



**SEPTEMBER 29, 2024**  
**26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

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**MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

- HOLY MASS:** Saturday 4:00PM (Vigil Mass) The Rosary is prayed 35 minutes before each Weekend Mass  
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 PM (Church confessional)  
Sunday Before Mass: 8:15 - 8:40 AM (Church confessional)  
Confessions may also be scheduled by calling the parish office for an appointment.
- HOLY DAYS:** Check bulletin or website

**PARISH MINISTRY TEAM**

<b>PASTOR</b> .....	Rev. Antonio Giraldo	<b>GARDENS &amp; GROUNDS</b> .....	Ilene Rainwater
<b>DEACON</b> .....	Deacon Jim Schmall	<b>FACILITIES</b> .....	David Girard
<b>OFFICE MANAGER</b> .....	Kathy Meyerkord	<b>SOCIAL MEDIA/WEBSITE</b> .....	JoAnne Romer-Aylward
<b>BOOKKEEPER</b> .....	Kathleen Halligan	<b>PASTORAL CARE</b> .....	Suzie Fay
<b>LITURGY/MUSIC DIRECTOR</b> .....	JoAnne Romer-Aylward	<b>ST. CLARE GIFT SHOP</b> .....	Camilla Sorrell
<b>DIR. OF RELIGIOUS ED.</b> .....	Julie Dew	<b>COLUMBARIUM</b> .....	Bob Eberhardt
<b>RCIA/OCIA</b> .....	Bruce Boudin	<b>WELCOMING, EVENTS &amp;</b> .....	All Parishioners
<b>ART &amp; ENVIRONMENT</b> .....	Norene O'Donnell	<b>SOCIALS TEAM (WEST)</b>	

**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 office a minimum of six months prior to the wedding for planning and preparation.
- 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 [sfabulletin7717@gmail.com](mailto:sfabulletin7717@gmail.com) with the subject of "Bulletin Announcement" by Tuesday 12:00PM. All submissions are subject to further editing.



How can St. Francis of Assisi be of assistance/service to you & your loved ones?  
Please contact Suzie Fay with our Pastoral Care Ministry at 423-829-5466 or the Parish office at 865-448-6070.

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

<b>Mon</b>	<b>9/30</b>	8:30 AM	Charles Fiorella
<b>Tue</b>	<b>10/1</b>	8:30 AM	David Roth
<b>Wed</b>	<b>10/2</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Thu</b>	<b>10/3</b>	8:30 AM	Norman L. Weiland
<b>Fri</b>	<b>10/4</b>	8:30 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
<b>Sat</b>	<b>10/5</b>	8:30 AM	John Adams
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10/6</b>	9:00 AM	Fr. Antonio & German Giraldo

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, Deb Koehler, Laken DuRussel, Marcus Bolte, Johnny Mallory, Louann Felske, Kathy Meyerkord, Stephanie Romer, John & Maria Bermudes, Anne Pate, Michael Slater

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:** *The sanctuary candle is lit in honor of Dan & Norene O'Donnell's 53<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary.* 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 for sanctuary flowers is \$40.00 for one week.



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

**Pope St. Leo the Great  
(c. 400 - 461)**

*"Our sharing  
in the Body and Blood of Christ  
has no other purpose  
than to transform us  
into that which we receive."*

**ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>9/30</b>	9:00 AM	Church & Hall Cleaning
<b>Tue</b>	<b>10/1</b>	4:00 PM	RCIA Class - PRC
<b>Wed</b>	<b>10/2</b>	1:00 PM	<b>NO Bible Study - PRC</b>
		5:00 PM	SVdP Meeting - PRC
<b>Thu</b>	<b>10/3</b>	4:00 PM	WEST Meeting - Shea Hall
<b>Fri</b>	<b>10/4</b>	9:00 AM	First Friday of the Month Adoration & Healing Svc.
<b>Sat</b>	<b>10/5</b>	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10/6</b>	9:00 AM	Mass—Bishop Mark Beckman here for Pastor Installation



**ST. CLARE GIFT SHOP**

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



### GROWING IN SPIRITUAL MATURITY

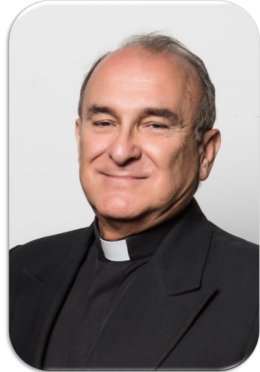
Today's readings are not about physical sight but insight. They provide three eye-openers to help us grow in spiritual maturity as we come closer to Christ. Each reading is a spotlight to guide us on our way. Each reading is a challenge to deeper sight, to insight.

The first reading from the Book of Numbers is about two men, Eldad and Medad, who were given the spirit of God even though they were not on Moses' list.

The second reading from the Letter of St. James is a call to look beyond what we have to the deeper question of what we are doing with it. Here, St. James writes about Christians who are cheating their servants. His point is wider than that one instance. Do our financial prosperity, natural talents and access to various resources benefit the Kingdom of God?

Finally, in today's Gospel reading Jesus speaks about temptations. There are two kinds of temptations to avoid. There are the temptations that come to us, and about these Jesus uses very dramatic terms. If your eye, arm, or leg is causing you to sin, cut it off. It is a very graphic way of saying that we should not toy with temptations.

We have three insightful questions for all of us from today's readings. The story from the Book of Numbers asks us: Do we recognize our allies in the work of the Gospel? St. James asks: What are we doing with our assets to serve the Gospel? Today's Gospel asks us: Are we resisting both the temptations that come to us and our being a temptation to others by spreading gossip about the wrongdoing of others?



### ***Installation of Reverend Antonio Giraldo As Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church Sunday, October 6, 2024 9:00 AM Mass Bishop Mark Beckman Presiding***

Please join together as a parish family as we officially celebrate the installation of Fr. Antonio as the Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. A reception will immediately follow the Mass in Shea Hall.



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*Christ is truly present  
among us in the Eucharist.  
His presence is not static.  
It is a dynamic presence  
that grasps us,  
to make us his own,  
to make us assimilate him.*”

- Pope Benedict XVI  
*from his book Heart of the Christian Life: Thoughts on the Holy Mass*



Catholic Women of the Parish you are invited to attend the October meeting!

**Tuesday, October 1, 2024**

9:15 Meet, Greet and get acquainted

9:30 Meeting begins

We will meet in Shea Hall to discuss and brainstorm future CCW projects. Please come and join in on the planning.

## CATECHISM

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### THE APOSTLE JUDE/THADDAEUS/JUDAS, SON OF JAMES/LEBBAEUS

May today find you filled with the peace of our Savior, Jesus! In today's Corner we will focus on the Apostle Jude. The name Jude is of Hebrew origin which means "praised" and "giver of joy." Remember Judah? One of the two tribes in the south. The name Judah is of Hebrew origin and means "praised."

From the Gospel of John 14:22, Judas, not the Iscariot, said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?" With this relatively innocent and short question, the Apostle Jude (not Iscariot) forever has the distinction of being the last of the Lord's Twelve Apostles to ask the living, not-yet-resurrected, Jesus a question. Also, within the context of this New Testament passage is a dilemma that all of the early Church Fathers, and all of the biblical commentators of the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles since those ancient days have had to contend with: that of confusing Jude (Judas in Greek), the apostle who went on to spread the Good News of Jesus to the world with that of Judas Iscariot, the apostle who betrayed the Lord.

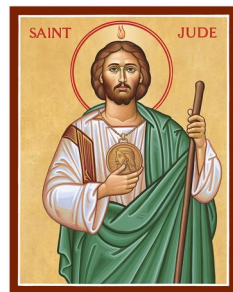
Recognizing that this possibility existed, the Gospel writers themselves did their best to make the distinction clear. In their lists of the Twelve Apostles, both Matthew and Mark refer to him as Thaddaeus. Luke lists his name as Judas, son of James. To confuse the situation even further, there exist a few New Testament translations where Matthew refers to the Apostle Jude as Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus. This Thaddaeus/Lebbaeus dilemma is quite easy to understand. Thaddaeus is a derivation of the Aramaic word *tad*, meaning "breast." Lebbaeus is derived from the Hebrew Word for "heart." Both words refer to someone who is loved by the person speaking his name. I hope this information cleared up the confusion.....a little!

Other than the brief question that he asked Jesus during the Last Supper and his listing of the Twelve Apostles in all of the four Gospels and Acts, nothing else is said about Jude. Other than the Western Church's tradition of celebrating him as being the "saint of lost causes," nothing else is known about him.

However, within the realm of the Eastern Church, especially that of the Armenian Church, there is a huge amount of written documents and oral history regarding the Apostle. As a matter of fact, they declare both their founding and Apostolic Authority by the Apostles Thaddaeus (the name Thaddaeus is preferred in the Eastern Church) and Bartholomew.

Jude/Thaddaeus was born in the Syrian city of Edessa, a city located along the Euphrates River in south central Turkey. Today, the city is known as Sanliurfa. He was a Hebrew born with name Lebbaeus. As a young man, he traveled to Jerusalem for a religious festival (a 600-mile journey!) where he heard a desert preacher name John the Baptist speak. He was so impressed with the message of the prophet that he ultimately was baptized by John. John was also impressed by this "man of heart," that John gave him the name Thaddaeus. And while traveling with the John the Baptist, he met Jesus. After John's execution by Herod, Jude/Thaddaeus followed Jesus. After Pentecost, Jude/Thaddaeus traveled to Edessa to heal the ruler named Abgar of an incurable disease. Edessa became the first recorded city in history to accept Christianity. After baptizing many thousands of converts and establishing many churches, Jude/Thaddaeus left Edessa forever.

Although there are conflicting traditions, it is generally thought that he next traveled through the region of eastern Turkey and continued to the region of modern-day Armenia (the ancient biblical land of the kingdom of Urartu) at the base of holy Mt. Ararat. Here's something really cool – the Apostle would have celebrated the Eucharist with wine produced from vines originally cultivated by old Noah himself! It was here around 60 AD, fifty miles from the summit of Mt. Ararat in what is today northwest Iran, that Jude/Thaddaeus would meet his martyrdom.



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It was just twelve years after Pentecost. In the town of Shavarshan in the Ardaz province, Jude/Thaddaeus baptized Santoukhd, the daughter of the local king. When the news of her conversion reached her father, he was furious. The king then ordered all Christians killed – including his daughter and the Apostle. A church and monastery were built over the site of Jude/Thaddaeus' original grave in the year 66 AD in what is today is the West Azerbaijan Province, Iran. The Church of St. Thaddaeus still stands today. The vast majority of the Apostle's earthly remains are in the crypt below the Altar of St. Joseph of the Vatican. How and why the Apostle's remains arrived there seems to be a complete mystery! The majority of the "reasons" were a response to the eighth-century Muslim conquest. St. Jude pray for us! Next week the Apostle Matthias! Have a most blessed week St. Francis!



### RCIA AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

Our RCIA classes have begun! Whether you are inquiring about the Catholic faith or are already a Catholic wishing to learn more about your faith, please join us in the PRC (Parish Resource Center) on Tuesdays at 4:00 PM! All are welcome! Bring your Bible and a copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Jim: sfadeacon7717@gmail.com OR 901-493-2123.

# Fall Fun Fest



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**SUNDAY, NOV 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**SHEA HALL 4-7 PM**

**Chili  
& fixins'**

**MUSIC**

**TRIVIA**



**DIY  
Desert Table**

**FUN**

**SUGGESTED DONATION TO HELP COVER FOOD COSTS:**

**ADULTS 8\$ - CHILDREN 5\$**



### SUNDAY MORNINGS COFFEE, PASTRIES, AND FELLOWSHIP

Each Sunday after the 9:00 AM Mass, the congregation is invited into Shea Hall for Coffee, Pastries, and Fellowship. Our parishioners and visitors have really been enjoying this ministry!

**YOUR** help is needed to supply the pastries each week and to keep this ministry active. If you are enjoying this ministry and would be able to help out supplying pastries, **please sign up** on the clipboard hanging in the kitchen area in Shea Hall.

Please contact Donna Czerniewski with your questions or for more information: (847-668-4074).



## OCTOBER 5 & 6 SECOND COLLECTION - MAINTENANCE FUND



Your donations made to this fund will help pay for the rising cost of maintaining our aging buildings and to continue with preventative maintenance. Most recently, we have utilized this fund to repair our aging air conditioning unit in the church. And, we are in the planning process of replacing the steps and ramp surrounding the PRC building. This would not be possible without your generous contributions to the Maintenance Fund! Thank you for your support!

Visitors to our beautiful little church on the Little River frequently ask where their donation would be of the most use. We are very thankful for our visitor's financial contributions, especially during our lean winter months when tourism typically declines, and this Maintenance Fund would be a great choice for ear-marking your donation!

To contribute to this fund, please place your pre-printed envelope in the second collection basket the weekend of October 5-6. If you do not have a pre-printed envelope, you may place cash or check in the second collection basket. Please, when you mail in your donation, mark on the envelope or check that it is for the "Maintenance" Fund and send it to:

St. Francis of Assisi Church (Maintenance Fund Contribution)  
7717 River Rd.  
Townsend, TN 37882



### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION - 10/4/24



*"Always remain close to the Catholic Church, because it alone can give you true peace, since it alone possesses Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, the true Prince of Peace."*

- St. Padre Pio

**Mass:** 8:30 AM  
**Adoration:** 9:00 - Noon  
**Healing Service:** 9:00  
**Benediction:** Noon

If you are interested in committing to a Holy Hour, please contact Jackie Wagner at 330-807-8663.

### HEALING MINISTRY AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH!



We have begun our healing ministry here at St. Francis of Assisi that will complement our First Friday of the Month Mass and Adoration.

If you would like to be trained to be a part of the healing team that will pray over individuals after the Mass, please call Darlene Leitz at 574-238-1705 or email darby321@comcast.net for more information.

*"Heal me, Lord, that I may be healed; save me, that I may be saved, for you are my praise." (Jeremiah 17:14)*

*"Sometimes it's hard to slow down and just 'be' where you are. When we sit and calm our minds and bodies, we are better able to be with the Lord who loves us and is there to protect us."*

DR. GREGORY BOTTARO  
& BARBRA BOTTARO  
*Sitting Like a Saint*

[DynamicCatholic.com](http://DynamicCatholic.com)



## THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In today's gospel Jesus tells his disciples: "Anyone who gives you a drink of water because you belong to Christ will not, I assure you, go without his reward." On September 27<sup>th</sup> the Church celebrated the feast of St. Vincent de Paul. The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are on the front line in laboring for the poor, they are among the first to know their real needs.

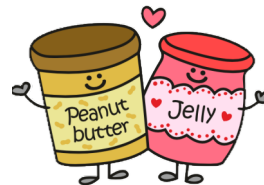
This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist many families, providing them with scheduled access to our Food Pantry as well as drive-through food offerings. We were also able to provide financial assistance with utility, rent and other bills.

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. All are welcome to attend!

**Thank You**  
for your continued support of SVDP!

### SVDP OCTOBER "PRODUCT OF THE MONTH" PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY



## WELCOMING EVENTS & SOCIAL TEAM MEETING

**Thursday, October 3, 2024**  
4:00 PM in Shea Hall

If you are a member of this parish, you are automatically (😊) a member of this team!

A special "shout-out" to all of our new parishioners: we would love to add your fresh faces and perspectives to our team meetings! Please come and join in the Fall and Winter planning activities for our parish!

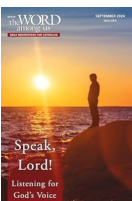


### RECYCLE YOUR OLD *MAGNIFICAT* AND *THE WORD AMONG US* ISSUES

The local Franciscan Fraternity is collecting outdated *Magnificat* or *The Word Among Us* issues to recycle and repurpose. **After careful consideration, the Fraternity cannot accept *Give Us This Day* due to incompatible formatting.**

Parts of these wonderful monthly prayer books are being used to create Mass Booklets for RCIA participants in the Diocese. The Franciscan Fraternity is hoping to make 600 Mass Booklets that will be distributed to RCIA candidates throughout the diocese to help them learn about the faith they are studying and preparing to enter into.

If you would like to be a part of this effort, please place your prayer books in the designated basket in Shea Hall (near the SVdP basket).



# UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
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
10/14/2024	Call to Action: All Day Prayer Vigil Planned Parenthood Opening 710 Cherry Street, Knoxville, TN	Online: N/A E-mail: <a href="mailto:cmr.easttennessee@gmail.com">cmr.easttennessee@gmail.com</a> Phone: N/A
10/19/2024	Season of Creation Retreat with Fr. Michael Cummins Bays Mountain Park - Kingsport, TN	Online: N/A E-mail: <a href="mailto:vickiverik@aol.com">vickiverik@aol.com</a> OR <a href="mailto:cjbrace@yahoo.com">cjbrace@yahoo.com</a> Phone: N/A
10/25/2024	Parish Family Fall Get Together Shea Hall 6:00 PM	Online: N/A E-mail: <a href="mailto:stfrancistownsend7717@gmail.com">stfrancistownsend7717@gmail.com</a> Phone: 865-448-6070
11/16/2024	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training Shea Hall 10:00 AM	Online: N/A E-mail: <a href="mailto:komesseenger@gmail.com">komesseenger@gmail.com</a> Phone: 225-572-7663
12/15/2024	Parish Christmas Party at The Barn Event Center in Townsend	Online: N/A E-mail: <a href="mailto:stfrancistownsend7717@gmail.com">stfrancistownsend7717@gmail.com</a> Phone: 865-448-6070



## CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH CHRISTMAS BOX OF JOY PROGRAM

Our St. Francis of Assisi Council of Catholic Women group is once again sponsoring the Cross Catholic Outreach Christmas Box of Joy project. A Box of Joy is a Christmas shoebox that is donated and packed with toys, clothing, school supplies and other treasured items by U.S. parishes, schools and groups. Each child who receives a Box of Joy also receives a rosary and a booklet in their own language that tells the story of

Jesus. Boxes of Joy are sent to children in developing countries like Haiti, Malawi and the Dominican Republic and provide hope to children in need: Each gift represents Christ's love, and may be the only Christmas gift they receive.

You can fill your own Christmas Box of Joy (available in the PRC or at the St. Clare Gift Shop) or purchase a box online at <https://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/> and then click on "Donate a Box of Joy Online." If you choose to fill your own box, please return the box to the church by November 1<sup>st</sup> so that we can get them to the Diocese drop-off point. CCW will pay the \$9.00 shipping fee. If you have any questions, please contact Ilene Rainwater at 865-748-1873.



Donate a Box of Joy Online