



# SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC CHURCH †

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## MARCH 17, 2024

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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.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### 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.



**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 March 17

**Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33  
**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11  
**Tuesday:** 2Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41—51a  
**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42  
**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59  
**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42  
**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-46  
**Sunday:** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15: 47 or 15:1-39

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Jeremiah tells the people that the Lord will make a new covenant with them, planting the law within their hearts. ★

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,14-15  
Create a clean heart in me, O God.

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 5:7-9  
Through his sufferings, Jesus gained salvation for all who obey him.

**Gospel Reading:** John 12:20-33  
Jesus teaches his disciples about the way in which he will be glorified by God, and a voice from heaven is heard to affirm this teaching.

**Work continues** on the floor downstairs. ★  
Hopefully it will be finished this week. The floor is very Uneven and much more work than expected had to be done to get it level. So please bare with us and be cautious walking around.

**Next week** we will enter into Holy Week through our observation of Palm Sunday. It was on Palm Sunday that the Lord joyfully entered into Jerusalem bringing about the events of His Passion. ★

★ = 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**

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### ★ 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

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### ★ Background on the Gospel Reading

★ Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be

beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration—events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel—affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

### Loyola Press

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**Call for participation in Synod** listening session on Mar. 19: ★

As part of the Diocese of Knoxville's commitment to fulfill Pope Francis' call to synodality, the diocese has scheduled a listening session, open to anyone who would like to participate, on **Tues., Mar. 19 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Chancery in Knoxville (805 S. Northshore Dr.). The results of this session will allow the diocese to produce a final report for the 2024 Synod.


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Monthly Schedule		
Date	Lectors	Intercessions
03/17/2024	Bob Main Nagore Luzuriaga	David Tuggle
03/24/2024	Don Lamb Michelle Nuñez	Greg Higgins
03/31/2024	Mary Anne Moyer Nagore Luzuriaga	David Tuggle
04/07/2024	Lisa Tuggle Michelle Nuñez	Greg Higgins
04/14/2024	Erin Lamb Nagore Luzuriaga	David Tuggle

Last Sunday—March 10	
Mass Attendance: 85	
Collections:	\$ 870
Food Bank:	\$ 252
Online Giving:	\$
2nd Collection :	\$
Online Giving is available through our website. Note: Collection includes all previous week Masses	

	February	YTD
Collection:	\$ 5,298	\$ 9,959
Expenses:	<u>\$ 11,870</u>	<u>\$ 15,252</u>
Net:	(\$ 6,572)	(\$ 5,293)



 **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.

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**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 !

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**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](mailto:dandkwest@bledsoe.net) or in person or (423)554-3289 to schedule a Lamp memorial week.

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**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**.

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**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.

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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.

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

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

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

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**Council Members :** Fr. Mark; Darcy Cogar, MaryAnne Moyer; Linda Lambert, Lisa Tuggle, Sherry Perez

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**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.

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**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.

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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

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#### **In Memoriam**

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

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