



## FEBRUARY 16, 2025 SIXTH 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

<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 MANAGERS</b> .....	Katrina Allocco & Lesa Schmall	<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> .....	Dc. Jim Schmall	<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>2/17</b>	8:30 AM	Timothy John Mallon
<b>Tue</b>	<b>2/18</b>	8:30 AM	Susan Barclay
<b>Wed</b>	<b>2/19</b>	<b>NO MORNING MASS</b>	
<b>Thu</b>	<b>2/20</b>	8:30 AM	Brian Barker
<b>Fri</b>	<b>2/21</b>	8:30 AM	Charlotte Fernandez
<b>Sat</b>	<b>2/22</b>	4:00 PM	Isabella Mallon
<b>Sun</b>	<b>2/23</b>	9:00 AM	Yvonne Peychal

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, 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, Dennis Richards, Jeff Herzog, Edward McCaughey, Marion McCaughey, Sue Wood, George Murr

**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 one week.



**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.



**ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>2/17</b>	9:00 AM	Church & Hall Cleaning
<b>Tue</b>	<b>2/18</b>	4:00 PM	RCIA - PRC
<b>Wed</b>	<b>2/19</b>	5:00 PM	SVdP - PRC
<b>Thu</b>	<b>2/20</b>		
<b>Fri</b>	<b>2/21</b>	7:00 PM	Concert in Church
<b>Sat</b>	<b>2/22</b>	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass
<b>Sun</b>	<b>2/23</b>	9:00 AM	Mass



*Esteban Salazar*  
TENOR



*Christian Correa*  
TENOR



*Laura Gómez*  
SOPRANO

**ESTEBAN & FRIENDS  
IN  
CONCERT**

**FEB 21, 2025  
7:00 PM**

Admission is Free.

A Love Offering  
will be collected.

Wine & Cheese Gathering  
6:15 PM  
Reception and Refreshments  
following the concert

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church  
7717 River Rd.  
Townsend, TN 37882



## PERFECT JOY

I love the Beatitudes. They were one of my mom's favorite verses. She chose Matthew's Beatitudes as the Gospel reading for her funeral Mass. Today we hear Luke's version. What we refer to as the Sermon on the Mount in Saint Matthew's Gospel is known as the Sermon on the Plain in St. Luke's Gospel. Both texts include the Beatitudes, words from Jesus to live by.

The word beatitude literally means happiness. Jesus says we can have happiness but only after a transformation within, a life conversion. This call to conversion includes everyone. We achieve this by dying to self and living for God and neighbor without counting the cost.

The world gives us a different idea of happiness. People spend their time and money on trying to get rich, or by trying to keep up with the Jones', or by searching for the fountain of youth. But these are all fleeting things. In order to be truly happy, Jesus tells us we must empty ourselves of things that can turn us away from God.

Poverty of spirit means possessing God above everything else. We do not need a fatter bank account, or a faster car, or eternal youth. Again, those things are fleeting and don't last. You have heard the old cliché; you can't take it with you. The late Reverend Billy Graham said it best, "you never see a U-Haul in a funeral procession."

In order to satisfy our hunger, we must find our nourishment and strength in God. God will give real life and genuine happiness to those who know they need God. These are the humble of heart. The joys of Heaven will make up for the trials and tribulations we face here on Earth. We all need joy in our lives. Saint Thomas Aquinas, who died 1274, said that no person can live without it. That is why those deprived of spiritual joy seek out other forms of it, only to discover that real joy, what really satisfies and lasts forever, is joy in God.

May we know the joy and happiness of belonging to God alone, through Christ our Lord and in the Holy Spirit. May our hunger and thirst not be for material things but for the kingdom of peace and righteousness which God is offering us all. May we find perfect joy in doing the will of God, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen!



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

*St. Dominic Savio (1842-1857)*

*"I need nothing in this world in order to be happy. I only need to see Jesus in Heaven, whom I now see and adore on the altar with the eyes of faith."*



Our RCIA classes meet on Tuesdays in the Parish Resource Center (PRC) at 4:00 PM. 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 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*. Questions? Please contact Deacon Jim: [sfadeacon7717@gmail.com](mailto:sfadeacon7717@gmail.com) OR 901-493-2123.

## CATECHISM

CORNER



BY: Julie Dew

Happy, happy weekend St. Francis! This week in the Corner I'm going to try to explain the "rubrics" of the Mass! What are the rubrics of the Mass? I'm glad you asked! (Don't worry there will be no test or grade!)

Just like in Math you have a rubric which serves as a guideline for both teaching and grading, detailing the expectations for an assignment by articulating various performance levels and the criteria for each level.

Rubrics are the instructions for the Mass. They're something like the stage directions in a play. Most of the Mass is made up of spoken words, but the rubrics tell us how those words are to be spoken and what the priest and other participants should be doing while they're speaking them. When talking about the Catholic Mass, the liturgy of the Roman Rite in its Ordinary Form is governed by rubrics which are the rules and instructions for the recitation of the 1.) Divine Office, 2.) the celebration of Mass, and 3.) the administration of the sacraments.

They provide guidance on how to participate in the Catholic Mass and other liturgical celebrations. An example of a "rubric" for the Mass would be "C. The Hymn Gloria in excelsis." When it is said read rubric #431 or when it is omitted read #432. And there are several specifics under each number!!

Observing the rubrics as laid down by the authority of the Church, is then, a vital part in regulating the public worship of God and ultimately in ensuring, particularly during the Mass, that all due reverence and honor are given to the Blessed Sacrament. It is for this reason that the rubrics, found for example in the Roman Missal, tend toward precision, but we must readily guard against celebrating the rules for themselves or allowing them to obscure the very reason for their function.

The General Rubrics of the Roman Missal include the Code of Rubrics and the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM). Needless to say, there is much thought, preparation, and prayer that goes into the proper celebration of Mass. Fortunately, JoAnne is very knowledgeable of the rubrics, not to mention the GIRM. We are blessed!

Here's a question I've been asked: is "Liturgical Dancing" permissible? In 1975, the Congregation for the Sacraments and Divine Worship prepared a document titled *Religious Dance, An Expression of Spiritual Joy* which it declared is to be treated as "an authoritative point of reference for every discussion on the matter." Although the document noted that religious dance plays a positive role in many cultures, dance has never been made an integral part of the official worship of the Latin Church. The document also names a number of specific cultures where religious dance plays or has played a role in the liturgy. Examples are Aztec dancers that honor Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Ethiopians. But the document is forceful in stating that this does not mean religious dance can be used in the liturgy in Western culture.

This does not mean that religious dance cannot be done at all. It can be done, but only when three conditions are met: 1.) that it not take place during the Mass, 2.) that it not take place in strictly liturgical areas (the sanctuary or nave of a church), and 3.) that priests do not participate in the religious dance. *Page 213 Mass Confusion*

In 1994 the same Vatican congregation ruled: Among some peoples, singing is instinctively accompanied by hand-clapping, rhythmic swaying, and dance movements on the part of the participants. Such forms of external expression can have a place in the liturgical actions of these peoples on condition that they are always the expression of true communal prayer of adoration, praise, offering and supplication, and not simply a performance. (Instruction on Inculturation and the Roman Liturgy, 42)

Hope you enjoyed the Corner! Have a wonderful and joy-filled week!



### THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In the Gospel today, Jesus gives us the blessings of serving the poor, hungry and weeping people, for you will then rejoice and leap for joy. But Jesus also teaches us the decisiveness of choice: blessing or woe. Choosing to help those who are suffering will fill your heart with the blessing of Jesus and indeed your reward will be great in heaven.

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 FEBRUARY "PRODUCT OF THE MONTH" PASTA AND PASTA SAUCE

### KNOXVILLE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

34th BIENNIAL CONVENTION — APRIL 24 - 26, 2025  
St. Mary's Catholic Church, Johnson City, TN  
For more information and registration, visit us at [www.kdcccw.org](http://www.kdcccw.org)

#### 2025 CONVENTION SPEAKERS

Dr. Anne DeSantis	Evelyn Garcia	Michele Marquis
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"In every moment, choose your best self. If you do, you will be choosing happiness for you and for all those you touch in this life. You are the best gift you can give to yourself and to the world."

MATTHEW KELLY

*The RHYTHM of LIFE*  
25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

### ST. CLARE GIFT SHOP

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

### TWO MASSES ON EASTER SUNDAY THIS YEAR:

**9:00 AM and 11:30 AM**

A second Mass will be added on Easter Sunday this year (April 20, 2025) in an effort to alleviate the overcrowded conditions that occur at the 9:00 AM Easter Sunday Mass. More information will be made available on our website and our Lenten Calendar/Schedule that will be distributed in a couple of weeks, but for now please feel free to plan your Easter Sunday brunches, family time, and egg hunts accordingly!

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
1/19-4/13/2025	GriefShare Weekly grief support group Highland Manor Inn - Townsend, TN	Online: GriefShare.org/findagroup E-mail: plsteele68@yahoo.com Phone: (text) 865-306-1956
2/21/2025	Esteban Salazar & Friends in Concert Church and Hall	Online: N/A E-mail: joannera.726@gmail.com Phone: 859-361-4561
2/23/2025	Celebrate Your Marriage 4:00 PM Mass at the Cathedral with Bishop Beckman	Online: Scan QR code on poster in Shea Hall E-mail: ckrings@dioknox.org Phone: 865-862-5739
2/28-3/2/2025	Retrouvaille - A lifeline for Marriages	Online: www.HelpOurMarriage.com E-mail: nrv3043@gmail.com Phone: 931-820-2115
3/5/2025	ASH WEDNESDAY Mass and Ashes: 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM	Online: Coming Soon: www.stfrancistownsend.org E-Mail: StFrancisTownsend7717@gmail.com Phone: Church Office: 865-448-6070
3/22/2025	Women's Lenten Retreat 7:30 AM with Sarah Hart; Mass with Bishop Beckman - Cleveland, TN	Online: See poster in Shea Hall; Scan QR Code Phone: 423-943-4147 (Pam Morgan) <b>OR:</b> Phone: 423-470-2560 (Susan Collins)
4/8/2025	WES Team (WEST) Meeting Noon - Shea Hall	Online: N/A E-Mail: StFrancisTownsend7717@gmail.com Phone: Church Office: 865-448-6070
4/20/2025	<b>2 Easter Sunday Masses This Year: 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM</b>	Online: Coming Soon: www.stfrancistownsend.org E-Mail: StFrancisTownsend7717@gmail.com Phone: Church Office: 865-448-6070
4/24-26/2025	Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Biennial Convention St. Mary's Church - Johnson City, TN	Online: www.kdccb.org <b>AND</b> See poster in Shea Hall Phone: 407-252-0320 (Karen Agnello) <b>OR:</b> Phone: 901-485-1965 (Amy Schaefer)
5/4/2025	Cinco de Mayo Potluck Shea Hall 4-7 PM	Online: Poster and Sign-up Sheets Coming Soon E-mail: N/A Phone: N/A
9/20-10/9/2025	11-Day Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy with Fr. Bill McNeeley	Online: Scan QR code on poster in Shea Hall E-mail: ascensiontourstravel@gmail.com Phone: 800-351-9893