

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

1580 St. Thomas Way
Lenoir City, TN 37772



December 26, 2021



THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

Entonces volvió con ellos a Nazaret y siguió sujeto a su autoridad.
Su madre conservaba en su corazón todas aquellas cosas.
Jesús iba creciendo en saber, en estatura y en el favor de Dios y de los hombres. - Lc 2, 51-52

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MASSES

Saturday	5:00PM	7:00PM (Spanish)
Sunday	9:00AM	11:30AM
Daily	8:30AM	Monday – Friday
	9:00AM	Saturdays

SACRAMENTS

Anointing: Please notify the parish office if you know anyone is seriously ill or in the hospital. (We will not be notified by the hospital due to patient confidentiality).

Baptism: Arranged by appointment.

Confirmation: Requires 1 year study and one retreat.

Marriage: Requires a minimum 6 month notice.

Penance: Tuesdays at 6:00-7:00PM, Saturdays from 9:45-10:30AM or by request.

PARISH OFFICE

Telephone Numbers:

Office: 865-986-9885

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Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
(closed 12:00 – 12:30 PM for lunch)
Friday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

PRIESTS

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Council of Catholic Women:	Jan Scobey	407-701-8274
EMHC:	Michele Pubillones	865-985-2663
Friendship Kitchen:	Curt Sheldon	865-458-8510
Homebound:	Tim Geoghegan	321-482-1413
Knights of Columbus:	Jim Gold	484-885-0097
Lectors:	Michele Pubillones	865-985-2663
RCIA:	Edie Shanahan	865-308-3406
Respect Life:	Kay Sheldon	865-742-7557
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Sacristans:	Michele Pubillones	865-985-2663
Stephen Ministers:	Tom Ringenbach	865-458-0915
St. Vincent de Paul:	Help Line Information - Jeff Kirk	865-274-8697 865-816-7765
Ushers:	Evelyn Edwards	865-250-6130

IMPORTANT INFORMATION**Flowers:** If you would like to donate altar flowers for a special occasion please call the parish office.**Ministry to those in home or care facilities:** Please help us be attentive to those who are ill, homebound or in the hospital. Either the patient or a family member must notify the parish. Communion can be brought to the home or health-care facility by calling Tim Geoghegan at 321-482-1413.**Online prayer requests:** Marianne Hartman 865-458-0936 mtnesttv@gmail.com**Parish registration:** registration forms are available in the parish office or you may register online.**Pregnancy help center hotline:** If you are facing a difficult or unplanned pregnancy, or need healing after an abortion, please call Catholic Charities Pregnancy Help Center "hotline" at toll free 877-990-4673.**Emergency Line:** 865-227-2894

MASS INTENTIONS

- Mon Dec 27 @ 8:30AM **Communion Service**
- Tue Dec 28 @ 8:30AM Andrew Acuff (dec)
Gloria Askew (dec)
- Wed Dec 29 @ 8:30AM Chuck Goeken (dec)
Lee Kramer (dec)
- Thu Dec 30 @ 8:30AM Souls in Purgatory
- Fri Dec 31 @ 8:30AM Ann Drapela (dec)
Bob Krause (dec)
- Sat Jan 1 @ 9:00AM Bob Jung (dec)
- Sat Jan 1 @ 5:00PM Georgia Christman (dec)
- Sat Jan 1 @ 7:00PM St. Thomas Parish
- Sun Jan 2 @ 9:00AM John & Helen
Basinski (dec)
- Sun Jan 2 @ 11:30AM Rosemarie Hunt (dec)

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Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, "Light" has shown, bringing real, lasting and deep joy to the hearts of the poor who live in dark places in our streets and neighborhood.

RCIA CATHOLIC INQUIRY SESSIONS

Are you, a family member, or a friend interested in becoming Catholic? Our Inquiry sessions will begin again on January 3. They will be held on **Mondays** (a change from Wednesdays) at 6:30pm, in Room 118 downstairs in the Parish Family Life Center. You are welcome to join us at any time to begin your journey! Please contact Edie Shanahan, (865)308-3406 or ELS947@comcast.net for more information and/or to register for these sessions.

END OF YEAR GIVING REMINDERS

For a donation to be considered deductible in 2021, you must do the following:

Date the check in 2021,

AND

Check must either be placed in the collection basket or office by December 31 **OR** if the check is mailed, **it must be postmarked on or before December 31, 2021.**

Therefore:

Checks brought into the office in January (even if dated in December) will be NOT be deductible in 2021. Checks mailed with a postmark in January (even if dated in December) will be NOT be deductible in 2021.

In both of these cases, the donations will be deductible in 2022.

Support My Church and Save on My Taxes?! What's Better than That?

Want a way to boost your tax savings beyond the newly increased standard deduction? If you are 70 ½ or older, you can use your IRA to make a gift to your parish, school, diocese or ministry and save on taxes! Normally, a distribution from your IRA is taxed as ordinary income. However, federal tax law now allows you to make a distribution each year from your IRA to a qualifying charity and it is not subject to federal income tax.

Transfers must be made directly from your IRA administrator to a qualifying 501c3 charitable organization. For more information contact our parish office or your IRA administrator.

WeShare users

If you are changing your WeShare amount for 2022, you must go into WeShare to update the amount or call the office and ask for Deb to make that change in January. (Filling out a pledge form does not change WeShare amounts.)

HOLY DAYS & HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 31 – **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Vigil (not a holy day of obligation this year)**
8:30 AM – English

Saturday, January 1 - **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (not an obligation this year)**
9:00 AM – English

Epiphany – January 1st/2nd – regular weekend Masses (normal Sunday obligation)
Sat: 5:00 PM – English 7:00 PM – Spanish
Sun: 9:00 AM – English 11:30 AM - English

IMPORTANT NOTE: During Advent, both priests will be available during our normal Confession times.

Tuesdays – 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Saturdays – 9:45 – 10:30 AM

HORARIO DE MISAS PARA DÍAS DE PRECEPTO Y DÍAS FESTIVOS

Jueves 31 de diciembre – **Vigilia de la Solemnidad de Santa María, Madre de Dios (no es un día de precepto este año)**
8:30 AM – Inglés

Sábado 1 de Enero - **Solemnidad de Santa María, Madre de Dios (no es un día de precepto este año)**
9:00 AM – Inglés

La Epifanía del Señor - 1 y 2 de enero, Misas y obligación regular

Sáb: 5:00 PM – Inglés 7:00 PM – Español
Dom: 9:00 AM – Inglés 11:30 AM – Inglés

NOTA IMPORTANTE: Durante el tiempo de Adviento, los dos sacerdotes estarán disponibles para escuchar Confesiones durante el horario regular:

Martes de 6:00-7:00 PM
Sábados de 9:45-10:30 AM.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSING

December 27 thru January 3. We will return on Tuesday, January 4th.

COMMUNION SERVICES

There will not be daily Mass the following Mondays; a Communion Service will be offered in place of:
December 27, January 3 & January 10

WESHARE (ONLINE GIVING) RECURRING GIFT MATCH PROMOTION

You can help St. Thomas earn \$1000 just by signing up as a **NEW** recurring donor with WeShare! For every first gift from a new recurring donor that is added between November 1 and December 31, 2021, WeShare will match that first gift, up to \$50, with a maximum match of \$1,000 per organization. To be eligible for the matching gift, more than one installment must be set-up and the first recurring gift must be processed through WeShare by December 31, 2021.

If you need help signing up, please call Deb Reinhart at 865-986-9885 ext. 11.

*****Please note, any new recurring setup before November 1st will not be counted.**

POPE FRANCIS WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

You may have heard about a Synod happening in the church. What is a synod? Simply put, a synod is a meeting or assembly of church leaders. In October, Pope Francis began a three-year synodal journey of consultations and discernment, culminating with an assembly in October 2023 in Rome.

We are being offered a unique opportunity to participate in this! We want to know what you are thinking, and we are ready to listen. The key themes of this Synod are listening and discernment. We hope to achieve both in the process. To begin that, the Diocese of Knoxville has created an online survey, which we hope all parishioners, friends, and family will take the time to fill out.

We are seeking feedback from all of East TN, Catholic and non-Catholic alike. (See link below) This is an anonymous survey which will give us valuable information for discussion. As a follow up to the survey, our parish will offer a number of Town Hall meetings, for further discussion. Please look for future notices about this. Thank you in advance for your comments, thoughts, and prayers.

Link to the survey: <https://synodsurvey.org/>





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- ◆ Go to FORMED.org/sign up
- ◆ Enter our parish zip code (37772) or parish name
- ◆ Enter your name and email address

Video Program Offering in January: *The Mass*

A six-session video program on *The Mass* begins in January. Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Robert Barron as he presents six, 30-minute videos which will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life. Two options to participate: Sunday mornings, beginning January 9, 10:15am – 11:15am, in room 118, or Wednesday mornings, beginning January 12, 9:30am – 10:30am, in the Deacon Jose Room. A workbook is suggested, \$15, but not required. Register at <https://sthomaslc.flocknote.com/signup/77218> or call the office, 865-986-9885.



Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance



Ephesians was one of the most widely circulated of St. Paul's writings because of its powerful, practical instructions for disciples of Christ. This video-and-workbook Bible Study examines many important themes that are still relevant in today's Christian culture and society – the nature of marriage, the purpose and role of the church, the preeminence of grace in God's plan, and the reality of spiritual warfare. Presenter Jeff Cavins explores what Paul's letter to the Ephesians tells us about the nature of the Church - as a body, a household, a mystery, a communion, a bride, and an army. Join Rosemary Stanczuk in this 8-week exploration of Ephesians beginning Thursday, January 13, 2022 from 9:15am until 11:00am in Room 118 of the PFLC. Each person enrolled will be responsible for the \$29.95 cost of their study guide. Please sign up by December 21, 2021 and contact Rosemary with questions at goaggies2@gmail.com.

If you have questions on any Adult Faith Formation program or want to sign-up, contact Arlene Somers-Maresca in the parish office at arlene@sthomaslc.com or (865) 986-9885.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST JANUARY 9TH

The Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast from 10AM to 11AM in the Parish Family Life Center. We will be serving our famous pancakes, cheesy scrambled eggs, fruit cocktail, sausage, biscuits and gravy, along with coffee and juice. Cost is \$7.50 per person or \$20 per family. Proceeds are used to support 3 seminarians we sponsor, from our diocese. A great way to start off the new year and meet new parishioners.

K of C PASTA DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring its Annual Pasta Dinner on Friday January 28, 2022 in the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Family Life Center. The menu will include dinner salad, pasta with tomato sauce, meatballs, Italian bread, iced tea, cake and coffee. Beer, wine, bottled water, and soda will be available at a small extra cost. There will be continuous service from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Tickets are available before and after all January weekend Masses. You may also call Joe Filosi, Pasta Dinner Chairman, for tickets at 423-884-6979. Price is \$12.00 per person and \$30.00 per family.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

At this time of year we remember our loved ones. Following are the intentions for those who mean so much to us not only today but all year long. The decorations in the church this Christmas are dedicated to them.

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HORARIO PARA LAS MISAS

Sábado 5:00 PM **7:00 PM (Español)** **Domingo** 9:00 AM 11:30 AM
Misa del día 8:30 AM Lunes – Viernes y Sábados a las 9:00 AM

HORARIO PARA LAS CONFESIONES

Martes 6:00-7:00 PM
Sábado 9:45 – 10:30 AM

HORARIO DE OFICINA PARROQUIAL

Lunes a jueves, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (**cerrado 12:00–12:30 PM**) y viernes 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

CIERRE DE OFICINA PARROQUIAL

Lunes 27 de diciembre hasta el lunes 3 de enero del 2022. Regresaremos a la oficina el martes 4 de enero.

CHARLAS PRE-BAUTISMALES

Las charlas pre-bautismales se ofrecen el primer viernes de cada mes y se requieren dos charlas. Es importante anotarse por lo menos con dos meses de anticipación. Para más información, llame por favor a Brenda González al (865) 271-7828 o María Ríos al (865) 621-2608.

LÍNEA DIRECTA PARA EL CENTRO DE ASISTENCIA PARA EMBARAZOS

Si se enfrenta con un embarazo difícil o no planeado, o necesita sanación después de un aborto, llame a la "línea directa" de Caridades Católicas, Centro de Ayuda para Embarazos gratuitamente al 877-990-4673.

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