



ST Mary Catholic Church

PALM SUNDAY OF PASSION OF THE LORD

March 24, 2024



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SANTA MARÍA

1291 E. MADISON AVE

ATHENS, TN 37303

PALM SUNDAY OF PASSION OF THE LORD— MARCH 24, 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 16/17, 2024

Offertory (Envelopes/Check-Cash-On Line)	\$ 2,217.00
Offertory Loose collection	\$ 1,809.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 4.00
Easter Flowers \$760.00	\$ 315.00
Mass/Coffee/Candles/Rmbr/Rent/Flowers/etc.	\$ 252.34
TOTAL	\$ 4,597.34

MARCH COLLECTIONS

Building—Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,115.00	\$ 260.00
Columbarium Fund Donations	\$ 7,105.00 As of 10/23	\$
In Memory of Mary Guthrie and Ellen Underdown		\$ 100.00
03/10—Catholic Relief Services—\$ 5.00		\$ 5.00
03/23—Good Samaritan—1/2 to Good Hope Center	\$ 283.00	\$ 150.00
03/29—Good Friday Pontifical collection for the Holy Land		\$
03/31—Diocesan Seminarian Education	\$10.00	\$ 10.00
Ladies for Charity		\$ 100.00
Deficit Reduction—As of March 10, 2024 -	\$46,550.91	\$ 275.00

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

January 31, 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 24-30, 2024

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

Sunday, March 24—Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16//Is 50:4-7 / Phil
2:6-11//Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39//

Monday, March 25—Is 42:1-7// Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 26—Is 49:1-6//Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, March 27—Is 50:4-9a//Mt 26: 14-25

Thursday, March 28—Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Cor 11:23-26//
Jn 13:1-15

Friday, March 29—Is 52:13—53:12// Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9//
Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday, March 30—Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a//Gn 22:1-18 or
22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18//Ex 14:15—15:1/ Is 54:5-14/ Is 55:1-11/
Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/ Ez 36 16-17a, 18-28/ Rom 6:3-11
Mk 16:1-7

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

Today's readings begin with— “Year B” # 898

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, March 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY

11:15— CCD

Monday, March 25, 2024

7PM—Chris Mass—Cathedral of the
Most Sacred Heart—Knoxville, TN

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

6AM-5:45PM ADORATION

6:45PM—RCIA

Thursday, March 28, 2024

7pm—Holy Thursday

Friday, March 29, 2024

3PM Stations of the Cross

6PM—Passion of the Christ Readings

March 30, 2024

8PM—Easter Vigil Mass Begins

Sunday, March 31, 2024

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF
THE LORD**

EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER 10AM MASS

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 16/17, 2024

5pm—74//8am—92//10am—171//1pm—121—Total 458

February –2024 WEEKLY AVG - 464

5pm—78//8am—89//10am—155//1pm—142

Altar Flowers—



NO FLOWERS DURING LENT

Please sign up to have flowers in our Church for a loved one, a Blessing or just because. The donation is \$50.00 or more if you would like more. More than one family can sign up at the same time.

“The passion narratives are proclaimed in full so that all see vividly the love of Christ for each person. In light of this, the crimes during the Passion of Christ cannot be attributed, in either preaching or catechesis, indiscriminately to all Jews of that time, nor to Jews today. The Jewish people should not be referred to as though rejected or cursed, as if this view followed from Scripture. The Church ever keeps in mind that Jesus, his mother Mary, and the apostles all were Jewish. As the Church has always held, Christ freely suffered his passion and death because of the sins of all, that all might be saved.”

“Los relatos de la pasión se proclaman íntegramente para que todos vean vívidamente el amor de Cristo por cada persona. En vista de esto, los crímenes cometidos durante la Pasión de Cristo no pueden ser atribuidos, ni en la predicación ni en la catequesis, indiscriminadamente a todos los judíos de aquella época, ni a los judíos de hoy. No se debe referirse al pueblo judío como rechazado o maldecido, como si este punto de vista se derivara de las Escrituras. La Iglesia siempre tiene presente que Jesús, su madre María y los apóstoles eran todos judíos. Como siempre ha sostenido la Iglesia, Cristo sufrió libremente su pasión y muerte por los pecados de todos, para que todos pudieran salvarse”.

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/032924.cfm> (Cited on 18 March, 2024)

THANK YOU—Tommy Fortsch, Jr., Renee LeHuillier, Paul Kessler, Patrick Giltnane, Marty Hall, Ed Fiegle, Julia Marlow, Anthony, KellyAnn, Joseph, Jacob, and Henry Gordan, Sam Brocato, PJ Harper, Hennith May, Sue Granger, and Lou Dionne. For all your hard work cleaning, mowing, spreading top soil, trimming trees, spreading mulch, and seeding grass, picking up branches, ect.

Vietnam Veterans Day at the Niota Train Depot. A ceremony to honor the lives, the fight, and the service of VIETNAM veterans. Friday, March 29, 2024 at 11AM.

VETERANS—I would like to update my list. Please send me your information, Name, address, e mail, branch and rank. Just our local veterans at this time.



EASTER EGGS—We are taking donations of candy filled Easter Egg. The Easter egg hunt after the **10AM Mass Only** on Easter Sunday. Place them in the White Easter Basket. Thank You.

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 ME 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 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

Mass Intentions

March 23-31, 2024

March 23—Saturday 5PM

+Susan Stockton from Joyce Spaulding

March 24—8AM//10AM//1PM

+Victoria Marie Orr from Ron and Lorene Steffes

+Susan Stockton from Ann Julian

St. Mary Parish

March 25—Monday 9AM

+Francis Denver from Stephen and Toni Pacitti

March 26— Tuesday 9AM

+Bernard Quinn from Stephen and Toni Pacitti

March 27— Wednesday 9AM and 6PM

+Emilo and Leonila Torres from Alicia Mora

+Martha Medina from Alicia Mora

March 28—Thursday 9AM

+Rosemary Wissler from Stephen and Toni Pacitti

March 29—Friday—No Mass

3PM Stations of the Cross

6PM—Passion of the Christ Readings

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

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

Mass Donation is \$5.00 per Mass. Due at the time of the request.

MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT JANUARY 31, 2024 ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

BUDGET CATEGORY	BUDGET	EXPENDITURES	
		THRU 1/31/2024	% EXPENDED
PASTORAL-ADMIN/GENERAL	\$ 188,974	\$ 108,600	57%
LITURGY	21,249	13,322	63%
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	14,588	5,654	39%
MINISTRY OF YOUTH	7,546	2,592	34%
MINISTRY FAMILY/PARISH	2,900	741	26%
PARISH COUNCIL-GENERAL	320	251	78%
PLANT/PARISH OPER. & MAINT.	<u>91,130</u>	<u>63,076</u>	<u>69%</u>
TOTALS	\$ 326,807	\$ 194,236	59%

CURRENT MONTH		YEAR TO DATE	
MONTHLY REV. JAN. 2024	\$ 20,790	REV. JULY 2023-JAN. 2024	\$ 192,819
MONTHLY EXP. JAN. 2024	<u>21,617</u>	EXP. JULY 2023-JAN. 2024	<u>194,236</u>
OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (827)	OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (1,417)

SUMMARY:

CURRENT FY 2024 SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (1,417)
CARRY OVER DEFICIT PRIOR YEAR	(19,418)
FALL FESTIVAL FUNDS AS OF JAN. 2024	-0-

ACT OF FAITH

O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe that your divine Son Became man and Died for our sins, and that he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the holy catholic Church teaches, because in revealing them you can neither deceive nor be deceived.

Amen

MARCH —SECOND COLLECTIONS—

Easter Flowers—All month

March 23/24—Good Samaritan—1/2 of the collection will support the needs of the Hope Center.

Rice Bowls—due back March 24/25

March 29—Good Friday Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land—This collection, in the words of Paul VI is “not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities.” You generosity also *assists those such as the* Franciscans who have been in the Holy Land since 1209 caring for the poor, protecting the Holy shrines, and keeping the light of Christianity alive.

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.

RICE BOWLS—ARE DUE BACK—Place your Rice Bowl in the Basket in the Narthex to put your Lenten sacrifices in. There are baggies to put your box in. Please put your name and address on the box so we can note your donation.

We have a team working on our website. If you have a talent photography, graphic artist, writing, gathering information, ect e-mail the office at stmaryathentn@att.net and give us your information to pass along. Visit our website at stmaryathentn@att.net

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.

478. What do many in various places not hesitate to do (GS, 30)?
Resort to various frauds,
Resort to various deceptions,
Avoiding just taxes or other debts due to society
479. What norms of social life are given little thought by some (GS, 30)?
Those designed for the protection of health, and establishing speed limits
480. By disregarding health protection and speed limit laws what does our indifference imperil (GS, 30)?
Our own lives and the lives of others
481. What sacred obligation do the Council Fathers highlight for everyone (GS, 30.2)?
All are to esteem and observe social necessities belonging to the primary duties of modern man
482. What consequence follows from the world becoming more unified (GS, 30.2)?
Human offices extend beyond particular groups and spread by degrees to the whole world
483. What is necessary for the development of a more unified world (GS, 30.2)?
Individual human beings and their associations cultivate the moral and social virtues and promote them in society

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 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.