

ST Mary Catholic Church

Easter Sunday Of The Resurrection Of The Lord

March 31, 2024



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SANTA MARÍA

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EASTER SUNDY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD— MARCH 31, 2024

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday– Thursday 7:30AM—5:00PM

CONFESSION—After daily Mass—Saturday 4:00-4:45pm Sunday 7:30-7:45am//9:30-9:45am//12:30-12:45pm

WEEK DAY DAILY MASS: 9am plus Wednesday at 6pm.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS TIMES 9AM AND 7PM

Saturday: First Saturday of month 9am; Vigil Mass 5pm

If Holy Day is on a Wednesday Mass will be at 6PM

Sunday: Mass 8am Latin, 10:00am English and 1pm Spanish

Stewardship/Collection

MARCH 23/24, 2024

Offertory (Envelopes/Check-Cash-On Line)	\$ 4,660.00
Offertory Loose collection	\$ 1,300.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 2.00
Easter Flowers \$830.00	\$ 70.00
Mass/Coffee/Candles/Rmbr/Rent/Flowers/etc.	\$ 79.03
TOTAL	\$ 6,111.03

MARCH COLLECTIONS

Building—Maintenance Fund \$ 1,310.00	\$ 195.00
Columbarium Fund Donations \$ 7,105.00 As of 10/23	\$
In Memory of Mary Guthrie and Ellen Underdown	\$
03/10—Catholic Relief Services—\$ 5.00	\$
03/23—Good Samaritan—1/2 to Good Hope Center \$ 903.00	\$ 620.00
03/29—Good Friday Pontifical collection for the Holy Land	\$ 85.00
03/31—Diocesan Seminarian Education \$35.00	\$ 25.00
03—Rice Bowls	\$ 215.25
Deficit Reduction—As of March 24, 2024 - \$46,830.91	\$ 280.00

To donate online go to www.stmaryathenstn.org. Click on the DONATE TAB AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE IT WILL TAKE YOU TO THE VANCO SITE. FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. Thank you

February 29, 2024 — Finance Report is located in the message board.
If you would like to receive collection envelopes please call the office.

Daily Mass Readings Beginning – March 31—April 6, 2024

Method for Prayerfully Reading the Scriptures (Lectio Divina) 1. Read
2. Reflect (meditate) 3. Respond (pray) 4. Rest (contemplate)

Sunday, March 31—Acts 10:34a, 37-43//Col 3:1-4 or
1 Cor 5:6b-8// Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-17

Monday, April 1—Acts 2:14, 22-33// Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 2—Acts 2:36-41//Jn 22:11-18

Wednesday, April 3—Acts 3:1-10//Lk 24:13-35

Thursday, April 4—Acts 3:11-26//Lk 24:35-48

Friday, April 5—Acts 4:1-12// Jn 21:1-14

Saturday, April 6—Acts 4:13-21//Mk 16:9-15

Mass begins in the front of the Journeysongs, book with the gray edge pages.

Today's readings begin with— “Year B” # 902

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, March 31, 2024

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURECTION OF THE LORD

EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER 10AM MASS

Monday, April 1, 2024

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

6:30PM—Knight of Columbus Cor

7PM—Ladies night of Recollection

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

10AM—Franciscans Cell Meets in the Library

Adoration and Holy Hour following Mass with Youth Ministry

6:45PM—RCIA

Thursday, April 4, 2024

6pm –Knight of Columbus

Team One Cleans

Friday, April 5, 2024

9:30AM First Friday Adoration

9-11AM—St. Mary Home School Group Meets

Saturday, April 6, 2024

9AM First Saturday Mass

Sunday, April 7, 2024

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Donut Sunday

3PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

CANDLE DONATIONS—We are asking for a donation of \$5.00 per candle to help defray the cost of the candles and Blue Globes

ATTENDANCE—

MARCH 23/24 2024

5pm—145//8am—91//10am—161//1pm—148—Total 545

February —2024 WEEKLY AVG - 464

5pm—78//8am—89//10am—155//1pm—142

Altar Flowers—



Are in Loving Memory of Pat Schwartz from Diane Schwartz . Easter Flowers are also for those listed and donated from those listed.

**WELCOME TO YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH
TODAY WE WELCOME -**



**Children Receiving Baptism—
Aiden James Bradley**

Children Receiving Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation

Mezian Arnwine, Callie Brown, Aydenn Huerta, Yael Medina, Zahir Medina, Cailey Sweet, Hudson Shane Bradley, Victoria Martinez, and Louis Martinez



**Receiving First Eucharist and Confirmation
Kim Abad Reyes**

**Adults Receiving First Eucharist and Confirmation
Alyssa Bradley, Amber Matthewson and Ronnie
Matthewson**



Receiving Confirmation—Michael Kreider




FULL CIRCLE BANQUET—April 11th begins at 6:30pm. Contact Peggy Burnett at 423-261-4832 if interested and more information. Limited seating.

NEW TO OUR PARISH—If you are new to our parish see one of our ushers for a **PARISH REGISTRATION FORM (Green)**—They are also located in the Narthex in the slots in back of the church on the left as you leave. Also let the office know if you would like envelopes. You may put it in with the collection or drop it off at the office. **TO UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION (CHANGES) FILL OUT THE PARISH REGISTRATION FORM AND LET OFFICE KNOW IT IS A “UPDATE” ON YOUR FAMILY.** Place with the collection or drop it off at the office.

PRAYER CHAIN—Call/Text Paulette Croteau at 423-333-8674, or the office to be placed on the prayer chain, or if you would like to help with the prayer chain. Keep in your prayers Roselyn Spicer, Gary Dykes, Deacon Al Fosythe, Giselle Fogelgren, Barb Bever, Carolee Gladish, and all of the known and unknown, all of our sick family and friends, our unborn children and our Homebound. Please call the office if you would like to put someone on the prayer chain and/or in the bulletin. They will remain on the bulletin part of prayer chain for three months or if you request they be removed. They never come off the prayer chain. If you or a family member needs a Pastoral visit or anointing call the office or see Father Orr.



 **Ladies for Charity** – If you have a food need contact Barb Bever at 423-745-9788. The needs of our food pantry are greater due to the current economic conditions. Requested food products are cans of chicken soup, cans of green bean and canned chicken. Thank you for your generosity through food and monetary donations which help our parishioners in need.

Reminder: *Parents, please escort your young children to the restrooms and on church property, at all times. I am reminding all parents/guardians/parishioners. Please keep a watch out for your children at all times, never leave them unattended inside or outside alone.*

Are you interested in having a Parish Wide Yard Sale. To benefit our Parish? We would like to know of your interest and willingness to get involved. We are looking for a team of about 4 people to build this at this time. If interested talk to Lou Dionne or Sissy (in the office). We are NOT talking of donations at this time.

Mass Intentions
March 30– April 7, 2024

March 30—Saturday 8PM—EASTER VIGIL

St. Mary Parish

March 31—8AM//10AM//1PM

+Victoria Marie Orr from Carl and Joanie Parlatore

+Ryan McCormick from Ann Julian

+Aurora Navarrete from Erika Martinez

April 1—Monday 9AM

+Barry Benoit from Beverly Benoit

April 2— Tuesday 9AM

+Judy Klein from St. Mary Parish

April 3— Wednesday 9AM and 6PM

+Alice Bourbonnaise from Stephen and Toni Pacitti

+Dick McCartney from Marie McCartney

April 4—Thursday 9AM

+Victoria Marie Orr from Knight of Columbus

April 5—Friday—9AM

Betty Thomason from Hugh and Connie Reed

April 6—Saturday 9AM and 5PM

St. Mary Parish

+Susan Stockton from Tom and Thelma Pickunas

April 7—8AM//10AM//1PM DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

St. Mary Parish

+Victoria Marie Orr from Bob and Elaine Nevil

+Filipe Martinez from Erika Martinez

3PM DIVINE MERCY CHAPLETE

*WEEKDAY'S - AFTER MORNING MASS YOU ARE WELCOME TO STAY
FOR THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AND THE ROSARY*

MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

FEBRUARY 29, 2924

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

BUDGET CATEGORY	BUDGET	EXPENDITURES	
		THRU 2/29/2024	%
PASTORAL-ADMIN/GENERAL	\$ 188,974	\$ 123,342	65%
LITURGY	21,249	16,399	77%
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	14,588	6,272	43%
MINISTRY OF YOUTH	7,546	904	31%
PARISH COUNCIL-GENERAL	320	251	78%
PLANT/PARISH OPER. & MAINT.	91,130	70,182	77%
TOTALS	\$ 326,807	\$ 220,264	67%

CURRENT MONTH		YEAR TO DATE	
MONTHLY REV. FEB. 2024	\$ 23,302	REV. JULY 2023-FEB. 2024	\$ 216,121
MONTHLY EXP. FEB. 2024	<u>26,028</u>	EXP. JULY 2023-FEB. 2024	<u>220,264</u>
OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (2,726)	OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (4,143)

SUMMARY:
CURRENT FY 2024 SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$ (4,143)
CARRY OVER DEFICIT PRIOR YEAR (19,418)
FALL FESTIVAL FUNDS OF FEB. 2024 -0-

(ALL FIGURES ARE ROUNDED)
THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP GENEROSITY

PRAYER BEFORE THE CRUCIFIX

*Most High,
glorious God,
enlighten the darkness of my heart
and give me, Lord,
a correct faith,
a certain hope,
a perfect charity,
sense and knowledge,
so that I may carry out Your holy
and true command.*

MARCH —SECOND COLLECTIONS—

March 30/31—Easter Sunday to support our Diocesan Seminarian Education—Though we are one of the smallest dioceses in the U.S., we are blessed with a rich harvest of vocations to the priesthood. Presently, we have 11 seminarians enrolled in studies—3 who will be ordained to the priesthood shortly. And God willing, we will hope to have 11 seminarians for the 2024-25 academic year. But with this wonderful blessing comes a financial challenge. The cost of educating just one seminarian is over \$50,000. Your investment in the future of the priesthood is greatly needed to help guarantee the growth of the Catholic faith in East Tennessee. Please be generous in supporting our Diocesan Seminarians in their formation as they endeavor through the grace of God to become your future priests.

APRIL SECOND COLLECTIONS—

April 20/21—Good Samaritan—50% of this collection goes to support the needs of Coordinated Charities and the other 50% stays here to help those that ask us for help.

APRIL 27/28—National Collection for Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Please be generous in supporting the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. This collection helps to strengthen the Catholic Church in the United States in its 87 mission territories. As the Diocese of Knoxville is one of the smallest dioceses in the nation, it is a direct beneficiary of Catholic Home Missions assistance. Your generosity in support of this appeal is greatly appreciated for the additional blessings it brings to our diocese. Thank you.

He is Risen Alleluia Alleluia.....

Happy Easter Everyone

My dear parishioners,

Peace! Among the sixteen documents of the Second Vatican council (1962-1965) is the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, *Gaudium et spes*. In an earlier project published as *Dogmatic Questions and Answers for the Year of Faith* (Charlestown, SC: Createspace, 2012) the three constitutions on the Church, on Divine Revelation and on the Sacred Liturgy (*Lumen Gentium*, *Dei Verbum*, and *Sacrosanctum Concilium* respectively) were considered. The following questions and answers have been drawn up in anticipation of the 60th anniversary of *Gaudium et spes* in 2025.

484. What help is needed in order for every human being and human associations to cultivate moral and social virtues and promote them in society (GS, 30.2)?

Divine grace

485. How is it that the obligations of conscience will be discharged with greater exactness by individual human beings and the various groups to which they belong (GS, 31)?

By being carefully educated to a higher degree of culture through the use of the immense resources available today

486. What do the Council Fathers have to say about the education of youth (GS, 31)?

All, from every social background should undertake education

487. What effect will the education of all youths from every social background have (GS, 31)?

Both men and women of refined talents and great souled persons required for our times will be produced

488. What practical necessity allows us to have a sense of responsibility, conscious of our human dignity (GS, 31.2)?

Basic living conditions

489. What practical necessity allows us to rise to our destiny by spending ourselves for God and others (GS, 31.2)?

Basic living conditions

490. What often happens to as a result of the encounter with extreme poverty (GS, 31.2)?

Human freedom is crippled

God bless you!

Father John Arthur Orr



We believe in the healing ministry of Jesus Christ and in continuing the legacy of the Sisters of Mercy by providing healthcare to the poor and medically underserved in the rural areas of East Tennessee. Call 865-212-5570, to schedule an appointment. They are here at St Mary Catholic Church every 3rd Thursday, from 10AM-2PM.

The Good Faith Clinic—is primary health care for residents of McMinn and Meigs counties, ages 18 to 65 who do not have any form of medical insurance, including Tenn Care. The clinic will be open on two Thursday's each month. The clinic is at 14 Congress Parkway S, here in Athens. Phone 423-745-8185.

CONTACTS FOR:

CCD Director— **Debbie Forsythe**— 865-297-6350 or at debforsthe@rocketmail.com along with Deacon Al Forsythe (Volunteer) /// **Youth Ministries**—**Sue Granger**—423-506-7836/// **RCIA**—**Jack Cox** - 423-836-2979/// **Hispanic Ministry**—**Alicia Mora**—423-368-5310/// **Baptism Preparation**—**Paulette Croteau** at 423-333-8674. Parish Family Life Center (PFLC) - Call the Office to schedule all use/rental of the PFLC by parish groups and the public.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Homeschool Support Group is an East TN group that supports Catholic homeschooling in the Knoxville Diocese. We are a diocesan registered multi-parish group of volunteers. We ARE NOT a co-op and do not follow a set curriculum. We are here to remind each other why we do what we do, celebrate the liturgical year together and offer opportunities for enrichment and socialization. To receive email updates and invites, please register your family (for free) to the OLOPH Knoxville Homeschool Group. <https://olophknoxville.wixsite.com/olophknoxville>. Additionally, each parish volunteer will communicate separately about other local opportunities for socialization & support. The contact for St. Mary's - Athens is the Overdorf family. Jared, Heather & their daughters can be reached at heatheroverdorf@protonmail.com, or 630.240.0459.