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The Paulist Fathers Serving the University of Tennessee

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 2020

Ezekiel 18:25-28
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32

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

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.

Blue Mass

A special invitation is extended to all serving in Law Enforcement and all First Responders to join us in celebrating our annual Blue Mass on Sunday, September 27 to honor and to pray for all who "protect and serve." This time honored tradition of praying for the blessing and protection of our public servants in law enforcement, fire department and emergency medical services goes back to the first Blue Mass in Washington, DC in 1923. Since then, dioceses across the country have celebrated annually those whose service is often identified with their blue uniform. It is a special time for us to honor their unselfish service and to pray for their safety.

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.

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/HDxlOFXUkgw>

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.

Middle Schoolers!!

Come join us at MARVELous, our 1st Virtual Middle School Camp sponsored by the Diocese of Knoxville Office of Youth, Young Adult and Pastoral Juvenil Ministry. This virtual camp will take place October 9th (Friday) from 7:00-8:30 PM and October 10th (Saturday) from 2:00-3:30 PM. We will have some MARVELous Games (including a Superhero Scavenger Hunt), you will discover your own Superpowers, and we will be inspired together by some Super Saints. On Friday we will conclude with an incredible experience of Star Gazing into the Galaxy and Saturday, with the endgame in mind, we will close with an amazing moment of Eucharistic adoration. You will hear some heroic talks from both Teens and Adults! Invite your friends, spread the word, and we will see you all on October 9th and 10th! Search “Catholic Youth” on Eventbrite to register. This event is FREE! Contact: Brittany Garcia, (865) 776-9635 or bgarcia@dioknox.org.

Married Couples and Priests:

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” Accept God’s ways for your marriage. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on October 16-18 or November 13-15. This is a virtual experience, so no overnight stay in a hotel. Right from the comfort of your home. You can get more information or apply online at GATN-wwme.org or by calling 678-242-WWME.

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!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES NOW AVAILABLE!

You can make a difference in the life of a mother and child without leaving the comfort of your own home. Catholic Charities of East Tennessee's five Pregnancy Help Centers are now providing online pregnancy, parenting and life-skills classes. Volunteers follow up weekly with clients via phone to review the material - - it's that easy and convenient! Training is provided, so if you have a couple of hours a week to help a mother in need, call today. Knoxville 865-776-4510

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

Here is an excerpt from a thank you letter from one of our Pandemic Fund Donation Recipients:

"Dear St. John XXIII University Parish:

On behalf of the agency, I would like to express our sincere gratitude for your generous gift of \$300 on May 7, 2020 to Catholic Charities of East Tennessee. Because of you, more new mothers are learning how to care for their babies. Because of you, more children are being given a safe haven from abuse and neglect. Because of you, more families are overcoming homelessness and learning to live stable lives. Because of you, more seniors in need are being given a change to spend their golden years without worry. Your contribution is providing "360 Degrees of Hope," and for that, we are truly thankful. What a blessing your gift is!"

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 20, 2020 Offertory: \$1,231.00

**SCRIPTURE READINGS
FOR THE WEEK OF
September 28-October 4**

Monday: Job 1:6-22.....Luke 9:46-50
Tuesday: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14.....John 1:47-51
Wednesday: Job 9:1-12, 14-16.....Luke 9:57-62
Thursday: Job 19:21-27.....Luke 10:1-12
Friday: Job 38:1,12-21;40:3-5.....Matthew 18:1-5,10
Saturday: Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17.....Luke 10:17-24
Sunday: Isaiah 5:1-7.....Matthew 21:33-43

**NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS
September 28-October 4**

Monday: 4:00 - Confessions
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: 4:00 pm - Confessions
5:05 pm - Daily Mass
7:00 pm - Adult Enrichment Zoom

Friday: 5:05 pm - Daily Mass

Saturday: 5:30 pm - Game Day 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**