



SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC CHURCH †

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Mass Schedule: Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Thursday 7:00 p.m. (Hispanic)

Adoration:

Confessions: 7:30—7:50 a.m. Sunday before mass
& by request.



If you are a new parishioner, or would like to become one, you are invited to stop by the Office to register. **If you are visiting**, we extend a Special Welcome. We hope you find it spiritually rewarding and will come back.

Daily Readings for the week April 28

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; 1Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Monday: St. Catherine of Siena Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11 First

Friday: 1Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14 First

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35,44-48; 1Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Mission Statement

We will use our skills and resources to promote, maintain and encourage a supportive community that earns the respect and recognition of our neighbors both near and far as we proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31
Paul is accepted by the apostles at Jerusalem. ★

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22:26-27,28,30,31-32
I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24
God commands us to believe in Jesus Christ and to love one another.

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8
Jesus teaches that he is the vine and that his disciples are the branches.



The National Day of Prayer is May 2nd. The background for the National Day of Prayer is in 1775 the Continental Congress allocated a time for prayer in forming a new nation. Over the years, there have been calls for a day of prayer, including from President Abraham Lincoln in 1863. On April 17, 1952, President Harry Truman signed a bill proclaiming the National Day of Prayer into law in the United States. President Reagan amended the law in 1988, designating the first Thursday of May each year as the National Day of Prayer. Join your fellow Americans in praying for our nations healing. ★

★ = New, Updated, or Important

Saint Michael the Archangel Prayer

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the divine power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. **-Amen**

★ **Prayer to Receive a New Bishop**

Praise to You, Lord our God, our Eternal Shepherd and Guide.

We know that all authority comes from You. With confidence in Your providence, we entreat You to provide the Diocese of Knoxville a new shepherd after Your own heart.

In your love for us, send us a shepherd who will lead us in being Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice.

Help him to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the sacraments, and the desire to build up Your Holy Church.

We pray through Christ our Lord. AMEN

Background on the Gospel Reading

★ Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of

God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbor. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

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★ Do you have a Senior who is Graduating from high school or college this year? Let us know so we can recognize them!

Monthly Schedule		
Date	Lectors	Intercessions
04/28/2024	Greg Higgins Nagore Luzuriaga	David Tuggle
05/05/2024	John West Michelle Nuñez	Greg Higgins
05/12/2024	Don Lamb Nagore Luzuriaga	David Tuggle
05/19/2024	Bob Main Michelle Nuñez	Greg Higgins
05/26/2024	Mary Anne Moyer Nagore Luzuriaga	David Tuggle

Last Sunday—April 21	
Mass Attendance: 195	
Collections:	\$ 1,501
Food Bank:	\$
Online Giving:	\$
Other Income :	\$ 210
Online Giving is available through our website. Note: Collection includes all previous week Masses	

	March	YTD
Collection:	\$ 7,661	\$ 17,611
Expenses:	<u>\$ 16,327</u>	<u>\$ 31,580</u>
Net:	(\$ 8,666)	(\$ 13,969)

★ **Notre Dame High School** in Chattanooga and Diocese of Knoxville Superintendent of Catholic Schools Mary Ann Deschaine are pleased to announce two leadership appointments at the school.

Eric Schexnaildre, Ed.D., Notre Dame High School Class of '96, has been appointed the new Head of School of Notre Dame High School effective July 1.

Dr. Schexnaildre has served within Catoosa County (Ga.) Schools, most recently as Assistant Principal and Athletics Director at Heritage High School in Ringgold. During his tenure at Heritage, Dr. Schexnaildre also oversaw the Career, Technical and Agricultural Education program for the school. He brings a wealth of experience in educational leadership. He obtained his Doctor of Education degree from Georgia Southern University in 2011, having studied Educational Leadership and Administration.

In addition to Dr. Schexnaildre, Melissa Wolff has been appointed Dean of Academics for Notre Dame High School. This promotion is also effective July 1.

Mrs. Wolff, M. Ed., has served as an English instructor at Notre Dame High School since 2007, registrar for the school since 2011, and as academic coordinator since 2022, in addition to serving as cheerleading coach during football season.



Are you feeling depressed? Isolated? Worried? Overwhelmed?

There is hope. Catholic Charities of East Tennessee offers counseling services in the Knoxville and Chattanooga areas. In Knoxville, please call 865-963-4420. In Chattanooga, please call 423-322-0057. If you are in crisis and need immediate help, or if you are worried about someone who may be in a crisis, help is available by calling the Tennessee Statewide Crisis Line at 855-CRISIS-1 (855-274-7471) or the Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273-8255

We Welcome Everyone

If you would like to register, change your address, or have questions about our parish, please fill out the form and drop it in the collection basket.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

email: _____

I would like to enroll as an active parishioner.

Please change my address to the one above.

I would like to learn more about the Catholic faith.

I would like to volunteer as a Reader, Usher, Maintenance helper or some other capacity.

Please Contact Me.



Food Bank: Don't forget to bring in your favorite canned food items. Always in need of plastic bags, canned green vegetables (green beans, peas, etc) and canned protein foods (tuna, salmon, etc). Any donations can be dropped off here at church for delivery to the food bank.

★ **PLEASE NOTE !** No food in the sanctuary or narthex. All food should be confined to the kitchen area and large dining room. If spills do occur anywhere in the church, please take the time to clean it up. Food on the floor attract ants and other insect. So please be careful and clean up. Parents, please watch your children. Thank you !

The Tabernacle Lamp is lit to indicate the living presence of Jesus Christ in the tabernacle and to Honor and Glorify Him. Parishioners may request to have the Tabernacle Candle burn for one week in memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving, or for a special intention. Intentions will be published in the weekly bulletin. There is **NO** donation requirement, although donations are accepted. Please contact Kathy West at dandkwest@bledsoe.net or in person or (423)554-3289 to schedule a Lamp memorial week.

Mass Intentions: If you would like to request a Mass intention, there are white envelopes in the Narthex. All Mass Intentions are offered at Our Lady of Lourdes. If the date you request is not available, we'll come as close as we can to that date. A \$5 donation is requested, but **not required**.

If you would like to have your Anniversary, Birthday or any Special Event mentioned in the bulletin, please come by the finance office after mass and let me know, or send an email to the church email address or place a note in the collection basket.

Volunteers are always needed for grounds caring, church cleaning, ushers, readers, etc. Please see Father Mark or any council member to serve in God's work.

Please submit all bulletin announcements, to Don West - (423) 554-3289
shepherdofthevalleyindunlap@yahoo.com

The Sunday bulletin is available through our website on the Friday night before Sunday.

Parish Secretary: Mary Anne Moyer
Bookkeeper: Don West
Dir. Religious Education: Erin Lamb
Council of Catholic Women: Linda Lambert

Council Members : Fr. Mark; Darcy Cogar, MaryAnne Moyer; Craig Cerminara, Nagore Luzuriaga, Barbara Klusa

The Council meets the second Thursday of each month at 5:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)
RCIA is a program for adults who wish to become Catholic or who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith. Please contact Fr. Mark.

Please continue to bring in your plastic shopping bags to be re-used at the Food Bank. Just drop them off in the Narthex and they will be collected and carried to the Food Bank.

If you know of anyone on our Prayer List who has recovered, or if you would like to add someone to the list, please share that information with the Parish office so the list can be updated.

Please Remember in your Prayers

The Smith Family, Karen Sprague, Gee Miller, Jeremy Holmes, Margaret Robin, Judith Winner, Jan Schumacher, Richard Kern, Melinda Hendon, Mary Ann Keukel, Adam Turner, Mary Ellen Majewski, Kathy West, Linda Slomian, Dorothy Creedon

In Memoriam

Larry Fish, Emma Hankins, Joan Scholz, Laura Moyer, John Kaprelian, David Ramirez