



HOLY GHOST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH OFFICE:
Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE
There will be NO Masses until further notice due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) restrictions announced by Bishop Stika.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Sunday, 8 a.m. until Noon
Monday-Friday 10 a.m. until Noon
Saturday, 8-9 a.m.

MARCH 29, 2020
*FIFTH SUNDAY
OF LENT*

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CONFESSIONS

During adoration or by appointment.

BAPTISM

Call the church office

CCD

No classes until further notice.

RCIA

No classes until further notice.

MARRIAGE

Call Church Office at least 4 months in advance.

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A letter from Fr. Bill

"Without vision, the people perish." Proverbs 29:18

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina made landfall on the gulf coast near New Orleans. God save our country from so great a catastrophe. I was working as a chaplain at St. Mary's Medical Center the day several busses brought to the emergency room, the first Katrina refugees. These were the people with urgent medical needs and were the first evacuated from New Orleans. If I were to summarize their state upon getting off the bus (from McGhee-Tyson) in two words, it would be "shell shocked." Many had been plucked from trees and rooftops. Some had lost family members. They all described how over a four or five-day period, public order and civilization as far as they could see imploded and fell in on itself. One of the first things everyone wanted was to take a bath and clean up on some clean clothes, and we made the necessary arrangements. One prominent politician (who wished to remain anonymous) paid for medications for the refugees. It was a time when I was most proud to be a Tennessean. The refugees kept saying again and again, "Is everyone in East Tennessee this nice?" I'd said, "Yeah, for the most part." Two of the refugees were brothers, and one was a caretaker for his brother, a paranoid schizophrenic who had not had medication in several days. I drove them to Walgreens for his prescription. While we were waiting for it to be filled, one of them looked at the store manager's picture on the wall and said, "Even the store managers are nicer in east Tennessee. In New Orleans, they use their police mug shots."

Thankfully, we as Catholics and as Christians have a vision, Jesus enthroned in heaven. May I suggest that you spend a few moments meditating on the first verse of the hymn, "Be Thou my vision."

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart

Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art

Thou my best Thought, by day or by night

Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Better yet, gather with your family and sing the entire hymn together or perhaps other family favorites. Not to minimize the significance of this event but have been through worse as a nation. How we look back on it someday will, in large part, depend on how we respond in the here and now. Will we be charitable to one another? Will we learn to better love our neighbor as ourselves? Will we show strength and character to those who look to us for hope and encouragement? Reflect on the trials our nation has experienced. Reflect on one of those events and consider how countless souls faced their moments of trial and tribulation. They rose to the occasion. We have a vision, and his name is Jesus. He is not only our vision; he is our life, our hope, and our salvation.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Bill McNeeley



Bishop issues decree regarding Holy Week and Easter

On March 21, Bishop Stika decreed that all Holy Week and Easter Masses will be celebrated in a private settings only (congregations not present). The entire decree is posted on the parish website at www.dioknox.org.

This was a difficult decision, but it is best to err on the side of caution. Ultimately this is done for the safety of us all, including our families. We can be assured that Jesus is present to each one of us, even when circumstances prevent us from receiving him sacramentally. That is what it means to live in the Communion of the Saints which is a great consolation during these trying times.

Times of hardship and sacrifice can be opportunities for spiritual growth. May the sacrifices we make during this most unusual Lenten and Easter seasons bring us to a deeper knowledge, love and service of God and our neighbor.

The Church is open for adoration at the following times. Please observe social distancing.

Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-Noon
 Rosary in Spanish and Adoration 6-7 p.m. on Fridays
 Saturday 8-9 a.m.
 Sunday 8 a.m.- Noon

Please note that Mass is being live-streamed locally by the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, All Saints Catholic Church, and Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church. Please see their websites for more information.

Here is the prayer of spiritual communion for your reference:

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that Thou art truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love Thee above all things, and I desire to receive Thee into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace Thee as being already there, and unite myself wholly to Thee. Never, never permit me to be separated from Thee. Jesus, my sweet love, wound and inflame this heart of mine, so that it may be always and all on fire for Thee. Amen.

**MASS INTENTIONS
 March 29-April 5, 2020**

Sun	† Libby Coleman by Mary Catherine Willard and The People of Holy Ghost Church
Mon	The People of Holy Ghost Church
Tues	The People of Holy Ghost Church
Wed	† Tarcisio Manangon by Zoraida Ballew
Thur	† Lorraine McWilliams by Chris Leach
Fri	† Lorraine McWilliams by Anita Gouge
Sat	† Lorraine McWilliams by Carolyn Toal
Sun	Barbara Harcharcic by Michelle and Steve Peckham
	† Victor Pettit by Carol Pettit
	† Ed and Ruth Galbaugh by Mark Galbaugh
	† Phyllis Kane by the Strong Family

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP
 Weekend of March 22, 2020**

Total \$3,971.52

Please continue to support Holy Ghost by mailing your weekly donations to the parish office. Thank you for your continued support.

PARISH LATIN MASS NEWS

Passion Sunday (March 29, 2020)

First Sunday in Passiontide

Proper Prayers and Readings:

Angelus 422, Baronius 444, Campion 125

PASSION SUNDAY AND PASSIONTIDE

Passion Sunday, the 5th Sunday in Lent, begins the season of *Passiontide*—the two-week period of increasing liturgical austerity and penance in preparation for Easter—which extends through Palm Sunday with its Passion Gospel and ends on Holy Saturday.



Spiritual Communion when Holy Communion at Mass is not possible

Either in private devotion or in prayer with Holy Mass online—we can make what is known as a "**spiritual communion**". With contrite and humble hearts, we ask Our Lord to come to us in the same way He would if we were able to receive the Sacrament physically. Though you can use your own words, many people say those recommended by St. Alphonus Liguori:

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For more, see the Spiritual Communion page at www.knoxlatinmass.net

WEEKDAY READINGS

Sunday, March 29, 2020 *Fifth Sunday of Lent* Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

Monday, March 30, 2020 Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 31, 2020 Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday, April 1, 2020 Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday, April 2, 2020 *Memorial, St. Francis of Paola, Hermit* Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday, April 3, 2020 Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, April 4, 2020 *Memorial, St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church* Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday, April 5, 2020 *Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion* Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14—27:66

For These We Pray....

Clyde Letsinger	Gladys Morris
Susan Dixon	Jean Simpson
Darlene Drysdale	Claudia Wilson
Kathleen Baker	Josette Rayburn

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



EWTN has a vast array of programming for Catholics of all ages. In the Knoxville area, EWTN can be found on channel 243 on Xfinity, on the Dish network on channel 261, and DIRECT TV channel 370.

EWTN can also be found on Sirius XM channel 130. For more information, visit www.ewtn.com.

Una carta del P. Bill

"Sin visión, la gente perece." Proverbios 29:18

El 29 de agosto de 2005, el huracán Katrina tocó tierra en la costa del golfo cerca de Nueva Orleans. Dios salve a nuestro país de una catástrofe tan grande. Trabajaba como capellán en el St. Mary's Medical Center el día que varios autobuses llevaban a la sala de emergencias, los primeros refugiados de Katrina. Estas eran las personas con necesidades médicas urgentes y fueron las primeras evacuadas de Nueva Orleans. Si yo resumiera su estado al bajar del autobús (de McGhee-Tyson) en dos palabras, sería "shell shock". Muchos habían sido arrancados de árboles y tejados. Algunos habían perdido a familiares. Todos ellos describieron cómo durante un período de cuatro o cinco días, el orden público y la civilización hasta donde pudieron ver implosionados y cayeron sobre sí mismos. Una de las primeras cosas que todo el mundo quería era tomar un baño y limpiar ponerse algunas ropas limpias, e hicimos los arreglos necesarios. Un político prominente (que deseaba permanecer en el anonimato) pagó por los medicamentos para los refugiados. Era una época en la que estaba más orgulloso de ser tennessee. Los refugiados decían una y otra vez: "¿Es todo el mundo en el este de Tennessee tan agradable? Los llevé a Walgreens para su receta. Mientras esperábamos a que se llenara, uno de ellos miró la foto del gerente de la tienda en la pared y dijo: "Incluso los gerentes de la tienda son más agradables en el este de Tennessee. En Nueva Orleans, usan sus fotos de la policía"

Afortunadamente, nosotros como católicos y como cristianos tenemos una visión, Jesús entronizado en el cielo. Permítanme sugerirles que pasen unos momentos meditando en el primer versículo del himno: "Sé mi visión".

Sé tú mi visión, oh Señor de mi corazón
No hay nada que sea todo lo demás para mí, salvo que Tú eres
Tú mi mejor pensamiento, de día o de noche
Despertar o dormir, Tu presencia mi luz

Mejor aún, reúnanse con su familia y cante todo el himno juntos o tal vez otros favoritos de la familia. No para minimizar la importancia de este evento, sino que han pasado por algo peor como nación. La forma en que miremos hacia atrás en él algún día dependerá, en gran parte, de cómo respondamos en el aquí y ahora. ¿Seremos caritativos el uno con el otro? ¿Aprenderemos a amar mejor a nuestro prójimo como a nosotros mismos? ¿Mostraremos fortaleza y carácter a aquellos que nos buscan esperanza y aliento? Reflexiona sobre las pruebas que nuestra nación ha experimentado. Reflexiona sobre uno de esos acontecimientos y considera cómo innumerables almas enfrentaron sus momentos de prueba y tribulación. Se levantaron a la ocasión. Tenemos una visión, y su nombre es Jesús. No es sólo nuestra visión; es nuestra vida, nuestra esperanza y nuestra salvación.

Tuyo en Cristo,

P. Bill McNeeley