



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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2020

**Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
Matthew 20:1-16**

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)

Mondays and Thursdays from 4:00-4:45 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 Deacon Bob at 523-7931

**Happy Birthday
September 20th
Fr. Bob!!**

**Looking for another way to grow your
relationship with God? Deacon Bob is
a certified Spiritual Director you can
consult at no cost! Contact him at bob-
bykett@outlook.com.**

**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! We will be having Zoom meetings on **Tuesdays at 7:00**. Contact Deacon Bob Ketteringham at 523-7931 or bobbykett@outlook.com.

St. John XXIII Mens' Club

Attention Men! The newly formed St. John XXIII Men's Club will be meeting via Zoom on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm. Watch for the Zoom link in Fr. Don's weekly email or contact Deacon Bob at bobbykett@outlook.com or 1-865-5486. We look forward to your participation.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

This collection helps to strengthen the Catholic Church in the United States in its 87 mission territories. As the Diocese of Knoxville is one of the smallest dioceses in the nation, it is a direct beneficiary of Catholic Home Missions assistance. Thank you for your generosity; envelopes are available in the lobby.

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!

Volunteer Ministry Center Carry the Torch Virtual Event

Join us on October 1st on YouTube at 12:15pm or 7:15pm for the Twelfth Annual Carry the Torch Knoxville Event Presented by the Volunteer Ministry Center. Our event will be featuring New York Times Best Selling Author and Host of the National Public Radio Program “On Being,” Krista Tippett. You may invite as many friends, family, and co-workers as you desire!

Attendees can choose between two presentation times (either 12:15pm or 7:15pm) via You Tube and join us from the comfort of your home or office. You and your guests will have the opportunity to support VMC’s mission to end and prevent homelessness in our community.

Links for Viewing

12:15pm: <https://youtu.be/HDx1OFXUkgw>

7:15pm: <https://youtu.be/V1qVFPDXa8k>

To view on You Tube, type the link in your browser.

Donations to Carry the Torch may be made before, during and immediately after the event by visiting <https://secure.givelively.org/donate/volunteer-ministry-center-inc/carry-the-torch-2020> or by texting the code “CTT2020” to 44-321.

Bishop’s Appeal August 2020

St. John XXIII
Thank you for your support!

Parish Goal:	\$33,100.00
Total Committed:	\$34,116.25
Collections to Date:	\$28,430.25
Collections to Reach Goal:	\$ 4,669.75

Tuesday Night Events

On Tuesday nights, Fr. Bob conducts a Bible Study focusing on the readings for the upcoming Sunday. They are ZOOM events, starting at 7 PM. Watch for the link in your weekly email!

Check out our website at 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. 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; Kathy R.; Betty S.; George and Martha T.; Fred McMurray; residents of Serene Manor; those serving in the military and for any too shy or reserved to let us know.

September 13, 2020 Offertory: \$4,126.00

**SCRIPTURE READINGS
FOR THE WEEK OF
September 21-27**

Monday: Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13.....Matthew 9:9-13
Tuesday: Proverbs 21:1-6,10-13.....Luke 8:19-21
Wednesday: Proverbs 30:5-9.....Luke 9:1-6
Thursday: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11.....Luke 9:7-9
Friday: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11.....Luke 9:18-22
Saturday: Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8.....Luke 9:43b-45
Sunday: Ezekiel 18:25-28.....Matthew 21:28-32

**NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS
September 21-27**

Monday: Confessions by appointment
5:05 pm - Daily Mass
7:30 pm - Spirit and Truth

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
for
UPCOMING EVENTS**