



**Saint John XXIII  
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*The Paulist Fathers Serving the University of Tennessee*

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 23, 2020**

**Isaiah 22:19-23  
Romans 11:33-36  
Matthew 16:13-20**

**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

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

(Confession)

By Appointment

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:**

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

**WANT TO BE CATHOLIC?**

Please contact Deacon Bob at 523-7931

**Welcome Back  
To UT**

**Students, Faculty, and Staff!!**

**RCIA  
(Rite of Christian Initiation  
of Adults)**

Are you or someone you know interested in understanding the Catholic faith and/or considering the idea of becoming Catholic?

RCIA can help!

**Tuesdays at 7:00 pm  
Zoom Meeting**

Contact Deacon Bob Ketteringham at 523-7931 or  
bobbykett@outlook.com.

**Pray with Us-Celebrate With Us**

We are live-streaming our weekend 11:15 am Mass on our Facebook Group. Just look for "Saint John XXIII Catholic Center at UTK." There are also great resources on the USCCB website, the Diocese of Knoxville website, and Paulist.org/WatchMass. Be sure we have your email address so you can get information about our Zoom meetings as well for more seminars and activities!

**St. John XXIII Mens' Club**

Attention Men! Deacon Bob is forming the St. John XXIII Men's Club. Please join! We will meet via Zoom on Monday, August 24th from 7-8 pm. Fr. Dwight Longenecker, a renowned writer and speaker, will discuss his book, "Immortal Combat." Contact Deacon Bob at bobbykett@outlook.com or 1-865-5486. We look forward to your participation.

## **Kroger Community Rewards**

St. John XXIII is now registered with Kroger Community Rewards! Just register your Kroger card online at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and indicate that you would like Kroger to donate to our organization. St. John XXIII has been assigned the NPO #AE054. If you have any trouble signing up, please call our office!

## **Ladies of Charity 11th Annual Charity Golf Tournament**

**Thursday, September 3**

**Egwani Farms Golf Course**

**Register Online At:  
[ladiesofcharityknox.org](http://ladiesofcharityknox.org)**

**Registration Deadline  
August 31**

## **The Knox County Catholic Jail Ministry**

‘...I was in prison and you came to visit me.’  
(Matthew 25:36)

Jesus calls us to corporal works of mercy. Are you being called to visit those in prison? It is not a mission that calls believers to an individual mission. To work in a jail, one needs to be sponsored by a church or diocese and vetted by the Sheriff’s department.

But the call comes from within and is deeply personal. Participation in your parish and a deep belief in the forgiving love of Jesus is important.

Catholic Jail ministry is a ten year tradition in the Knox County Jail. Prisoners recruit other prisoners by word of mouth to provide our participants. About 20 volunteers from all Knox County Parishes minister to maximum and minimum security men (Saturdays 11 AM and 1 PM) and women (Wednesdays 7 PM) every week. Priests celebrate Mass once a month.

If you are interested, please call either Bob Denne (865-384-1318) or Geraldine Mulligan (865-243-7052). None of us came into this qualified, we were simply called.

## **Tuesday Night Events**

We are planning some ongoing Tuesday Nights Events. In the following weeks we are looking at a Bible Study with Fr. Don, focusing on the readings for the coming Sunday. They will be ZOOM events, starting at 7 PM.

**Check out our website at [www.john23rd.org](http://www.john23rd.org) for online giving, alternate worship options, and updated information. If you are not comfortable with online donations, we are still in the office to receive any mailed donations. Thank you for your help and we look forward to seeing you again!**

## **“Catholicism” Thursday Evening Study**

Bishop Robert Barron’s in-depth book on our Catholic Faith will be the Fall study. It will be offered only via Zoom due to pandemic safety restrictions. The study will continue to meet every other week in the months ahead. You are welcome to join in at any date. The book is available for purchase through online sources and bookstores. The bulletin and Fr. Don’s newsletter will contain sign-in links. Please join us in August! Contact: Charles Jones - cbjones2@gmail.com

## **A Note From Our Social Concerns Committee**

COVID-19 is bringing out the goodness in people as we live through this crisis. However COVID-19 is also exposing the weaknesses in our communities that may be causing this crisis to be much worse for some people, especially for those already struggling. After COVID-19 will we address these underlying weaknesses that will remain? Will we speak up for changes that truly address the root causes of poverty, regardless how hard people try to overcome it?

Currently, government checks are beginning to help many. If you are able to use some of this to make a contribution to our parish above what you normally do, half of it would go to the parish and half could be channeled by the Social Concerns Committee to people with urgent needs during this pandemic. Our God calls us to take care of one another. Jesus lived compassionately and taught us speak out for justice to bring about God’s kingdom on earth for all people. Pope Francis, in a recent letter, wrote on the pandemic: “I hope that this time of danger will...shake our sleepy consciences and allow a humanist and ecological conversion that puts an end to idolatry of money and places human life and dignity at the centre.”

Let us heed Pope Francis’ words and find ways to not only extend charity, but also to ensure justice for all people, especially the marginalized. Be informed. Speak out. Contact and communicate with helpers, leaders and those with power. Above all, pray that each of us hear God’s call and faithfully answer, “YES. AMEN.”

## **To Keep All Of Us Safe, Please:**

- **Wear a mask at all times**
- **Maintain social distance of 6 feet from those not in your family**
- **Do not congregate in the lobby or on the sidewalks (you may do so in the grass or the parking lots)**
- **Do not come to Mass if you are experiencing any illness symptoms (the Bishop has issued a dispensation for Sunday Mass for everyone)**

## **Pandemic Emergency Fund**

The St. John XXIII Pandemic Emergency Fund continues. The word emergency may seem too dramatic. Can a situation which lasts for months be a real emergency? More people now wear masks and steps toward reopening schools, restaurants, sporting events are cautious and carefully planned. It is an emergency requiring us to live in a way that protects the health of ourselves and others.

St. John XXIII persists full of faith and hope. Our many active groups meet online with zoom. Check our website to see all our activities. Of necessity, however, participation is down and so is our income. This is a time of greater need. We are grateful for all who continue their weekly and monthly contributions. We can use some extra help.

But consider the impact that individuals and families suffer due to the Pandemic. Government help is fading. Many do not qualify. Some parents cannot work because they must stay home to care for children. Programs which offer meals are fewer. Staff at hotels, restaurants, theaters, and other places of public gatherings are no longer required when people do not feel safe participating. Our Pandemic Emergency Fund supports groups helping those in need.

The Pandemic Emergency Fund helps your parish and the following groups: Catholic Charities of East Tennessee; Holy Ghost parish outreach; the Volunteer Ministry Center; the Ladies of Charity; and Holy Cross Parish outreach in Pigeon Forge. Donations can be mailed to the parish and the memo line of your checks should be marked “Pandemic Emergency Fund.” Your help is still needed. Thank you.

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**Prayer Requests:** Let us pray for peace and justice throughout the world. Other prayers are needed for Frank Carney; Alfred Prados; Robert Tobey; Anne Pidkowicz; Ann Patterson; Patty Bowman; Peg Hart; Roberto Lenarduzzi; Diane Dusichka; Margaret Dusichka; Mary Jane Fuller; Betsy Alpers; Virginia Mattson; Geneva Stewart; Mary Jean Hayes; family of Sarah Hatfield; Megan McMurray Dugan; Tom Mulligan; Cliff Russell; Nick Lyle; Leslie Stephens; Adrian Fryxell; Fred McMurray; residents of Serene Manor; those serving in the military and for any too shy or reserved to let us know.

**August 16, 2020 Offertory: \$3,533.50**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS  
FOR THE WEEK OF  
August 24-30**

**Monday:** Rev. 21:9b-14.....John 1:45-51  
**Tuesday:** 2 Thess. 2:1-3a, 14-17.....Matthew 23:23-26  
**Wednesday:** 2 Thess. 3:6-10, 16-18.....Matthew 23:27-32  
**Thursday:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-9.....Matthew 24:42-51  
**Friday:** 1 Corinthians 1:17-25.....Matthew 25:1-13  
**Saturday:** 1 Corinthians 1:26-31.....Mark 6:17-29  
**Sunday:** Jeremiah 20:7-9.....Matthew 16:21-27

**NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS**

**August 24-30**

**Monday:** Confessions by appointment  
5:05 pm - Daily Mass

**Tuesday:** 5:05 pm - Daily Mass  
7:00 pm - Bible Study Zoom Meeting

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

**Thursday:** Confessions by appointment  
5:05 pm - Daily Mass

**Friday:** 5:05 pm - Daily Mass

**Saturday:** 5:30 pm - Mass

**Sunday:** 9:00 am - Mass  
11:15 am - Mass  
5:30 pm - Mass  
7:15 pm - Young Adult  
Zoom Bible Study  
9:00 pm - Mass

**Please See Online Calendar at  
[www.john23rd.org](http://www.john23rd.org)  
for  
UPCOMING EVENTS**