



**JUNE 16, 2024**  
**11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
7717 RIVER ROAD - TOWNSEND, TN 37882  
865 - 448 - 6070

WEBSITE: [STFRANCISTOWNSEND.ORG](http://STFRANCISTOWNSEND.ORG)  
E-MAIL: [STFRANCISTOWNSEND7717@GMAIL.COM](mailto:STFRANCISTOWNSEND7717@GMAIL.COM)

**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](mailto: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 6/17** 8:30 AM Barbara Angle †  
**Tue 6/18** 8:30 AM Brian Barker †  
**Wed 6/19** **NO COMMUNION SERVICE**  
**Thu 6/20** 8:30 AM Charlie Graham  
**Fri 6/21** 8:30 AM Charlotte Frink Fernandes †  
**Sat 6/22** 4:00 PM Joe Eberhardt  
**Sun 6/23** 9:00 AM Robert † & Bea † Simons

**COMMUNION SERVICES**

**June 3<sup>rd</sup> through June 28<sup>th</sup>**

While Fr. Antonio is away, Dc. Jim will be offering communion services on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays June 3<sup>rd</sup> through June 28<sup>th</sup>.

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 Knoxville.



**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 Montera, Claire Cheadle, Elise Martin, Mike Scully, Paul Fain, Joyce Fain, Raymond Payne, Sue Ann Tippitt, Charles Tippitt, Emmanuel Nwadike, Kay Walker, Julie Schirack, Jay Ladner, Deb Koehler, Laken DuRussel, Marcus Bolte, Johnny Mallory, Louann Felske, Kathy Meyerkord, Stephanie Romer, Gabriel Ruiz

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** *The sanctuary candle is lit in memory of Jack Troupe given by Mike and Julie Dew.* 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:** *The sanctuary flowers are in memory of Cecilia Petroskey given by Eric & Gail Simons.* 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

First Communion, Graduations, Father's Day, Weddings, Anniversaries!

Stop by our gift shop and find the perfect gift for that special someone and special occasion!

**ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>6/17</b>	9:00 AM	Church & Hall Cleaning
<b>Tue</b>	<b>6/18</b>		
<b>Wed</b>	<b>6/19</b>	1:00 PM	<b>NO Gus Lloyd Discussion Group</b>
		5:00 PM	<b>NO SVdP Meeting</b>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>6/20</b>		
<b>Fri</b>	<b>6/21</b>		
<b>Sat</b>	<b>6/22</b>	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass
<b>Sun</b>	<b>6/23</b>	9:00 AM	Mass



## THE GROWING SEED

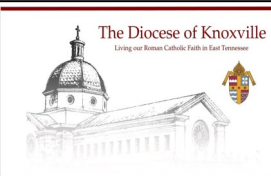
According to Mark's gospel, Jesus began teaching in parables shortly after appointing the twelve. A parable is a wise saying or short fictitious story used by Jesus to set forth His teaching. Parables may contain allegorical elements.

Today we hear the parables of the growing seed and of the mustard seed. Jesus is telling His disciples about His Church: The preaching of the gospel (the generously scattered seed) will unfailingly yield its fruit, independent of who sows or reaps – it is God who gives the growth (1 Corinthians 3:5-9).

This also refers to the action of grace in each soul: God silently works a transformation in each one of us causing us to make resolutions which shape our soul. We resolve to be faithful, surrender ourselves, respond to grace. Our callings and responses may be different as we are individuals (Ephesians 4:11-13). Even though we must make the decision to become a follower of Christ, it is the Holy Spirit who, working within us, gives a supernatural tone to our thoughts, desires and actions.

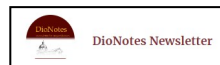
The main meaning of this parable has to do with the contrast between the great and the small. The seed of the Kingdom of God on earth is something very tiny to begin with (Luke 12:32; Acts 1:19); but it will grow to be a big tree. The seed is planted in Peter and the apostles, has set its roots in Rome, and has grown to be a big tree: one which encompasses the whole world; a great multitude which "no man can number" (Revelation 7:9).

This growth also occurs in each soul. As predicted in the responsorial psalm [Psalm 92:12 (92:13 in the New American Bible)] "The righteous grow like a cedar in Lebanon." To allow the mercy of God to exalt us, to make us grow, we must make ourselves small and humble.



Are you receiving your weekly Diocesan DioNotes e-mails? DioNotes is an electronic/online newsletter covering the news, events, and the ministries of the Diocese of Knoxville. If you are not yet on the mailing list, and would like to be, go to [www.DioKnox.org](http://www.DioKnox.org), scroll down to the bottom of the page and

- 1 click on the DioNotes Newsletter area:
- 2 fill in the form that pops up
- 3 click on the SUBMIT button at the bottom of the form.



**DioNotes**  
a newsletter for our parishioners

DioNotes will be delivered (for free ☺) to your email inbox every Friday.

## CATECHISM

## CORNER



I do pray that this Sunday finds you well. After affirming the divinity of Jesus Christ by stating that he is the Son of God and equal to the Father, the Nicene Creed turns, with a few quick, clever strokes, to his passion and death, so this "Corner" we are going to reflect on this paragraph of the Nicene Creed: **For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.**

The last day in Jesus' earthly existence is summed up in the words: "For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died, and was buried." In the previous sentence the Creed proclaimed: "For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven." As if to drive this point home, the Creed prefaces its short account of the passion by reminding us that Jesus suffered, not for himself, but "for our sake." Sinless as he was, there was no need for him to be crucified in order to save himself. He did not need redemption. We are the sinful ones who are desperately dependent upon a savior.

This paragraph is directly connected to the previous. Jesus became man in order to accomplish the work of our salvation. It was for us that Jesus was crucified. The Council Fathers include, "under Pontius Pilate" to show that this was a historical reality. It really happened. By mentioning the Roman governor Pontius Pilate, the Creed clearly locates the passion and death of Jesus in human history. We are not dealing here with some philosophical theory that could happen anywhere anytime. Pilate was governor of Judea in Palestine about the year 30 A.D. That is a fact that can be established by secular history. Jesus, therefore, being a member of the Jewish race, was put to death under this Roman official in Palestine. Crucifixion was the most severe form of capital punishment in Roman law. It was considered so degrading that it could not be applied in the case of Roman citizens. It was reserved for slaves, robbers, and outlaws. Jesus had foretold what kind of death he would die when he said: "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all things to myself" (Jn 12:32). Crucifixion, certainly, was a most severe form of suffering, followed by a sure death. (catholiceducation.org) I could write a month's Corner on this terrible type of punishment!

So too, Jesus truly rose from the dead on the third day after being buried. Forty days after rising from the dead, He lifted Himself up into Heaven in a mysterious fashion and He now reigns in Heaven as King at the right hand of the Father. We believe that He will come again in glory. This is what we call the Second Coming. At the second coming of Christ, we will all be judged; everything we have done will be laid bare and true justice will be accomplished. This second coming will result in the passing away of the old Heaven and the old Earth and the establishing of Jesus' everlasting kingdom. (catholiclink.org)

During the week, we should ask ourselves why Jesus suffered. The answer is: for our sake. Because of the first sin of Adam we were cut off from the life of grace, excluded from heaven and condemned to die. Jesus took it upon himself to make satisfaction for us and so to pour out the grace of God upon us. It was part of the mysterious plan of God, hidden from all eternity, that this should be accomplished by the suffering and death of the Christ, the "man of sorrows" (Isaiah 53:3).

*Have a most wonderful week filled with many Holy Moments!*

What Is the  
*Nicene Creed* and  
What Does It Mean  
for Catholics?





## THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In the Gospel, Jesus says: "This is how it is with the reign of God. A man scatters seed on the ground. He goes to bed and gets up day after day. Through it all the seed sprouts and grows without his knowing how it happens."

**Through your almsgiving you are sowing seeds that grow far greater than you know. The coins placed in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box bring Christ love and compassion to the poor.**

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 meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 5:00 PM in the PRC.

**NO MEETING JUNE, 19<sup>TH</sup>**

When we DO meet, all are welcome!

***Thank You***

for your continued support of SVDP!

## SVDP JUNE "PRODUCT OF THE MONTH"



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



[Eucharisticrevival.org](http://Eucharisticrevival.org)

***Blessed Carlo Acutis  
(1991-2006)***

*"To be always close to Jesus,  
that's my plan."*

Carlo Acutis was an Italian website designer who documented Eucharistic miracles and approved Marian apparitions, and catalogued both on a website he designed before his death from leukaemia. Acutis was noted for his cheerfulness, computer skills, and devotion to the Eucharist, which became a core theme of his life. (Wikipedia)

Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, met Thursday [May 23, 2024] with Pope Francis, who approved the promulgation of several decrees related to the causes of canonization of several men and women.

For young Catholics, the most interesting is surely the recognition of a miracle attributed to Blessed Carlo Acutis.



The young layman was born on May 3, 1991, in London, England, and died on October 12, 2006, in Monza, Italy, succumbing to leukemia at the age of 15. Pope Francis beatified the millennial in 2020 in Assisi, where Blessed Carlo had made multiple pilgrimages and where his mortal remains rest.

In the May 23<sup>rd</sup> decree Pope Francis announced he will convene a Consistory of Cardinals to deliberate the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis.

To read more about the miracle attributed to Blessed Carlo Acutis, please visit <https://www.vaticannews.va> and enter Blessed Carlo Acutis in the search box.

Article credit: Devin Watkins - Vatican News website



## 2024 Mission Trip June 13-27

Pray for our missionaries Fr. Antonio, Ilene Rainwater, and Grace & Rosie Rapien as they minister to the people - old and young - of Marsella, Colombia.

One Heart Colombia, founded by Fr. Antonio, is a Christian non-profit mission dedicated to helping the most vulnerable in Colombia. During their time in Colombia, our missionaries will attend daily Mass, visit the homebound, assist in facilitating a Vacation Bible School (VBS) for approximately 200 children, distribute food bags to needy families, and immerse themselves in daily Colombian life. Please pray for a safe and bountiful mission trip, and a safe return with a lifetime of memories.

### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP—6/9/2024 10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Attendance: 177**

Sunday Offertory.....	\$4,185.00
Donation Box .....	120.00
Holy Days .....	00.00
Other Donations* .....	194.00
Donations for the Week .....	\$4,499.00
Year-to-Date Donations .....	\$174,418.73
Year-to-Date Budgeted Donations.....	177,032.00
Year-to-Date Donation <b>Deficit</b> .....	<b>(\$2,613.27)</b>

#### Other Donations Not in Budget

Maintenance Fund .....	\$860.00
Parish Charity .....	510.00
Second Collection.....	422.00
Other:.....	00.00
Total Non-Budget Donations.....	<u>\$1,792.00</u>

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

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

# JESUS THIRSTS

THE MIRACLE OF THE EUCHARIST



**In theaters  
June 18 & 19 Only  
Back By Popular Demand**

For theater locations and showtimes visit  
<https://jesusthirstsfilm.com/> and click on the  
**button to purchase tickets.**

TICKETS & SHOWTIMES

### LET US PRAY FOR YOUR LOVED ONES



The Armed Services bulletin board in Shea Hall is getting a cosmetic facelift! If you have any relatives or loved ones in the armed services whose picture and information you would like to have placed on the bulletin board during their period of service, please contact JoAnne to get it posted:  
joannera.726@gmail.com or 859-361-4561



All true children of God have God for their father and Mary for their mother; anyone who does not have Mary for his mother, does not have God for his father.

- St. Louis de Montfort  
from his book *True Devotion to Mary*

# PRAYERS ANSWERED

Thank you to everyone who prayed for my brother Normand Messier, Jr. !

Last August Norm was scheduled for a "routine" appendectomy. During surgery the doctor found a cancerous tumor about the size of a small lemon wrapped around his appendix and large intestine. Stage 3. After 9 months of chemo, his PET scan showed that he is cancer free. We are so very grateful for his healing and recovery and for all those who lifted him up in prayer. Bless you All! Gratefully yours, Joyce Welsh.



## FRIDAY, JULY 26<sup>TH</sup>

Baseball Game  
(with fireworks)

Yee-Haw at the Yard Group Section

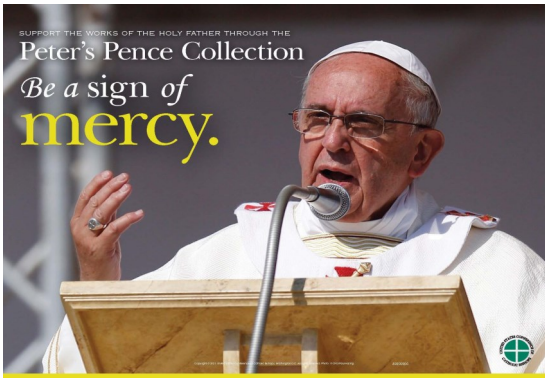
\$35 for adults, \$33 for children (12 and under)

BUFFET DINNER FROM 6:15 - 7:45

FIRST PITCH AT 7:00 PM

Reserve your tickets on the sign up sheets in Shea Hall. Payment is due by July 14. Please make your checks payable to St. Francis of Assisi Church.

## SECOND COLLECTION JUNE 29 & 30, 2024



The "Peter's Pence" collection that will be taken up on June 29 & 30 will assist the Holy Father with his charitable works.

Your donations help the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to the neediest and most disadvantaged throughout the world - especially those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters.

Your contributions will be combined with those of Catholics from around the world to help the Holy Father reach out to the voiceless and most vulnerable in need.

## God Our Father,

In Your wisdom and love  
You have created us  
and called us Your own.

Bless our fathers, that they  
may be strengthened as  
Christian fathers.

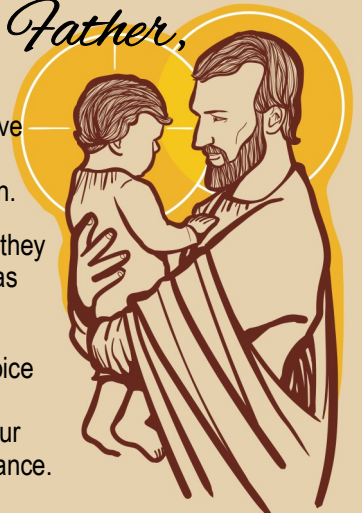
In moments of joy, rejoice  
with them. In times of  
struggle, give them Your  
courage and perseverance.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor and appreciate them always with a spirit of profound respect.

May the example and prayer of St. Joseph inspire them to live their vocation with courage.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Happy Father's Day



# Upcoming EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
6/24/2024	National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in Chattanooga 11:00 AM - 7:30 PM	Online: <a href="http://dioknox.org/revival">dioknox.org/revival</a> 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: <a href="http://DioKnox.org/Revival">DioKnox.org/Revival</a> E-mail: <a href="mailto:Revival@DioKnox.org">Revival@DioKnox.org</a> 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) Signup on sheets in Shea Hall
9/10-19/2024	Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with Fr. Charles Robinson Coupon Code: Bulletin150	Online: <a href="http://www.QoHTours.com">www.QoHTours.com</a> E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@qohtours.com">info@qohtours.com</a> Phone: 800-213-4295
10/6-11/2024	Yellowstone National Park Retreat with Fr. Michael Cummins	Online: <a href="https://www.saintdominickpt.org/">https://www.saintdominickpt.org/</a> E-mail: <a href="mailto:secretary@saintdomchurch.com">secretary@saintdomchurch.com</a> Phone: 423-288-8101



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic Pilgrimage**  
**July 17-24, 2024**  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

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. Pricing ranges from \$541-\$1,098 per pilgrim, depending on the occupancy of the room

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

1. [Dioknox.org/Revival](http://Dioknox.org/Revival),
2. Email at [Revival@DioKnox.org](mailto:Revival@DioKnox.org),
3. Phone at 423-596-0181

**YOUR KARM DONATIONS  
BENEFIT THE SVDP FOOD PANTRY**



Did you know that your donations to KARM can benefit our food pantry "Neighbors in Need"? All you have to do is take the items you want to donate to any of the KARM locations. Tell them that these donations are to benefit St. Francis of Assisi—Townsend. SVDP then receives gift cards from KARM which we give to our neighbors for purchasing clothing and other items. We have been getting \$100 to \$150 in gift cards each quarter, so your donations are greatly helping! Thank you for helping us and helping your brothers and sisters in need by doing this.

