of Columbus</b> Grand Knight: <i>Chris Wilson</i> Phone: 865-466-5614 / Email: <a href="mailto:chriswilson1974@hotmail.com">chriswilson1974@hotmail.com</a> <i>Dedicated in Service to the Pope, Bishop, Priests, Religious, Parish, and Community.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Weekly Church Communication</b> Director: <i>Christine Roschli</i> Phone: 865-924-6902 / Email: <a href="mailto:croschli@gmail.com">croschli@gmail.com</a> <i>For prayer requests, announcements, funeral arrangements and other information.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</b> <i>Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith?</i> If you, or someone you know, would like more information about the teachings of the Catholic Church, please contact Susan or Jim Conover at 865-684-9003 or 865-247-1559, or email them at <a href="mailto:susan.jimconover@att.net">susan.jimconover@att.net</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Youth Ministry / CYO</b> Directors: <i>Bridget &amp; Mary Thew</i> Mary / Mobile: 865-323-1877/Email: <a href="mailto:cyoblessedsacrament@gmail.com">cyoblessedsacrament@gmail.com</a></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Adult Bible Study</b> Directors: <i>Jane &amp; Michael Logan</i> Jane: 865-585-3670 / Mike: 865-585-3946 Monday, at 6:00 PM / Parish Center</p>

# The Burden

"Why was my burden so heavy?" I slammed the bedroom door and leaned against it. Is there no rest from this life? I wondered. I stumbled to my bed and dropped onto it, pressing my pillow around my ears to shut out the noise of my existence. "Oh God," I cried, "let me sleep. Let me sleep forever and never wake up!" With a deep sob I tried to will myself into oblivion, then welcomed the blackness that came over me.

Light surrounded me as I regained consciousness. I focused on its source: The figure of a man standing before a cross. "My child," the person asked, "why did you want to come to Me before I am ready to call you?" "Lord, I'm sorry. It's just that... I can't go on. You see how hard it is for me. Look at this awful burden on my back. I simply can't carry it anymore." "But haven't I told you to cast all of your burdens upon Me, because I care for you? My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." "I knew You would say that. But why does mine have to be so heavy?" "My child, everyone in the world has a burden. Perhaps you would like to try a different one?" "I can do that?" He pointed to several burdens lying at His feet. "You may try any of these."

All of them seemed to be of equal size. But each was labeled with a name. "There's Joan's," I said. Joan was married to a wealthy businessman. She lived in a sprawling estate and dressed her three daughters in the prettiest designer clothes. Sometimes she drove me to church in her Cadillac when my car was broken. "Let me try that one." How difficult could her burden be? I thought. The Lord removed my burden and placed Joan's on my shoulders. I sank my knees beneath its weight. "Take it off!" I said. "What makes it so heavy?" "Look inside." I untied the straps and opened the top. Inside was a figure of her Mother-in-law, and when I lifted it out, it began to speak. "Joan, you'll never be good enough for my son," it began. "He never should have married you. You're a terrible mother to my grandchildren..." I quickly placed the figure back in the pack and withdrew another. It was Donna, Joan's youngest daughter. Her head was bandaged from the surgery that had failed to resolve her epilepsy. A third figure was Joan's brother. Addicted to drugs, he had been convicted of killing a police officer. "I see why her burden is so heavy, Lord. But she's always smiling and helping others. I didn't realize...."

"Would you like to try another?" He asked quietly.

I tested several. Paula's felt heavy: She was raising four small boys without a father. Debra's did too: A childhood of sexual abuse and a marriage of emotional abuse. When I came to Ruth's burden, I didn't even try. I knew that inside I would find arthritis, old age, a demanding full-time job, and a beloved husband in a nursing home.

"They're all too heavy, Lord" I said. "Give me back my own." As I lifted the familiar load once again, it seemed much lighter than the others. "Let's look inside" He said. I turned away, holding it close. "That's not a good idea," I said. "Why?" "There's a lot of junk in there." "Let Me see." The gentle thunder of His voice compelled me. I opened my burden. He pulled out a brick. "Tell me about this one."

"Lord, you know. It's money. I know we don't suffer like people in some countries or even the homeless here in America. But we have no insurance, and when the kids get sick, we can't always take them to the doctor. They've never been to a dentist. And I'm tired of dressing them in hand-me-downs." "My child, I will supply all of your needs... and your children's. I've given them healthy bodies. I will teach them that expensive clothing doesn't make a person valuable in My sight."

Then He lifted out the figure of a small boy. "And this?" He asked. "Andrew..." I hung my head, ashamed to call my son a burden. "But, Lord, he's hyperactive. He's not quite like the other two. He makes me so tired. He's always getting hurt, and someone is bound to think I abuse him. I yell at him all the time. Someday I may really hurt him...." "My child," He said, "If you trust Me, I will renew your strength, if you allow Me to fill you with My Spirit, I will give you patience."

Then He took some pebbles from my burden.

"Yes, Lord," I said with a sigh. "Those are small. But they're important. I hate my hair. It's thin, and I can't make it look nice. I can't afford to go to the beauty shop. I'm overweight and can't stay on a diet. I hate all my clothes. I hate the way I look!" "My child, people look at your outward appearance, but I look at your heart. By My Spirit you can gain self-control to lose weight. But your beauty should not come from outward appearance. Instead, it should come from your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in My sight." My burden now seemed lighter than before. "I guess I can handle it now" I said.

"There is more," He said. "Hand Me that last brick." "Oh, you don't have to take that. I can handle it." "My child, give it to Me." Again, His voice compelled me. He reached out His hand, and for the first time I saw the ugly wound. "But, Lord, this brick is so awful, so nasty, so.... Lord! What happened to Your hands? They're so scarred!" No longer focused on my burden, I looked for the first time into His face. In His brow were ragged scars-as though someone had pressed thorns into His flesh. "Lord," I whispered. "What happened to You?" His loving eyes reached into my soul. "My child, you know. Hand Me the brick. It belongs to Me. I bought it." "How?" "With My blood." "But why, Lord?" "Because I have loved you with an everlasting love. Give it to Me."

I placed the filthy brick into His wounded palm. It contained all the dirt and evil of my life: my pride, my selfishness, the depression that constantly tormented me. He turned to the cross and hurled my brick into the pool of blood at its base. It hardly made a ripple. "Now, my child, you need to go back. I will be with you always. When you are troubled, call to Me and I will help you and show you things you cannot imagine now." "Yes, Lord, I will call on You."

I reached to pick up my burden.

"You may leave that here if you wish. You see all these burdens? They are the ones that others have left at My feet. Joan's, Paula's, Debra's, Ruth's.... As I placed my burden with Him, the light began to fade.

**Yet I heard Him whisper,**

*"I will never leave you, nor forsake you."*

*Author Unknown*