



NOVEMBER 10, 2024
32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH
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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

PASTORRev. Antonio Giraldo	GARDENS & GROUNDSIlene Rainwater
DEACONDeacon Jim Schmall	FACILITIESDavid Girard
OFFICE MANAGERKathy Meyerkord	SOCIAL MEDIA/WEBSITEJoAnne Romer-Aylward
BOOKKEEPERKathleen Halligan	PASTORAL CARESuzie Fay
LITURGY/MUSIC DIRECTORJoAnne Romer-Aylward	ST. CLARE GIFT SHOPCamilla Sorrell
DIR. OF RELIGIOUS ED.Julie Dew	COLUMBARIUMBob Eberhardt
RCIA/OCIABruce Boudin	WELCOMING, EVENTS &All Parishioners
ART & ENVIRONMENTNorene O'Donnell	SOCIALS TEAM (WEST)

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 sfbulletin7717@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.)

Mon 11/11 8:30 AM Monica Nouhan
Tue 11/12 8:30 AM Joe & Mary Alice Trombetta
Wed 11/13 **NO MASS**
Thu 11/14 8:30 AM Pat Baker
Fri 11/15 8:30 AM Evelyn Provenzo
Sat 11/16 8:30 AM Ted Jastrab & John Peacock
Sun 11/17 9:00 AM Iva Ruth & R.Q. Deas

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, Stephanie Romer, John & Maria Bermudes, Anne Pate, Michael Slater, Rocky Brach

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: *The Sanctuary Flowers are in memory of Raymond Simons given by Eric and Gail*

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 one week.



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

*Pope St. John Paul II
(1920 - 2005)*

“The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world. ... Let Jesus - present in the Blessed Sacrament - speak to your hearts. It is he who is the true answer of life that you seek. He stays here with us: He is God with us. Seek him without tiring; welcome him without reserve; love him without interruption: today, tomorrow, forever!”



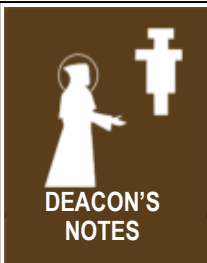
Eucharisticrevival.org

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon 11/11 9:00 AM Church & Hall Cleaning
Tue 11/12 4:00 PM RCIA Class - PRC
Wed 11/13 1:00 PM Bible Study - PRC
Thu 11/14 12:00 PM WEST Meeting Shea Hall
Fri 11/15
Sat 11/16 10:00 AM EOMHC Training
 4:00 PM Vigil Mass
Sun 11/17 9:00 AM Mass

**YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL SUMMARY
7/1/2024 - 9/30/2024**

Year-to-Date Total Donations\$46,245.75
 Year-to-Date Expenses\$54,419.48
 Year-to-Date **DEFICIT****(\$8,173.73)**



GENUINE HOLINESS

The central characters in Mark's gospel are Jesus and the Twelve, along with the various opponents. While there are a number of "minor" characters throughout the entire narrative, there emerges with Bartimaeus at the end of chapter 10 a series of minor characters who (in contrast to the Twelve who become increasingly uncomprehending) respond to Jesus in remarkably positive ways. They include, the friendly scribe of last Sunday's reading, the generous widow in today's text, the woman who anoints Jesus at the beginning of passion narrative, Simon of Cyrene, the centurion at the cross, the women at the cross and at Jesus's tomb and Joseph of Arimathea who sees to Jesus's burial. The reader is encouraged to admire and identify with these "minor" figures.

Today's passage from Mark 12 features a contrast between scribes who carefully cultivate their reputation for holiness and a poor widow who is really holy. The description that Jesus gives of the scribes in today's passage from Mark is very negative. He first accuses them of being too flashy in their piety and of doing everything in public in order to gain a reputation for being holy. Then he charges them with using their position to take advantage of widows, the most defenseless members of Jewish society in Jesus's time.

Unlike the scribes, Jesus points to the poor widow as a positive example of generosity and the true religious spirit. The scene takes place at the Jerusalem temple, a large complex of structures more like a campus than a cathedral. There seem to have been several trumpet-shaped metal receptacles into which people could throw coins for the upkeep of the temple. Those who threw in many coins would make a lot of noise, while the widow who tossed in two small coins would make hardly any noise at all. In this circumstance Jesus points to the poor widow as a good example, a model of humble generosity. The Hebrew word for widow means "unable to speak." In biblical times, the husband always spoke for his wife. If her husband died, the widow had no one to speak for her. Therefore, a widow was a silent one. Widowhood meant silence. In today's Gospel a widow gives her last two coins. With no other coins to jingle in her purse, her purse was silent. A silent widow with a silent purse. Even though she contributed little in quantity, the quality of her giving - she gave all she had - makes her into a good example to be imitated. This "minor" character reminds us that genuine holiness resides in a humble and generous spirit before God.



SECOND COLLECTION - NOVEMBER 16 & 17



A second collection will be taken up on November 16 and 17 for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development.** The proceeds from this collection help promote

and support non-Catholic community-controlled, self-help organizations and education programs. Please see the bulletin insert for detailed information about this campaign.

*** Thank You ***

VETERANS

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

CATECHISM

CORNER



Happy 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time! (And it doesn't matter which weekend Mass you go to - Saturday OR Sunday: BOTH Masses celebrate the same occasion - in this case the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time!)

This week's Corner continues with our Gospel artists - beginning with a little more info about the word "gospel:" the Greek term for gospel (euangelion) means "good news," and it could be used in a variety of senses. Naturally, it could refer to hearing about any good thing that has happened. However, it often was used to refer to announcements by or about the Roman emperor.

The Gospel of Mark is the shortest of all the Gospels and likely the first to have been written, yet it often tells of Jesus' ministry in more detail than either Matthew or Luke! The framework of Mark's Gospel is partly geographical and is even more oriented to Christology: Jesus is the Son of God; He is the Messiah, the anointed king of Davidic descent. Mark's Gospel has Jesus also seen as the Son of Man and one of Mark's main objectives is to portray Jesus as human as well as God – which everyone already accepted.

The tradition of the early Church is unanimous in attributing the second Gospel to Mark, the disciple and interpreter of Peter the apostle. We know that Mark was born in Jerusalem and that his mother's name was Mary. The first Christians used her house as a meeting place. It was there Peter sought refuge after being miraculously freed from prison (Acts 12:12). Quite probably the apostle himself baptized Mark in his own home; he refers to Mark as his son (1Pet. 5:1), and some authorities identify Mark's house with the cenacle (the room in which the Last Supper was held).

Mark accompanied Paul on his first apostolic journey, around the year 45, but after reaching Perga in Pamphylia he headed back to Jerusalem (Acts 13:13). At the time of Paul's second journey, Barnabas took Mark, his cousin, on a separate journey. A few years later Mark joined Peter, who gave him a first-hand account of "all that Jesus said and did." The Holy Spirit used this to inspire him to write the Gospel which bears his name; it was probably written about the year 60. *Catholic.com*

The Gospel of Mark begins with the statement that it is "the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God." Jesus is pictured as a man of action and authority. His authority is seen in His teaching, in His power over demons, and in forgiving people's sins. Jesus speaks of Himself as the Son of Man, who came to give His life to set people free from sin.

The Gospel of Mark presents the story of Jesus in a straightforward, vigorous way, with emphasis on what Jesus did, rather than on His words and teachings. After a brief prologue about John the Baptist and the baptism and temptation of Jesus, the writer immediately takes up Jesus' ministry of healing and teaching. As time goes on, the followers of Jesus come to understand Him better, but Jesus' opponents become more hostile. The closing chapters report the events of Jesus' last week of earthly life, especially His crucifixion and resurrection. Here's an interesting tidbit: the two endings to the Gospel of Mark, which are enclosed in brackets, are generally regarded as written by someone other than the author of Mark!

"Mark addressed his Gospel to Christians of Gentile origin living in Rome, but, of course, being a Gospel it had a universal purpose: the spread of the good news of salvation to all the nations. Within the framework of the gift of inspiration, Mark's aim was not so much to show that Jesus was the promised Messiah (which was Matthew's approach in writing for Jews, because he wanted to show how the Old Testament promises had been fulfilled in Jesus); his aim, rather, was to give an account of Christ's life based on what he had heard directly from Peter.



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Therefore, he lays the emphasis on those events or miracles which will help the Roman Christians to see more clearly the divinity of Jesus, in whom they already believed. This perhaps, is why his Gospel has been called “the gospel of miracles.”” *Catholic.com* The Gospel of Mark is symbolically represented by a “winged lion.” I hope ya’ll are enjoying this “talk”! I know I am! Next week we will “discuss” the Gospel of Luke! Have a **most** wonderful week filled with the beauty of our Almighty Artist!



ANGEL GIVING TREE 2024

It is time again for our annual Angel Tree, benefitting the foster children of Blount and surrounding counties. Please consider taking a tag or two from the tree and filling the wishes of a foster child in need.

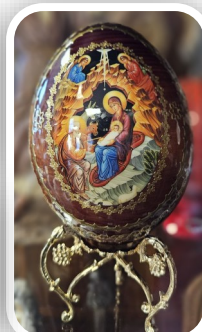
If you would like to participate, but would rather not shop, there is the option of donating by check made out to the Blount County Foster Association, or with a gift card.

Gifts can be wrapped or not, whichever you prefer and need to be brought in by Sunday, December 8th to allow for time to get them to the children. Feel free to contact Laura Rapien with any questions. St. Francis has always been so generous and supportive of our foster children and on behalf of the children and our foster association, sincere thanks to all of you for your help with the Angel Tree.



ST. CLARE GIFT SHOP

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



The Gift Shop is fully stocked with Christmas items awaiting your early Christmas Shopping! The gift shop is open after weekend Masses and by request/appointment after daily Masses.



IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER

We honor the dead during the month of November. Our *Names of the Dead* book is on the table in the St. Padre Pio/St. Clare alcove in the church for the month of November.

BOOK OF THE DEAD: Please feel free to write the names of loved ones who have died **this past year** (November 1, 2023 - November 1, 2024) in the book so that the repose of their souls may be prayed over (collectively) at each weekend Mass during the month of November.

REMEMBRANCE TABLES: Please place framed photos of loved ones who have died (**NOT restricted** to this past year) on the remembrance tables in the church alcove.



“ Praying for the dead is a very beautiful gesture of faith, and it means not only remembering them, but also helping them in their journey of purification. ”

- Pope Benedict XVI
All Souls' Day Mass



WELCOMING EVENTS & SOCIAL TEAM MEETING

Thursday, November 14, 2024

NOON in Shea Hall

If you are a member of this parish, you are automatically a member of this team! Please come and join in the Christmas, Winter, and Spring planning activities for our parish!



training

EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS OF
HOLY COMMUNION



**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 16TH
10:00 AM**

If you would like to learn more about becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please join us for the November training session.

Liturgical ministers have the wonderful privilege of helping others participate in the transforming reality we call the Church's liturgy. Whether we are proclaiming a Scripture reading, taking up the collection, distributing Communion, carrying a candle, or preparing the liturgical environment, our goal is the same: to help others find in the liturgy what we have found - a community of believers, a school of holiness, and a place of encounter with Jesus Christ.

When we go to Mass, we never come out the same, because liturgy is meant to change us. The Church puts a strong emphasis on participation in the liturgy: If we participate fully, consciously, and actively in the liturgy, we cannot fail to be transformed and do our part to transform the world we live in. As liturgical ministers we are called to do just that, and to help others do the same. Everyone participates at Mass on some level. For more information please contact Karen Messenger: komessenger@gmail.com, 225-572-7663.



Our RCIA classes continue! 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 - even if you haven't been with us since

the first session! Bring your Bible and a copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Jim: sfdeacon7717@gmail.com OR 901-493-2123.



HEALING MINISTRY AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

Do you know that we have a healing ministry here at St. Francis of Assisi that complements our First Friday of the Month Mass and Adoration?

The healing service is offered concurrently with adoration. Healing ministers are available in Shea Hall and the sacristy while Adoration is available in the church. If you would like to be trained to be a part of the healing team, please call Darlene Leitz at 574-238-1705 or email darby321@comcast.net for more information.



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us: "I want you to observe that this poor widow contributed more than all the others who donated to the treasury. They gave from their surplus wealth, but she gave from her want, all that she had to live on."

Ask yourself "Am I only giving from my surplus wealth?" and then put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box so that those who are suffering will be able to know God's love and care.

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 1st and 3rd
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 NOVEMBER "PRODUCT OF THE MONTH" DISH SOAP AND SPONGES



Advent Retreat with Fr. Julian Peters, OSB

Saturday, December 7 - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

&

*Sunday, December 8 (Following Mass)
10:20 AM - 12:30 PM*

Sign up in Shea Hall!



Fr. Julian Peters, OSB, a monk and priest of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, currently serves as director of the Institute for Priests and Presbyterates at Saint Meinrad. He is also a member of the Archabbot's Council, and one of the commuting chaplains for the Benedictine Sisters of the Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, IN.

Fr. Julian was born October 29, 1960, in Toledo, OH. He entered the monastery on August 5, 1982, and professed his solemn vows on August 15, 1986. He was ordained a priest on May 7, 1988. Fr. Julian attended both Saint Meinrad College and School of Theology, receiving a bachelor's degree in Classics (Latin) in 1982 and a Master of Divinity in 1988. In 1994, he received a master's degree in non-profit administration from the University of Notre Dame.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
11/16/2024	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training Shea Hall 10:00 AM	Online: N/A E-mail: komessenger@gmail.com Phone: 225-572-7663
12/7-8/2024	Parish Advent Retreat Shea Hall and Church Sat 9 - 3:00 / Sun 10:20 - 12:30	Online: N/A E-mail: jdewtn2018@gmail.com Phone: 954-749-3929
12/14-16/2024	The Nativity Pageant of Knoxville, Inc. Knoxville Civic Coliseum 3:00, 3:00, and 7:00 PM Respectively	Online: KnoxvilleNativity.com QRcode: See flyer in Shea Hall Donation: See flyer in Shea Hall
12/15/2024	Parish Christmas Party at The Barn Event Center in Townsend	Online: N/A E-mail: stfrancistownsend7717@gmail.com Phone: 865-448-6070
12/22/2024	Santa Visits St. Francis of Assisi! After Mass ~10:30 AM	Online: N/A E-mail: stfrancistownsend7717@gmail.com Phone: 865-448-6070
2/21/2025	SAVE THE DATE!!!! Esteban Salazar & Friends in Concert Church and Hall	Online: N/A E-mail: joannera.726@gmail.com Phone: 859-361-4561

Parish Christmas Party

December 15th - 4 - 7:00 PM

The Barn Event Center

\$53 per person - Please sign up in Shea Hall

Full payment due by Sunday, December 1st

Bring a wrapped **NON-BREAKABLE ornament if you would like to participate in the ornament exchange game.**

Please make your checks (preferred payment method) payable to St. Francis of Assisi Church