DECEMBER 8, 2019
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Ryan Seaver
Latin Mass Organist

FIRST FRIDAY
Eucharistic Exposition Holy Hour, and Benediction: 7 - 8 a.m.

ROSARY
Saturday after 8 a.m. Mass for world peace and an end to abortion.

CONFESSIONS
Sunday: 45 minutes before each Mass
1st Saturday: 7:15 – 7:45 AM;
8:35 a.m. – until finished
Monday - Friday: 7:30 – 7:45 a.m.

BAPTISM
Call the church office

CCD
At St. Joseph's School - Grades K-12, Wednesdays: 6 - 7:30 PM

RCIA
Sunday 6:15 p.m.
Sessions held mid-Sept. to May

MARRIAGE
Call Church Office at least 4 months in advance.
Welcome Visitors and New Parishioners

If you are a new parishioner you are invited to stop by or telephone the Rectory Office to register and let us know how we may be of service to you. If you have not received weekly offering envelopes, please call the Church office 522-2205.

Please visit the parish website holyghostknoxville.org and sign up to receive the weekly email newsletter and parish-wide emails.

Have you ever thought about becoming a Catholic or are you an adult Catholic who never received the sacrament of confirmation? Adults who participate in RCIA learn about the Catholic faith as they continue to grow in their own spiritual life.

Newcomers are always welcome. Contact Elizabeth Bunker at hgchurch@bellsouth.net for more information.

Financial Stewardship Holy Ghost Church

Weekends of Nov. 24 and Dec. 1, 2019

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Weekday Readings

Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019 Second Sunday of Advent Is 11:1-10, Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Monday, Dec. 9, 2019 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2019 Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3 and 10-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019 Memorial, St. Damasus I, Pope Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30


Friday, Dec. 13, 2019 Memorial, St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019 Memorial, St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9-13

Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019 Third Sunday of Advent Is 35:1-6, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
Knights of Columbus
Holy Ghost Council 16523

The next Knights of Columbus general meeting will be from 7-9 p.m., Monday, Dec. 9.

Please join us for breakfast next Sunday after all the morning Masses.
Do you want to be with men working toward Being better fathers, better husbands, and men?
Are you ready to enhance your relationship with our Loving God and his son Jesus Christ?
The Knights are here to assist you!!

Contact one of the following:
Michael Wrinkle 865-809-0552
Paul Brocato 423-244-6256
John Hitt 865-963-5260

CCW News
Thank you to everyone who donated food for the Ladies of Charity Food Pantry on Thanksgiving Day. Over 147 pounds of canned goods were donated.

CCW will be sponsoring the mitten tree again this year to provide warm outerwear accessories to those in need during Advent season. Please bring new mittens, gloves, scarves, hats and kid-resistant slipper socks for nursing home patients and add them to the tree in the church during Advent starting Dec. 1 and ending Christmas Eve.

Please contact Carol Lougheed at 865-660-4108 or by e-mail, carol.lougheed@gmail.com for more information about the Holy Ghost CCW.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Nelly Saah

May the souls of all our beloved faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Advent Penance Service Tuesday, Dec. 16

Holy Ghost Church will be hosting an Advent penance service with Immaculate Conception Church starting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, at Holy Ghost Church. Please plan to attend.

The date of Dec. 17 was published in last week’s bulletin in error.

A note from Fr. McNeeley
I wanted to ask if the parishioners of Holy Ghost would be interested in sponsoring the purchase of a free-standing brass Advent wreath and liquid candles.

The wreath would be placed to the right of the altar in the church sanctuary. The total cost would be $2,573 from C. M. Almy Church Supply. If you would like to make a donation, contact me at the parish office. An example of the wreath can be found on the C. M. Almy website:

https://www.almy.com/Product2/zc0000500/category/LiquidAdventCandles/parent/

Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration, Dec. 12

The feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated Thursday, Dec. 12, starting at 5 p.m. with mañanitas, followed by a rosary, procession, and Mass at 7 p.m.

A reception will follow Mass in the church basement.
For These We Pray...
Jean Simpson
Darlene Drysdale
Claudia Simpson
Kathleen Baker

Please e-mail your prayer request to hgchurch@bellsouth.net.

The Martha and Mary Guild crochets and knits prayer shawls and lap robes for our sick and homebound parishioners and baby blankets for the Ladies of Charity layette program on Tuesday mornings in the JP II Room. Yarn donations are also welcome.

We also welcome anyone who would like to work on their own project with a faith-filled group. For more information, call Chris Leach (865) 898-1398 or Cheryl Ewanski (315) 488-1347.

The Mass takes its title, Rorate Caeli, from the initial words of the Introit, from Isaiah 45:8,

Rorate, caeli, desuper, et nubes pluant justum, aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem.

Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Saviour.

In the dimly lit setting, priest and faithful prepare to honor the Light of the world, Who is soon to be born, and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady. As the Mass proceeds and sunrise approaches, the church becomes progressively brighter, illuminated by the sun as our Faith is illumined by Christ.

The readings and prayers of the Mass foretell the prophecy of the Virgin who would bear a Son called Emmanuel, and call on all to raise the gates of their hearts to let Christ the King enter; asking for the grace to receive eternal life by the merits of the Incarnation and saving Resurrection of Our Lord.

Those unable to attend Mass and who would like to receive the Blessed Sacrament, please contact Pat Pennebaker at 687-7849.

Sunday is the most appropriate day for the Eucharist to be taken to those who cannot be part of the community’s celebration. It is most fitting that extraordinary ministers go directly from the Sunday or weekday Mass carrying Communion to the sick and homebound.

If you would like to participate in this valuable ministry as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, call Pat Pennebaker.
Part-Time Parish Business Manager Position Available at St. Thomas the Apostle Church

St. Thomas the Apostle in Lenoir City is looking for a part-time business manager. This position oversees the business and financial affairs of the parish, including parish facilities, preparation of the parish operating budget, assisting the Pastor with developing and implementing organizational priorities, and other responsibilities as needed and directed by the Pastor.

The Business Manager must be an effective communicator, working with parish staff and volunteers as well as the Knoxville Diocese. If interested, contact the St. Thomas Parish Office, phone 865-986-9885, 1580 St. Thomas Way, Lenoir City, TN 37772, or email phil@stthomaslc.com.

Thomas Aquinas Study Group

The Thomas Aquinas Study Group is currently discussing the books Paul, a New Covenant Jew by Brant Pitre and An Introduction to Foundational Logic by D. Q. McInerny.

The group meets at 7 a.m. Monday through Friday and 4 p.m. on Tuesdays in the JP II Room in the parish basement. For more information text Matt P. at 615-598-7709.

Getting Married in 2020?

Consider making an Engaged Encounter as part of your marriage preparation. The format allows couples to discuss many aspects of their prospective lives together. The schedule for 2020 is as follows:

- February 7-9
- April 17-19
- July 17-19
- October 16-18

All of the Engaged Encounters are held at the Holiday Inn Express in Lenoir City. The registration form can be found online at https://ceeknoxville.org/registration. The cost is $289. Please contact Jason and Carmen Jeansonne by e-mail for more information at ceeknoxville@yahoo.com.

VIRTUS Class

The next VIRTUS safe environment class in the Knoxville area will be at St. Mary Church in Oak Ridge from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, January 9, 2020, in the conference room of the Wardell Youth Center located at 319 Vermont Avenue. Please register online at virtus.org.

Catholic Schools raffle tickets on sale now

Our Catholic schools make every effort to reduce the financial burden on parishes and families through responsible stewardship and fundraising efforts. However, they still struggle to meet the rising costs of resources, maintenance, and tuition.

The Catholic Schools’ raffle raises money to help with tuition assistance and other needs to provide students with a quality, Christ-centered education. Each raffle ticket gives you 12 chances to win up to $27,000! You can order tickets online at dioknox.org/catholic-schools-2019-raffle/.

Evening of Recollection for Men

Fr. John Orr will preside at the next Evening of Recollection from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10 at St. Mary Church located at 1291 E. Madison Ave., in Athens, TN. For more information, call Greg English at 423-741-7786.

There will be a father/son breakfast at Mimi’s Café located at 10945 Parkside Drive in Knoxville at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24. Please contact Steve Pacitti for details at snpacit@gmail.com.

The Evening of Recollection consists of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, meditation based on the writings of St. Josemaria Escriva, examination of conscience, sacrament of reconciliation, personal prayer, and Benediction.
Clases pre-bautismales:

Primer y segundo sábados de enero, abril, julio y octubre.

Se imparten de 6-8 p.m.

Se requiere la presencia de los padres y los padrinos a menos que sean miembros de otra Iglesia Católica y esta les de la constancia de cumplimiento con las clases. Preguntas se pueden dirigir a Oswaldo Cárdenas al 865-742-4519

BENVENIDO A LA IGLESIA CATOLICA DEL ESPIRITU SANTO

Párroco: Padre William J. McNeeley
Vicario: Padre Joseph M. Hammond

Misa en español todos los domingos a la 2:30 p.m.

Confesiones: Antes de misa

Preparación de Matrimonio:
Preguntas se pueden dirigir a Francisco Ruiz al (865) 208-1914

Anuncios:

Les damos la bienvenida a todos los que nos visitan por primera vez y los que nos visitan de otras ciudades, condados, estados y/o países. También a todos aquellos que se ingresan como nuevos miembros de nuestra Iglesia. Les recordamos que para ser miembros de la Iglesia deben registrarse como tal.

Padres de familia:
Favor de no dejar que los niños corran entre los pasillos o las naves durante la misa; no andar sobre las bancas; no andar solos en el estacionamiento; no dejar que jueguen con los misales o libros de canto. Los Ujieres regresarán a todo niño que no vaya acompañado por un adulto si es que quieren bajar al sótano o al baño. Todo esto se les pide con el propósito de que la misa sea una experiencia agradable para todos y por la seguridad de sus hijos. Si tiene una necesidad específica, una misa de aniversario, acción de gracias o cualquier otro tipo de necesidad de esta índole, comuníquese con un miembro de la Pastoral de Conjunto. Ellos le podrán dar los informes necesarios para su necesidad. Recuerde que todo tipo de misa requiere notificación anticipada. Gracias.

CENTRO DE EMBARAZO DE CARIDADES CATOLICAS

El Centro de Ayuda de Embarazo de Caridades Católicas está buscando voluntarios que hablen Español para ayudar con un programa llamado “Earn While You Learn”. El programa será ofrecido a madres y padres Hispanos mientras se les da la oportunidad de aprender sobre su embarazo y adquirir artículos necesarios para el bebé. Si usted está interesado, favor contactar a Sandi Davidson al 865-776-4510 sandi@ccetn.org o Katya Mendoza-Vela al 207-4418200 katya@mariovela.com para información adicional.

Celebración de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, 12 de diciembre

Se celebrará la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Jueves 12 de diciembre, a partir de las 5 p.m. con mañanitas, seguido de un rosario, procesión y misa a las 7 p.m.

Una recepción seguirá la misa en el sótano de la iglesia.
PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, Dec. 8
10-11:30 a.m. Men’s Schola (choir room)
6:15-8 p.m. RCIA (parish basement)

Monday, Dec. 9
7 p.m. Knights of Columbus meeting (parish basement)

Tuesday, Dec. 10
10 a.m. Women’s Guild (JPII Room)
4 p.m. St. Thomas Aquinas Guided Study Group (JP II Room)
6 p.m. Legion of Mary Fr. Henkel Hall, (JPII Room)
7-9 p.m. San Juan XXIII (basement)

Wednesday, Dec. 11
6 p.m. Parish Council meeting (parish basement)
6-7:30 p.m. Adult Education (parish basement)
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (St. Cecilia Room)
7-8:30 p.m. CCD, grades K-12 (St. Joseph School)

Thursday, Dec. 12
7-8:30 p.m. Benedict XVI Schola rehearsal (St. Cecilia Room)

Friday, Dec. 13
8-10 p.m. Hispanic Community Bible study (parish basement)

Saturday, Dec. 14
8:30 a.m. Rosary for Peace – Following 8 a.m. Mass

Holy Ghost Prayer Requests
For the church bulletin, call Margaret Hunt at 865-522-2205
For other prayer requests, call or email Letha Lehman at (865) 556-6280 or letharl@wowway.net

Lost items can be found in the Narthex by the front doors. Any unclaimed items will be donated to the Ladies of Charity.

SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 15, 2019

ALTAR SERVERS
8 a.m. William Edward Lovelace
10 a.m. Terry Collette, Jr. and J. C. Collette
5 p.m. Zabloni Ndayishimiye

READERS
8 a.m. Tom Wolf
10 a.m. Bonnie Larison
5 p.m. Naomi Berlin

GREETERS
8 a.m. Veronica Richard, William Ellis, and Darlene Drysdale
10 a.m. James Richmond, Carol Willard, Philomene Musabyeyezu
5 p.m. Victor Brown