

# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

1580 St. Thomas Way  
Lenoir City, TN 37772



January 2, 2022



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

Al ver de nuevo la estrella, se llenaron de inmensa alegría. Entraron en la casa y vieron al niño con María, su madre, y postrándose, lo adoraron. Después, abriendo sus cofres, le ofrecieron regalos: oro, incienso y mirra. - Mt 2, 10-11

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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

Fax: 865-988-8230

**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

**Pastor:** Fr. Ray Powell, ext. 13  
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**PARISH WEBSITE:** [www.stthomaslc.com](http://www.stthomaslc.com)

**OUR PARISH STAFF**

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|                                   |                                      |                              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Altar Servers:</b>             | Michele Pubillones                   | 865-985-2663                 |
| <b>Bereavement:</b>               | Barbara Brennan                      | 865-458-8922                 |
| <b>Columbarium Inquiries:</b>     | Deb Reinhart                         | 865-986-9885                 |
| <b>Council of Catholic Women:</b> | Mary Beth Bruss                      | 865-408-9611                 |
| <b>EMHC:</b>                      | Michele Pubillones                   | 865-985-2663                 |
| <b>Friendship Kitchen:</b>        | Curt Sheldon                         | 865-458-8510                 |
| <b>Homebound:</b>                 | Tim Geoghegan                        | 321-482-1413                 |
| <b>Knights of Columbus:</b>       | Jim Gold                             | 484-885-0097                 |
| <b>Lectors:</b>                   | Michele Pubillones                   | 865-985-2663                 |
| <b>RCIA:</b>                      | Edie Shanahan                        | 865-308-3406                 |
| <b>Respect Life:</b>              | Kay Sheldon                          | 865-742-7557                 |
| <b>Rosaries:</b>                  | Pam Geoghegan                        | 321-482-9668                 |
| <b>Sacristans:</b>                | Michele Pubillones                   | 865-985-2663                 |
| <b>Stephen Ministers:</b>         | Tom Ringenbach                       | 865-458-0915                 |
| <b>St. Vincent de Paul:</b>       | Help Line<br>Information - Jeff Kirk | 865-274-8697<br>865-816-7765 |
| <b>Ushers:</b>                    | 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](mailto: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 | Jan 3 | @ 8:30AM  | <b>Communion Service</b>  |
| Tue | Jan 4 | @ 8:30AM  | Phil Gleckler (int)   |
| Wed | Jan 5 | @ 8:30AM  | Andrew Acuff (dec)  |
| Thu | Jan 6 | @ 8:30AM  | John Gripp (int)  |
| Fri | Jan 7 | @ 8:30AM  | Fr. Joe Brando (dec)  |
| Sat | Jan 8 | @ 9:00AM  | Isidro Gonzalez (int)   |
| Sat | Jan 8 | @ 5:00PM  | St. Thomas Parish   |
| Sat | Jan 8 | @ 7:00PM  | Gerardo Garcia (dec)<br>Pastor Bibian (dec)<br>Lidia Zurita (dec)<br>Alfonso Gonzalez (dec) |
| Sun | Jan 9 | @ 9:00AM  | Ian Stewart (dec)<br>Bob Jung (dec)   |
| Sun | Jan 9 | @ 11:30AM | Bernie Gulowski (dec)<br>Paul Rulon (dec)   |

**STEPHEN MINISTRY**

Was it really only last year? You stayed up to watch the New Year come in together.

You talked about the past year, all the memories, good and bad...How you laughed over some of them.

But this year you're alone. And memories bring you nothing but pain.

During this time of pain, a Stephen Minister would like to be there with you. He or she will listen and care as you sort through your feelings. Call Tom Ringenbach (865-458-0915).

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

**In the spirit of the Magi, your generosity has allowed us to help those in need last month with over \$6,600 in food, clothing, rent, shelter, utilities and diapers.**

**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](mailto:ELS947@comcast.net) for more information and/or to register for these sessions.

**ONLINE PRAYER REQUESTS**

Prayer requests are sent out a few times a week. If you haven't received one lately please call Marianne Hartman at 865-458-0936. If you would like to have your intention prayed for, receive the prayer requests and remember them in your prayers please send your request, name and email address to [mtnesttv@gmail.com](mailto:mtnesttv@gmail.com).

**EWTN GLOBAL CATHOLIC NETWORK**

Would you like to see more Christ-centered, family television and radio? EWTN, the largest Catholic media network in the world, is available on cable, DirecTV, Dish Network, and SiriusXM, and on all your devices. If you have questions on how to access EWTN's multifaceted programming, please visit [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com) or contact Rafael Pubillones at [rpubillones@bellsouth.net](mailto:rpubillones@bellsouth.net).

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSING**

The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 3. We will return on Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

### COMMUNION SERVICES

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

### FLOWERS BY THE TABERNACLE

The flowers by the Tabernacle this weekend are in loving memory of Kay Sampson from William and Donna Brazz.

### SVDP RETREAT

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be hosting a one day retreat on Saturday, January 29, 2022. It will focus on the two main objectives of the Society - "Spirituality" and "Helping those in need with Compassion". It will be from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm in the Deacon Jose Rivera Room. It is open to the current members of the Society, their spouses and any other parishioner interested in learning more about our ministry. If you would like to attend, please call our President, Jeff Kirk, at 865-816-7765

### A CHRISTMAS THANK YOU FROM FR. RAY AND FR. JULIAN

We would like to thank you for all your Christmas cards, gifts, intentions, and prayers. It was a beautiful Christmas season and was a real joy for us to be a part of all the special celebrations and events we had here at St. Thomas. We would like to especially thank our awesome parish staff and all the wonderful volunteers who helped make this such a special Christmas. May God continue to bless our parish as we look forward to all the exciting and fun activities that will be occurring this coming year!

Thank you,

*Fr. Ray & Fr. Julian*

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST **JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>**

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 more 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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#### In Memory/Honor of...

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## Loving, Learning and Living Our Faith!

### Bible Study - Lectio: Philippians: Life in Christ

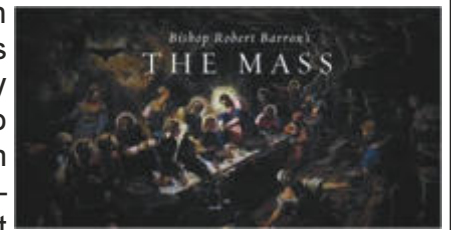


Toward the end of his life, under arrest and awaiting trial in Rome, Saint Paul writes a short but powerful letter to the Philippians. The Philippians were not only Paul's sons and daughters in the Faith but also his partners in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. At the heart of this letter is Paul's eloquent hymn of Christ's total gift of self, the model for Paul's life. In six video sessions, Dr. Tim Gray combines insight and practical guidance using the lectio divina disciplines to make the Scriptures come alive. Deacon Dave Lucheon will offer two

sessions, one beginning on Thursday, January 6, 2022 from 9:30am to 11:00am and the second beginning on Monday, January 10, 2022 from 12 noon to 1:30pm. Both sessions will meet in the Deacon Hose Room. For more information or to sign up, contact Deacon Dave at [dlucheon@dioknox.org](mailto:dlucheon@dioknox.org).

### 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://stthomaslc.flocknote.com/signup/77218> or call the office, 865-986-9885.

### Church History – The Creed



What do Christians believe? *The keys that unlock the beliefs of the Christian Faith are stated succinctly in the Nicene Creed, which we profess along with most Christians around the world. Words that roll off our tongues easily, but are often not fully understood, define our Faith.* In this video-based study, Bishop Robert Barron leads us line-by-line through the elegant, intelligent, and succinct words of the Creed. This six-week program is led by parishioner Stu McFadden. The class will begin on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 and runs from 9:15am to 10:30am in room 110 of the PFLC. Contact Stu McFadden with questions or to join the group at [sjmcfadden1999@gmail.com](mailto:sjmcfadden1999@gmail.com).

### 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](mailto: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@stthomaslc.com](mailto:arlene@stthomaslc.com) or (865) 986-9885.

## 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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Contactos: para inscribirse llamar a Blanca Primm al 865-862-5743 o María Hermon al 865-637-4769 o escanee el código QR.

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**GRACIAS DE PARTE DE PADRE RAY Y PADRE JULIÁN**

Queremos agradecerles por todas sus tarjetas de Navidad, regalos, intenciones y oraciones. Fue una hermosa temporada de Navidad, y una verdadera alegría para nosotros ser parte de todas las celebraciones y eventos especiales que tuvimos aquí en Santo Tomás. Queremos agradecer especialmente a nuestro increíble personal de la parroquia y a todos los maravillosos voluntarios que ayudaron a hacer de esta Navidad un tiempo tan especial. ¡Que Dios continúe bendiciendo a nuestra parroquia mientras esperamos todas las actividades emocionantes y divertidas que se llevarán a cabo este año que viene!

Gracias,

*Padre Ray y Padre Julián*

**CIERRE DE OFICINA PARROQUIAL**

Lunes 3 de enero del 2022. Regresaremos a la oficina el martes 4 de enero.

**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

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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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