



MAY 19, 2024 PENTECOST SUNDAY

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH
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865 - 448 - 6070

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MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

HOLY MASS: Saturday – Vigil Mass - 4:00PM
Sunday – 9:00AM

DAILY MASS: MON, TU, TH & FRI - 8:30AM
(NO MASS ON WEDNESDAYS)
Check bulletin/website for changes

CONFESSION: Saturday before Mass:
3:00 - 3:40 (Church confessional)
Sunday Before Mass:
8:15 - 8:40 (Church confessional)
Confessions may also be scheduled
by calling the parish office for an
appointment.

HOLY DAYS: Check bulletin or website

The Rosary is prayed 35 minutes before each Weekend Mass

PARISH MINISTRY TEAM

PASTOR: Rev. Antonio Giraldo
DEACON: Deacon Jim Schmall
OFFICE MANAGER: Kathy Meyerkord
BOOKKEEPER: Kathleen Halligan
LITURGY/MUSIC DIRECTOR: JoAnne Romer-Aylward
**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION:** Julie Dew
OCIA: Bruce Boudin
WELCOMING, EVENTS AND SOCIALS (WEST): All
GARDENS & GROUNDS: Ilene Rainwater
FACILITIES: David Girard
SOCIAL MEDIA/WEBSITE: JoAnne Romer-Aylward
**PASTORAL CARE
(SICK & HOMEBOUND):** Suzie Fay
ST. CLARE GIFT SHOP: Camilla Sorrell
COLUMBARIUM: Bob Eberhardt

PARISH ASSOCIATIONS

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN: Ilene Rainwater
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Debbie Eberhardt

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please contact the pastor or ask an usher for a registration form, and then place the completed form in the offertory basket or mail it to the church office. For more information call 865-448-6070.

PARISHIONERS: Please report any change of contact information to the parish office via e-mail, mail or phone.

BAPTISM: Parents are required to attend the Baptismal Prep Class. Your family must be registered in the parish.

MARRIAGE: Contact the parish priest a minimum of six months before the wedding to allow for marriage preparation formation.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Anyone entering the hospital or in serious ill health is encouraged to be anointed.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Please email Microsoft Word articles to sfbulletin7717@gmail.com with the subject of "Bulletin Announcement" by Tuesday 12:00PM. All submissions are subject to further editing to fit the format of the bulletin. THANKS!

PASTORAL CARE AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: How can St. Francis of Assisi be of assistance/service to you & your loved ones? Please contact Suzie Fay at 423-829-5466 or contact the office at 865-448-6070.

MASS INTENTIONS: (Mass cards are available upon request at the office.)

Mon	5/20	8:30 AM	
Tue	5/21	8:30 AM	Charlie Graham
Wed	5/22		NO MASS
Thu	5/23	8:30 AM	Jack Troupe †
Fri	5/24	8:30 AM	Barbara and Mark † Shaw
Sat	5/25	4:00 PM	Elias Ventura † & Genoveva Fuentes †
Sun	5/26	9:00 AM	Jack Troupe †

To schedule a Mass intention, please contact the Parish Office via phone or email or in person during office hours. Please specify whether the Mass Intention is for a living or deceased loved one. The usual requested donation for a Mass intention is \$10.00 in the Diocese of



PRAYER REQUESTS: (Homebound, sick or recovering parishioners, friends and relatives): Charlotte Graham, Pat Sanders, Judy Sanders, Doreen Mancuso, Naomi Nwadike, Chris Owens, David Holmes, Amy Frink, Myra Montero, Claire Cheadle, Elise Martin, Mike Scully, Paul Fain, Joyce Fain, Normand Messier, Jr., Raymond Payne, Sue Ann Tippitt, Charles Tippitt, Emmanuel Nwadike, Julie Schirack, Kay Walker, Jay Ladner, Deb Koehler, Laken DuRussel, Lori O'Toole, Marcus Bolte, Johnny Mallory, Louann Felske, Gary Pavis; Kathy Meyerkord, Stephanie Romer

SANCTUARY CANDLE If you would like to donate to the sanctuary candle fund in memory of or in honor of someone, please contact the Parish Office via phone or email. The cost is \$15 for 1 week.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS: If you would like to donate to the sanctuary flowers fund in memory of or in honor of someone, please contact the Parish Office via phone or email. The cost is \$40.00 for two weeks.



ST. CLARE GIFT SHOP

Open after weekend Masses and by request/appointment after daily Mass

Our gift shop has many items that will make perfect gifts for First Communion, graduation, Father's Day, and every other special occasion! Stop by and shop for that special someone!

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon	5/20	9:00 AM	Church & Hall Cleaning
Tue	5/21		
Wed	5/22		NO Gus Lloyd meetings until 6/5/24
Thu	5/23	11:00 AM	Jack Troupe Funeral Mass
Fri	5/24		
Sat	5/25	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass
Sun	5/26	9:00 AM	Mass



"We do not need to wait for the Holy Spirit to come: he came on the day of Pentecost. He has never left the church."

- John R.W. Stott

OUR PENTECOST MISSION IS TO SHARE OUR GIFTS



Today is indeed a special feast, the third most important feast in the Church year after the nativity of the Lord, and Easter. It is the feast that celebrates the completion of Jesus' saving work with his sending of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus had promised his disciples: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send you in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you" (John 14-26). That promise was fulfilled when the Spirit of God came down on the first Pentecost in wind, fire, and voice. The great gift of Pentecost was a restoration of lost unity—reversing the disunity and confusion that began at the Tower of Babel.

In today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, that's exactly what the Spirit does at that Pentecost, he gives the apostles a special gift of tongues. Each believer spoke a language that those present heard as their own (Acts 2:5-8), so that people from every nation would understand the message of God's universal love that they were preaching. In this powerful sign, the Spirit made use of human instruments in a way that foretold a future in which all humanity will sing God praises in one voice. This Spirit who binds us all together in praise also enriches us with a diversity of gifts. This diversity is essential to the life and health of the Church.

We should remember, though, that what happened on that first Pentecost wasn't a one-time event. That was only the beginning. This mystery – the coming of the Holy Spirit – continues in our own day because, while the Spirit does not always come in great signs and wonders as it did for Mary and the Apostles, the Holy Spirit is always present and active in our hearts and in the life of the church.

As individual believers and as church, we have to seek out and heal those wounds that threaten the body of humanity and the body of Christ: Fear, discrimination, war, disregard for life, bullying, and exploitation are among the many, many forces of evil that lead people away from community and into loneliness and isolation.

If the gifts we have received are for the common good, then our Pentecost mission is to share our gifts and expend ourselves nurturing others, drawing them into the unity of the Spirit and the church, and to open ourselves to the workings of the Spirit in the diversity of the gifts and lives of others.

The fruit of this outpouring of God's Spirit is the birth of the church. Today, with this feast, we celebrate with joy the "Birthday of the Church." With the day of Pentecost, the continuation of Christ's ministry and mission was secured. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ is present and active in the world through the life and the works of the church.

We ought to live by the Spirit, St. Paul reminds us today in his letter to the Galatians. Flesh has desires against the Spirit and the Spirit against flesh; these are opposed to each other. The works of the flesh includes immorality, impurity, lust, idolatry, hatreds, envy, orgies, and others. In contrast, the fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, self-control.

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Happy Birthday St. Francis! Today is Pentecost, the birth of the Church! Happy birthday to us!

To continue with the Marian Apparitions, we will “talk” about the apparition of Our Lady of La Salette. Salette, a French town located in the Alps, was the place at which a Marian apparition occurred in the nineteenth century. On September 19, 1846, Maximin Giraud (eleven years old) and Melanie Calvat (fourteen years old) experienced an encounter with what they called a “Beautiful Lady.” The message of the visionaries of La Salette focuses on the conversion of all humanity to Christ, to “be reconciled to God.”



Another “not too well known” apparition is Our Lady of Pontmain, also known as Our Lady of Hope. On January 17th, 1871, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Virgin Mary appeared in the sky of Pontmain, France to four children. She gave a message of prayer and hope. The apparition is said to have occurred at the height of the Franco-Prussian War. A crowd gathered to pray as word quickly spread among the anxious villagers. Children saw the beautiful Lady, but the adults did not! Her message was: “But pray, my children. God will hear you in time. My Son allows Himself to be touched.” That same evening, Prussian forces inexplicably abandoned their advance! Years later one of the children, Joseph Barbadette, who became a priest of the Congregation of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, was still able to give a detail account of what Mary looked like and what she wore. I’m thinking that would be something you NEVER would forget!

Here’s one more “not too well known” apparition: Our Lady of Beauraing or the Virgin of the Golden Heart is the title of 32 Marian apparitions reported in Beauraing, Belgium, between November 1932 and January 1933 by five children whose ages ranged between 9 and 15. She was dressed in a long white dress with a faint blue hue. Her head was covered with a long veil that fell down to her shoulders. Thin rays of light came out of her head which gave the impression she was wearing a crown. Usually, Mary’s hands were joined together and she was smiling. Since 1932, millions of pilgrims have visited the Sanctuary Our Lady of Beauraing to honor the Virgin with the Heart of Gold.



For the Trifecta of “not too well known” apparition(s) is Our Lady of Banneux, also known as Our Lady of the Poor. Our Lady appeared to Mariette Beco, a young girl aged 11 years, in Banneux, Liège Province, Belgium, eight times from January 15 th until March 2 nd , 1933. During these apparitions, our Mother called herself the Virgin of the Poor. A Little Chapel was built and inaugurated in 1933. Each year, hundreds of thousands of pilgrims, come, notably during the Triduum of the sick, to confide to Our Lady their poverties, their sufferings, their pains, their wants.

If you would like to explore more information on these apparitions, please consult: catholic365.com, marian.org, dynamiccatholic.com, catholiccompany.com, and wedare-tosay.com. SO much to write, but too little space!

Enjoy and a most blessed week St. Francis!



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Today as we celebrate Pentecost the Holy Spirit wants to make us advocates of God's presence to bring new life to others, especially those who do not know the love of God in their lives.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able bring the love of God to the poor by assisting families in providing food and monetary help with utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

Have you considered answering the call to serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Contact Debbie Eberhardt at 865-312-0141 for more information.

SVDP normally meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 5:00 PM in the PRC. **However, during the month of May, we will not be meeting.** When we resume our meetings, all Are Wel-come!

Thank You
for your continued support of SVDP!

SVDP MAY "PRODUCT OF THE MONTH"



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On this feast of Pentecost, we are invited by the church to reflect upon how the Holy Spirit is alive in us: in our church and in the world! We do well this day to give thanks to God for so great a gift and to explore with all humility how much we allow the Spirit to enter ourselves and how much more we can do to put the gift of God's Spirit into action in our lives.

The breath that Jesus had breathed on the disciples, the dramatic wind that had filled the house on Pentecost – that spiritual reality transformed the disciples. The Spirit not only gave them a message but also gave them the strength and the skills to communicate that message. The Holy Spirit spoke to the hearts and souls of the disciples in ways that they could not fully comprehend but were able to connect with the world around them.

We are united in one Body (the Church) because we have received one Spirit. The church is bigger than any one of us. The church is the Body of Christ. Let us together rejoice in the Spirit and proclaim the Good News boldly.



Occasionally, we run out of paper bulletins after our weekend Masses. If we have run out of bulletins, you can always request a paper bulletin from the church office or access our bulletins online at our website www.stfrancistownsend.org. Just click on the "Bulletin" icon/button on our website's home page and then select the week you wish to view.

Additionally, you may choose to receive the weekly bulletin as an e-mail attachment simply by sending an e-mail with "E-Bulletin" in the subject line to:

SFABulletin7717@gmail.com.

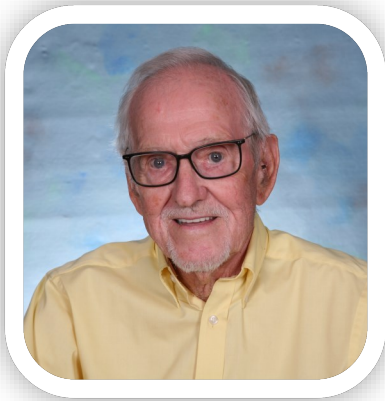


RESUMES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5TH

1:00 PM - PARISH RESOURCE CENTER

Our discussion group **WILL NOT** be meeting during the month of May. Any questions, please contact Julie Dew: 954-749-3929; jdewtrn2018@att.net

FUNERAL MASS FOR JACK TROUPE
THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024



Visitation 5/23/24 9:30—11:00 AM
Mass at 11:00 AM
Luncheon in Shea Hall at 12:00 Noon

SUNDAY MORNINGS
COFFEE, DONUTS, AND FELLOWSHIP

Each Sunday after the 9:00 AM Mass, we like to invite the congregation into Shea Hall for Coffee, Donuts, and Fellowship. We need the help of our parishioners to supply the donuts/pastries each week. If you are enjoying this ministry and would be able to help out supplying pastries, please sign up on the clipboard hanging near the bulletin board in Shea Hall. We need your help to keep this ministry active! Please contact Donna Czerniewski (847-668-4074) with questions or for more information.



WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP—5/12/2024
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Attendance: 166

Sunday Offertory	\$2,525.00
Donation Box.....	00.00
Holy Days	00.00
Other Donations*.....	00.00
Donations for the Week.....	\$2,525.00
Year-to-Date Donations	\$161,747.73
Year-to-Date Budgeted Donations	<u>162,887.96</u>
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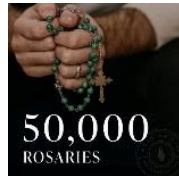
Other Donations Not in Budget

Maintenance Fund	\$15.00
Parish Charity.....	470.00
Second Collection	663.56
Other:	00.00
Total Non-Budget Donations	<u>\$1,148.56</u>

* Mass Intentions, Flowers, Candles, Facility Use, etc.

** Based on Year-to-Date Total Donations minus Year-to-Date Budgeted

JOIN BISHOP BARRON IN PRAYING THE ROSARY
DURING THE MONTH OF MAY



Last year Bishop Barron and Word on Fire Ministries celebrated the Virgin Mary during May by asking their supporters to help pray 10,000 Rosaries throughout the month for the intention that those who have left

the Church might return.

People logged their Rosaries on the WordOnFire website so that their locations would appear on a map, and, within 48 hours, they had already exceeded their goal. By the end of the month, more than 64,000 Rosaries were prayed all over the world!

Bishop Barron is once again asking everyone to join in praying at least 50,000 Rosaries for the conversion of the lost sheep among us—and he would love to reach 100,000 this time! For more information, and to log your rosary online visit www.wordonfire.org/pray-rosary/.

Log Your Rosary



ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE
ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL
1810 HOWARD RD.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7 (8:00 –3:00) &
SATURDAY, JUNE 8 (8:00-2:00)

Donations of household items, furniture, toys, clothes, etc. will be accepted starting Tuesday, May 28 through Tuesday, June 4 from 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM every day except Sunday OR by appointment. Please bring items to the old gym entrance at the front of the building. Note: Large TVs and children's car seats are not accepted. Proceeds benefit the outreach and educational efforts of Tennessee Right to Life. For more information contact trlknox@prolifeknox.com or 865.689.1339.

**INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES TO PROMOTE
DEVOTION TO JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST**

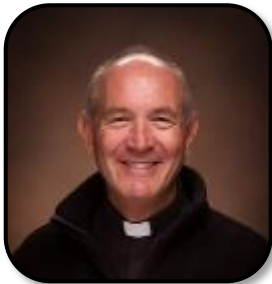


Eucharisticrevival.org

St. John Damascene
(c. 675-749)

*“The Eucharist
is a fire
which inflames us”*

POPE FRANCIS APPOINTS FATHER JAMES MARK BECKMAN NEXT BISHOP OF KNOXVILLE



Pope Francis has appointed Father James Mark Beckman, 61, a priest of the Diocese of Nashville for more than three decades, as the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Knoxville. The appointment was announced in Washington, D.C., on May 7, 2024, by Cardinal Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

“I am blessed and honored to accept this appointment from the Holy Father,” Bishop-elect Beckman said. “I am a native Tennessean, and I am grateful that I can continue serving the Church and now the faithful of the Diocese of Knoxville in this region that I know well and love tremendously.”

Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre will continue to lead the Diocese of Knoxville as apostolic administrator until Bishop-elect Beckman's episcopal ordination in late July. For more information about Bishop-Elect Beckman, visit www.dioknox.org and click on the May 7 calendar date.



NATIONAL
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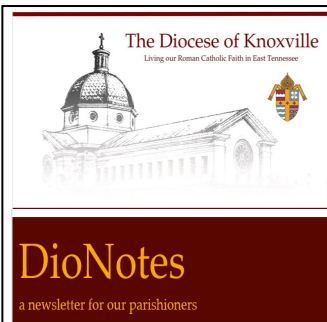
Join other pilgrims from the Diocese of Knoxville on a pilgrimage to the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis **July 17-24, 2024.**

The diocesan pilgrimage will include round trip transportation, a four-night hotel stay, and admission for all Eucharistic Congress events, speakers, and the closing Mass. There is also a tickets only option, which excludes transportation and lodging. Buses will depart from Knoxville on July 17, 2024 and return on July 21, 2024.

The cost and other details can be found at Dioknox.org/Revival, by email at Revival@Dioknox.org, or by phone at 423-596-0181. The pricing ranges from \$541-\$1,098 per pilgrim, depending on the occupancy of the room. This includes 4 night hotel accommodations and admission to all events and speakers.

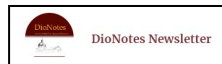
UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
6/7-8/2024	Tennessee Right to Life Annual Rumage Sale St. Joseph School (Knox)	Online: www.trtl.org E-mail: trlknox@prolifeknox.com Phone: 865-689-1339
6/15/2024	Marriage Retreat: Living the Marriage God Desires for You St. Thomas in Lenoir City	Online: Tinyurl.com/KnoxMarriageRetreat E-mail: regnumchristi.knoxville@gmail.com Phone: 865-584-3307, ext. 5739
6/24/2024	National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in Chattanooga 11:00 AM - 7:30 PM	Online: dioknox.org/revival Other: Scan QR code (Bulletin or Shea Hall poster)
7/17-24/2024	Eucharistic Congress Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, IN	Online: DioKnox.org/Revival E-mail: Revival@DioKnox.org Phone: 423-596-0181
7/26/2024	Tennessee Smokies Baseball Game Yee-Haw At the Yard Group Section	\$35.00 for adults; \$33.00 for children (12 and under) Contact the Parish Office to reserve tickets
9/10-19/2024	Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with Fr. Charles Robinson Coupon Code: Bulletin150	Online: Www.QoHTours.com E-mail: info@qohtours.com
10/6-11/2024	Yellowstone National Park Retreat with Fr. Michael Cummins	Online: https://www.saintdominickpt.org/ E-mail: secretary@saintdomchurch.com



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