



## FEBRUARY 9, 2025 FIFTH 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>2/10</b>	8:30 AM	Norman Weiland
<b>Tue</b>	<b>2/11</b>	8:30 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
<b>Wed</b>	<b>2/12</b>	<b>NO MORNING MASS</b>	
<b>Thu</b>	<b>2/13</b>	8:30 AM	Marion Ganley
<b>Fri</b>	<b>2/14</b>	8:30 AM	Virginia Ann Welch
<b>Sat</b>	<b>2/15</b>	4:00 PM	Andrew T. Roth
<b>Sun</b>	<b>2/16</b>	9:00 AM	Oliva de Restrepo & Abelardo Restrepo Rendon

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 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 one week.



**FINANCIAL SUMMARY THROUGH 12/31/2024**

Revenues.....	\$111,002.89
Expenses .....	\$109,167.33
Surplus.....	<b>(\$1,835.56)</b>

**ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>2/10</b>	9:00 AM	Church & Hall Cleaning
<b>Tue</b>	<b>2/11</b>	4:00 PM	RCIA - PRC
<b>Wed</b>	<b>2/12</b>		
<b>Thu</b>	<b>2/13</b>		
<b>Fri</b>	<b>2/14</b>		
<b>Sat</b>	<b>2/15</b>	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass
<b>Sun</b>	<b>2/16</b>	9:00 AM	Mass



**ST. CLARE GIFT SHOP**

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



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 OR 901-493-2123.



## PASTOR'S NOTES

### LIVING DEEPLY IN THE WATERS OF OUR OWN BAPTISM

Today's first reading is from the prophet Isaiah who lived about 725 years before Christ. He describes his call from God to be a prophet. The setting is in Jerusalem in the temple.

Notice he is unable to describe what God looks like. In this experience he becomes aware of his own unworthiness.

In the other two readings we hear how two other people experienced God in Jesus Christ:

Paul in his vision of Jesus Christ and Peter in the miraculous catch of fish. The Corinthians were having a problem accepting the idea of the resurrection of the body. They thought our body came back to life with the same problems, weaknesses, and flaws it had before we died. They thought their spirits would be freer without their bodies.

That's not so, Paul said. He tells them, "What I handed on to you, as of first importance, I also received." Because it is such an important doctrine, Paul dedicated the whole last part of his letter to the resurrection. Notice the kind of language he uses to indicate this is the Tradition of the Church: "I handed on to you what I also received." That is, this is what the Church always believed about Jesus, that although he was put to death, his body now lives and he is seated at the right hand of the Father. Paul goes on (beyond this passage) to explain how we too shall rise to new life with him. It is a new world God is creating, in the risen Lord Jesus.

That's where our gospel comes in: Peter and the apostles, who were among the many who visibly saw Jesus after his resurrection, would now be bringing people into God's perfect Kingdom, leading them through Baptism and the Eucharist to a new life, where there would be no more pain or suffering or even death.

Today's gospel passage from Luke reveals Jesus's authority to bring people to the Father. Jesus' inner life is revealed in Simon's anxiety about catching fish and making a life. Simon broke his routine, Peter had to let go of his control, his certainty about how to catch fish. He left a space in his heart for something new to happen, and he was overwhelmed by the miracle and overcome with joy.

We also carry the heavy burdens of our responsibilities as we work to make ends meet and sort through the daily chaos of life. We are all challenged to live in the constant unfolding of grace within our call as Christians.

Conversion is life-long. Change is food for our souls in Christ Jesus. Jesus calls us to respond to life and all of its complexities with hope and love. The call of Christ to follow, to become fishers of people to God, is to live deeply in the waters of our own baptism. The more we trust, the deeper our life is in Christ. Jesus asks us to dive into the deep end of the pool. Jesus is committed to us; He will not leave no matter what. Jesus said to Simon: 'Do not be afraid' When we look around and see that the world is in terrible shape, let us not lose hope. God hasn't abandoned us, rather God continues to send people who will help to establish his eternal kingdom, people like Isaiah, people like Paul, people like Peter and the apostles, people like you and me.



## CATECHISM

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BY: Julie Dew

Welcome to the Catechism Corner where this week we will continue to answer questions concerning the Mass!

I have had questions regarding how the intentions listed in the Prayer of the Faithful (I like the acronym POF) or *Universal Prayer* are “created.” Many people mistakenly call this the Prayers (plural) of the Faithful, when, in fact, it is a number of intentions gathered together to make ONE PRAYER of the Faithful.

During my experience formulating school Masses, I needed to educate myself with preparing “The Prayer of the Faithful.” During this time within the Mass, the congregation prays for the needs of the Church and the world. The prayer is introduced by the presiding priest, and the people respond to each intention with a short invocation such as “Lord, hear our prayer.” The intentions are personalized (look especially at number four below) and may vary based on the liturgical season. The GIRM (69) is very explicit with this information. The Prayer of the Faithful/Universal Prayer, typically follows this formula which includes intentions for 1) the Church, 2) public authorities and the salvation of the whole world, 3) those burdened by any kind of difficulty, and 4) the local community.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1349) states that these intentions are a response to the Word of God and are an expression of the priestly people. Remember these intentions contain petitions, not words of thanksgiving or praise. These intentions are audibly expressed for the whole assembly to hear and respond to together with one voice. When looking at “the formula” there really is no need for anything else! And remember, we have private prayer time before Mass begins for the special prayers and intentions we hold in our heart for our family and friends.

Another question (many, actually) arises when talking about the “Sign of Peace.” This part of the Mass is called the Rite of Peace which follows The Lord’s Prayer wherein we have just prayed the Our Father: “And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;” (Matt. 6:12).

Liturgical commentators regard the exchange of Peace before the Offertory as a symbol of mutual affection, connected with Matthew 5:23-24: “Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.” - *catholic.com*

The Offertory is literally the offering of our “gifts” to God, so this is our chance to renew our charity, to make ourselves more worthy of making this offering. I don’t know about you, but growing up in a large family of seven, it was “difficult” most times getting ready for Mass without some not-so-nice behavior! This part of the Mass was very important for us to forgive each other of actions prior to communion.

In the post-Vatican II liturgical reform, there was a desire to include the people more closely in the ceremony, which revived these dilemmas. At least in principle, a simultaneous handshake is quick, is hygienic, and can be done between men and women. Its weakness lies in undermining the connection between the peace exchanged among the people with the peace that comes from Christ, really present on the altar. To minimize disruption, the presider is actually forbidden from leaving the sanctuary to give the sign of Peace to the congregation (GIRM 82, 152), though this rule is often ignored. Remember that priest I’ve discussed before? Well, he would go up and down the middle aisle, talk about a disruption! (Forgive me Lord!) So, needless to say, it is advisable by the GIRM to offer the sign of peace only to those who are nearest to you (both sides and behind) and in a sober manner. (GIRM 82)

Have a glorious week!



### THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In the Gospel today, the disciples decide to leave everything to follow Jesus. We are also called to follow Jesus, who tells us that “whatever you do to the least of mine, you do for me.” Please pray for the poor and the suffering, knowing that you are bringing the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

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
		

## James Turner Hrom

*Born August 30, 1953*



**Entered into Eternal Life**

**February 1, 2025**

*Well done, good and faithful servant..*

*Enter into the joy of your Lord.*

*Matthew 25:23*



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*Everyone who breathes,  
high and low,  
educated and ignorant,  
young and old,  
man and woman,  
has a mission, has a work.  
God sees every one of us;  
He creates every soul,  
for a purpose.*”

- St. John Neumann



*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

## MEET OUR NEW CHURCH OFFICE MANAGERS



**KATRINA ALLOCCO**

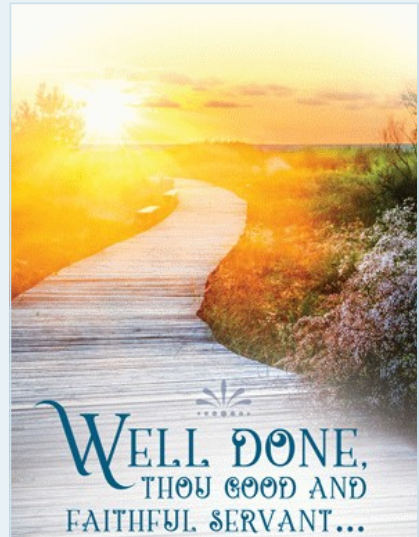


**LESA SCHMALL**

Katrina and Lesa will be sharing the job of Office Manager beginning Monday, February 3, 2025. The office hours will remain Monday through Friday 9:00 AM to Noon. Please extend a "Thank You" to Katrina and Lesa for saying "yes" to this daunting task! And please be patient as they work through the details of job-sharing a surprisingly complicated task of running a church office!

*Thanks, Katrina and Lesa!*

Also, please congratulate Kathy Meyerkord AND Ilene Rainwater on their MANY years of excellent Office management and thank them for a job VERY well done! Neither Kathy nor Ilene is leaving the parish, just stepping away from the daily commitment and challenges of managing a parish office. You'll still see Kathy and Ilene wearing their many hats as a Liturgical Ministers, active members of our WES Team (WEST), Gift Shop coordinators and members of our St. Vincent de Paul group ( just to name a few!).



*Thanks, Kathy AND Ilene!*

# 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
3/22/2025	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)
4/24-26/2025	Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Biennial Convention St. Mary's Church - Johnson City, TN	Online: www.kdcccw.org <b>AND</b> See poster in Shea Hall Phone: 407-252-0320 (Karen Agnello) <b>OR:</b> Phone: 901-485-1965 (Amy Schaefer)
5/5/2025	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



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

*St. John Vianney (1786-1859)*

*“When we receive Holy Communion, we experience something extraordinary - joy, a fragrance, a well-being that thrills the whole body and causes it to exalt.*

*When we have been to Holy Communion,  
the balm of love envelopes the soul as the flower envelops the bee.”*