



# SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC CHURCH †

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## MARCH 31, 2024

Pastor: Rev. Mark Scholz (423)837-7068

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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.

## EASTER SUNDAY



### 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.

**Today** the Diocese has ask for a Second Collection to support the **Diocesan Seminarian Education Program.** ★

**There will be a Church Council meeting** on Tuesday, April 2, at 6:00 p.m. The first order of business will be the election of new officers. All are invited and encouraged to attend. ★

**First Reading:** *Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43* ★  
Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23*  
This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

**Second Reading:** *Colossians 3:1-4* or *1 Corinthians 5:6b-8*  
Colossians: Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.  
1 Corinthians: Let us celebrate this feast with new yeast.

**Gospel Reading:** *John 20:1-9* Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus'



**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 31

**Easter Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 17-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

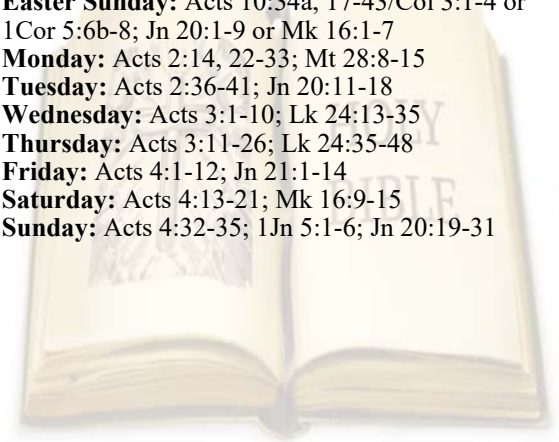
**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

**Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35; 1Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31



★ = 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 we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She

does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

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RACE with Kids  
SK & FAMILY WALK

SUPPORTING  
CCETS'S CHILDREN'S  
AND FAMILY  
PROGRAMMING

SATURDAY  
APRIL 20, 2024  
9:30 a.m.

KNOXVILLE  
Victor Ashe Park

CHATTANOOGA  
Tennessee  
RiverPark

REGISTER BY APRIL 5th TO RECEIVE RACE SHIRT!

### Monthly Schedule

Date	Lectors	Intercessions
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
04/21/2024	Craig Cerminara Michelle Nuñez	Greg Higgins
04/28/2024	Greg Higgins Nagore Luzuriaga	David Tuggle

### Last Sunday—March 24

Mass Attendance: 110	
Collections:	\$ 1,219
Food Bank:	\$ 100
Online Giving:	\$ 100
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)

## Marriage Retreat



Saturday, June 15 at St. Thomas

### LIVING THE MARRIAGE GOD DESIRES FOR YOU

A full-day retreat presented by Bruce and Marybel Carlisle that's designed to help you reflect, refocus, and rejuvenate your marriage.

- Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. Retreat starts at 9:00 a.m. with Daily Mass (optional).
- Concludes at 4:30 p.m. (optional Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.)
- Continental breakfast and lunch included.
- Married couples at all stages of life are welcome.  
*To focus on your marriage, kindly no children.*
- Cost is \$86/couple. Registration deadline is June 9th.
- Overnight accommodations available at local hotels.  
*See retreat registration page for a complete list.*

Visit [tinyurl.com/KnoxMarriageRetreat](http://tinyurl.com/KnoxMarriageRetreat) for more info or to register.

LOCATION: 1580 St. Thomas Way | Lenoir City, TN 37772  
QUESTIONS: [regnumchristi.knoxville@gmail.com](mailto:regnumchristi.knoxville@gmail.com)



REGISTER TODAY



### 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 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

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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; Craig & Nagore Cerminara, Mark & Barbara Klusa

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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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