

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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*Celebrating over 160 years of service to God and God's People*

## The First Sunday of Lent

## March 1, 2020

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### BULLETIN

Deadline is noon on Monday unless otherwise specified. Announcements may be mailed or e-mailed to Jenifer Dills.

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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Weekend

Saturday: 6 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30, 10, 11:30 a.m.

#### Weekdays

Monday - Friday: 12:10 p.m.\*

Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

\*The church is open from 11 a.m. until the end of Mass.

### DEVOTIONS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: First Friday after 12:10 p.m. Mass

Rosary: First Saturday after 8:30 a.m. Mass

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday: 11:45 a.m. - 12 noon

Saturday: 5 - 5:30 p.m. or by appointment

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents must attend a preparation meeting. Please call the parish office to register in advance.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

6 months preparation time required. Contact one of the priests to schedule an appointment. Deposit required to secure date. Request a copy of the Wedding Guidelines from the parish office.

### FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

(September - May)

Pre-K (age 4) - 5th grade: 10 - 11:15 a.m. Sundays

6th - 12th grade: 7 - 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays

### CALVARY CEMETERY

1916 Martin Luther King Jr Ave Knoxville, TN 37915

Volunteer Work Day: Second Saturday, 10 a.m. - noon

For information, please call the parish office.

### SCHOOL

St. Joseph School (PK - 8th grade) [www.sjsknox.org](http://www.sjsknox.org)  
1810 Howard Drive Knoxville, TN 37918 (865) 689-3424

### TWIN PARISH

St. Francis Xavier in Fond des Blancs, Haiti

### PARKING

**Free Sunday morning Mass parking** is available in the Eagles' lot across Cafego Place, the LMU lots on Locust Street and Cafego Place, and the Crowne Plaza parking garage. On weekdays, the **only** free parking available is our own parking lot.

**Free parking for evening (after 5 p.m.) and weekend events** is available in the LMU lots on Locust Street and Cafego Place.



## From the Pastor:

Tuesday, March 3, will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Dedication of our new Diocesan Cathedral. Every year, the anniversary of the cathedral's dedication is celebrated as a feast in the diocesan calendar. *The cathedral church is the church that is the site of the bishop's cathedra or chair, the sign of his teaching office and pastoral power in the particular Church, and a sign also of the unity of believers in the faith that the bishop proclaims as shepherd of the Lord's flock. ...Effective measures should be taken to instill esteem and reverence for the cathedral church in the hearts of the faithful. Among such measures are the annual celebration of the dedication of the cathedral and pilgrimages in which the faithful, especially in groups of parishes or section of the diocese, visit the cathedral in a spirit of devotion.* (Ceremonial of Bishops, 42, 45)

At our cathedral this afternoon, Bishop Stika will celebrate the Rite of Election of Catechumens and the Call to Continuing Conversion of those preparing for Reception into Full Communion. In preparation for that, our **Parish Celebration of Sending our Catechumens and Candidates to the Cathedral** will be celebrated at the 10:00 a.m. Mass this morning. While these rites are especially focused on those preparing for the sacraments of initiation at Easter, our celebration of Lent enables all of us to identify with them on their journey of conversion, repentance, and renewal, joining with them in listening more intently than ever to God's word and practicing the works of mercy.

Also this afternoon, at 4:00 p.m., the Knoxtet Vocal Ensemble and the combined choirs of Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Fatima (Alcoa) will present **God So Loved the World: Lenten Mediations in Scripture and Song**. I encourage all to avail themselves of this exceptional opportunity both to experience beautiful music and to enter prayerfully into the spirit of this sacred season.

I also encourage everyone to take maximum advantage of the many other Lenten devotions and other parish activities that enrich our observance of this season. In particular, I invite everyone to join in praying the **Stations of the Cross** together on Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m. (and to enjoy wonderful food and fellowship at the **Friday Fish Dinner** hosted by the Knights of Columbus, Council 645, immediately before the Stations at 6:00 p.m.).

When we examine how we can best observe this holy season, we start naturally with the three classical Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, which have always been traditionally understood as interconnected. So, for example, in one of his early 5<sup>th</sup> century Lenten sermons, Saint Augustine said, *During these days our prayer is lifted up to the heights with the support of kindhearted almsgiving and frugal fasting. ... Undoubtedly. Just as we are made fitter for praying by almsgiving and fasting, so too our very prayer gives alms when it is directed to God and poured forth, not only for friends but also for enemies, and when it fasts from anger and hatred and all other such destructive vices* (Sermon 207).

*Ronald A. Gruner, CSP*



**Welcome to our Visitors.** We extend a warm welcome to all the visitors who are celebrating Mass with us this weekend.



**We Pray for the Repose of the Soul of**  
†**James C. Wright Sr.**



**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:**

Interested in becoming a Catholic or exploring the Catholic Faith? Our Inquiry group meets on **Monday evenings at 7 p.m. in the parish hall.** For info, call Brigid Johnson at (865) 522-1508 ext. 28. Our next meeting is **Mar. 2.**

Today our Catechumens and Candidates will go to the Cathedral at 4 p.m. for the **Rite of Election.** They will then become the "Elect" in the final step before Baptism and Reception into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

**Join us TODAY, Mar. 1, at 4 p.m. for**  
**God So Loved the World**  
*Lenten meditations in scripture and song*  
Featuring Knoxtet vocal ensemble and the combined choirs of Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Fatima, Alcoa



**National Collection for Black and Indian Missions:**

Today's second collection in support of Black and Indian Missions assists with evangelization efforts in various areas of the U.S. Thank you for your generosity in helping mission dioceses in their work of evangelization and with helping to make Catholic education possible for minority communities.



**Adult Confirmation:** Bishop Stika will celebrate a **Diocesan-wide Confirmation Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 31, at 4 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Most Sacred**

**Heart of Jesus.** Any adult (18 and over) who has had the sacraments of Baptism, Penance, and First Communion, but has not been confirmed, can receive the sacrament on this date. Anyone who wishes to be confirmed in this celebration should contact the parish office as soon as possible.



**Lenten Abstinence:** For members of the Catholic Church, the norms concerning abstinence from meat on the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday are binding upon members of the Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. Besides those outside the age limits, the sick, the frail, the pregnant and nursing women are excused from fasting and abstinence.

**Lenten Friday Fish Dinner and Stations of the Cross:**

We will make the Stations of the Cross as a parish community every Friday in Lent at **7 p.m.**, concluding with Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The Stations will be preceded each week at **6 p.m.** by a traditional Lenten Friday Fish Dinner, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council 645.

**Wednesday Mid-Day Lenten Services:**

As in past years, during Lent there will be a brief ecumenical service **each Wednesday at 12:00 noon**, followed by a simple lunch, sponsored by one of the five downtown churches. All are welcome to attend both the service and the lunch (or just the service). This week's service will be at **Church Street United Methodist Church, 900 Henley Street, on Wed., Mar. 4 at 12:00 noon.** The complete schedule of Lenten services is as follows:

- Mar. 4 Church Street United Methodist Church
- Mar. 11 Saint John's Episcopal Cathedral
- Mar. 18 First Presbyterian Church
- Mar. 25 Immaculate Conception Catholic Church**
- Apr. 1 First Baptist Church

**Parish Lenten Penance Service and Confessions:**

Our annual Lenten Penance Service will take place at **Holy Ghost Church on Mon., Mar. 30, at 7 p.m.**



**Envelopes for Easter lily donations** are available in the vestibule. Donations will be acknowledged in the bulletin after Easter.



**1<sup>st</sup> Friday Exposition and Benediction:**

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at the end of the **12:10 p.m. Mass on Fri., Mar. 6**, followed by the recitation of the Litany of the Sacred Heart and the Paulist Vocation Prayer, and concluding with Benediction.



**The 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Rosary** will be recited at the end of the **8:30 a.m. Mass on Sat., Mar. 7.**



## IC Women's Group News:

**Annual Wrap It Up Project:** The ICWG will collect **handmade or purchased lap quilts and afghans** to be distributed to "Meals on Wheels" participants the week before Easter. A collection basket will be available in the back of the church during Lent.

**2020 KDCCW CONVENTION SPEAKERS**

Patricia Livingston, MA      Sonja Corbitt, Evangelista      Sr. Anna Marie McGuan, RSM

**It's Time to Make Your Reservation:** Time is quickly approaching for the Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women **31st annual convention Apr. 23 - 25 at St. Patrick Church and Best Western Plus Morristown Convention Center in Morristown.** Early Bird Registration only \$115 by Mar. 25. Special guest speakers will be Pat Livingston, a speaker on spirituality whose work has been featured in *Living Faith, Living With Christ, Catholic Digest, Liguorian*, and *US Catholic*; Sr. Anna Marie McGuan, a Religious Sister of Mercy of Alma, Michigan, who is currently serving in the Diocese of Knoxville as the Director of the Office of Christian Formation; and Sonja Corbitt, Evangelista, who has her own programs on radio and TV, plus many writings, such as her best seller book *Unleashed*. The Convention will be opened with a Memorial Mass celebrated by Bishop Stika and all attending priests. Contact Susan Collins, (423) 470-2560, scollins51@hotmail.com, or Kathy DeAngelis, (423) 277-6296, krdeangelis@yahoo.com, for information about hotel arrangements and convention. Convention registration forms are available online at <http://www.kdccw.org>.



## Religious Education News

Religious Education classes for PK - 5<sup>th</sup> grade meet in the parish office building on **Sunday mornings at 10 a.m.** For Registration forms and information, call Brigid Johnson at (865) 522-1508 ext. 28.

### *Gospel Reflection*

When Jesus resists the temptations presented to him by the devil, he draws on his religious upbringing and tradition. Jesus is able to quote from Scripture because he is the Son of God and because he was a human person who lived his Jewish beliefs fully. We who are responsible for raising children are also called upon to immerse them fully in our Catholic Christian tradition so that they too will be able to draw upon this tradition to resist the temptations they will face in their lives. How is your family meeting this responsibility?



**Youth Ministry** is open to all middle and high school students in the parish. Confirmation preparation for students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade or older will take place either in the Catholic schools or in the Youth Ministry program. For more information, please contact Brigid Johnson at (865) 522-1508 ext. 28 or [brigidjohnson50@gmail.com](mailto:brigidjohnson50@gmail.com).



The annual **Bishop's Gathering for Scouting** will be held **Sat., Mar. 7 at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Mass at 8:05 a.m., followed by Breakfast with Bishop Stika at 9 a.m.,** in the Sacred Heart Cathedral School Artroom (711 Northshore Drive). Purchase tickets online at [www.kdccc.org](http://www.kdccc.org). For info, call (865) 607-5064.



**Knoxville Catholic High School** is currently seeking an **assistant girl's lacrosse coach** for this spring season. Playing or coaching experience is preferred. If interested, please contact Jason Surlas, Athletic Director, at [jason.surlas@knoxvillecatholic.com](mailto:jason.surlas@knoxvillecatholic.com) or (865) 560-0506.



**St. John Neumann Catholic School** is looking for someone to fill a **part time position in their Before and Aftercare program on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:30 - 6 p.m.** Individual must be 18 yrs. or older and Virtus trained or become Virtus trained. For more info, contact Lynn Oravitz at (865) 679-1536 or [loravitz@sjncs-knox.org](mailto:loravitz@sjncs-knox.org).



**Paulist Vocations:** Please keep in your prayers Paulist seminarian **Philip Catalanotto, CSP**. Philip, 26, made his first promises to our missionary society on Aug. 31, 2018. The son of Jerry and Victoria Catalanotto, he hails from Wantagh, NY, on Long Island. Philip earned his bachelor's degree from St. Thomas Aquinas College in Sparkhill, NY, where he studied philosophy, religious studies and communications arts. During his college years, he was active in campus ministry. Phillip lives at the Paulist House of Mission and Studies at St. Joseph Seminary in Washington, D.C., and is pursuing his master's degree at the Catholic University of America.

### Paulist Fathers' Necrology

Throughout the year, the Paulist Fathers remember in their prayers their deceased brother missionaries on the anniversaries of their death. This week, we remember:

- Charles J. Davis* (3/1/1923)
- Austin Malone* (3/3/1965)
- Donal F. Forrester* (3/4/2002)
- Henry H. Wyman* (3/6/1929)
- Richard J. Boudreau* (3/6/2014)
- Paul Vincent Maloney* (3/7/1985)
- James B. Corbett* (3/7/1997)



### 2019 Statements of Giving

To request your copy, please contact Jenifer Dills at [icbulletin@bellsouth.net](mailto:icbulletin@bellsouth.net) or (865) 522-1508 ext. 29. **Statements are sent upon request only.**

**Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines:** Announcements for the **Mar. 15 & 22 bulletins** are due on **Mon., Mar. 9.**



**Ladies of Charity Easter Basket Fundraiser** will be held in the parish hall, **Mar. 28 & 29**, after all Masses. Pick up an Easter basket or two and make a generous donation to help those in need. Thank you for your continued support of the Ladies of Charity. For more information, please call Connie at (865) 406-3311.



**Daylight Saving Time** begins **next Sun., Mar. 8, at 2 a.m.**



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Call to Love Marriage Conference

Saturday, March 21, 2020

Sister Anna Marie McGuan, RSM, SSL Director of the Office of Christian Formation will offer three talks on Pope St. John Paul II's "Theology of the Body" and how better understanding his teaching can enrich your marriage.

**Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

**Begins at noon in the Shea Room**

**Concludes with Mass at 5:00 p.m.**

\$25.00 per couple (lunch included) Each couple will receive discount coupon for Paraclete Catholic Books and Gifts

Registration/payment due by Friday, March 13, 2020

Online registration/payment option <https://tinyurl.com/DoK-Call-to-Love-20> or mail check to the Chancery, Attn. Karen Byrne

Contact: Karen Byrne at [kbyrne@dioknox.org](mailto:kbyrne@dioknox.org) or (865) 584-3307



### Worldwide Marriage Encounter:

Married Couples and Priests: Let the light of your marriage sacrament shine for all. Make your light bright by attending the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend on **April 17-19** or **June 26-28**. You can get more information or apply online at [GATN-wwme.org](http://GATN-wwme.org) or by calling (678) 242-WWME.

## SISTER JOLITA

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Saturday,  
March 14th

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SJS Gym

Proceeds benefit the Sister Jolita fund for students in need.

### Sister Jolita Supper & Sing-Along: Sat., Mar. 14.

Interested in Sponsoring the event? Please call Saint Joseph School at (865) 689-3424 to be a Table Sponsor (\$100, \$250) or an Event Sponsor (\$500, \$1,000, \$2,500) for this worthy cause - helping SJS students in financial need in memory of Sister Mary Jolita Hughes, RSM.



**Upcoming Pilgrimages:** The Diocese of Knoxville would like to make you aware of two very special pilgrimages. *Sister Anna Marie McGuan, director of Christian Formation for the diocese, is leading a journey to Spain June 1 - 9. Cardinal Justin Rigali will lead a journey to Central Europe and the International Eucharistic Congress Sept. 17 - 27.* Learn more about these spiritual pilgrimages and sign-up at [dioknox.org](http://dioknox.org).

**Employment Opportunities at All Saints Church: Director of Liturgical Music:** This is a full-time salaried position with a generous benefits package and a great working environment. Position requires an accomplished vocalist with the ability to meet evening and weekend commitments for choir rehearsals and liturgies. An ability to accompany a variety of choral and musical styles on either Keyboard or Organ is a must. Candidates must have knowledge of the various Catholic Liturgical Services and the ability to plan music for these services based on scriptural readings and liturgical seasons. The successful candidate must be outgoing, friendly, able to work well with volunteer choir and parish office staff as well as support the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Faith.

**Assistant Music Director:** This is a part-time hourly position, (15 – 20 hours per week) reporting to and in support of the Director of Liturgical Music, with a generous benefits package and a great working environment. Position requires the ability to meet some evening and weekend commitments for choir rehearsals and liturgies. An ability to accompany a variety of choirs and musical styles on either Keyboard or Organ is an advantage. This position would support the Director of Liturgical Music with additional organizational skills, scheduling and maintaining contacts and assignments. The successful candidate must be outgoing, friendly, able to work well with volunteer choir and parish office staff as well as support the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Faith.

**We are accepting resumes through Mar. 31.** Please send resume, references and salary history to: Deacon Tim Elliott, 620 North Cedar Bluff Rd., Knoxville, TN 37923.



Thank you to all who contributed to our **Annual Paulist Appeal**. We have received **\$13,531.46** in donations & pledges to date. The Paulist Fathers are so thankful for your continued support and generosity.

**Helping our Neighbors:** Your help is needed to assist our neighbors at the **Summit Towers Apartments**. Personal hygiene items and household cleaning supplies are needed by the residents. Please purchase any or all of the items listed below, and bring them to church on the weekend when you come to Mass. Thank you!

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## Parish Financial News

### Parish Offertory Report\*

February 23 Collection	\$	8,797.30
Online Donations:	\$	1,042.50
Needed for Budget each week:	\$	11,779.30
Total Collection YTD:	\$	370,443.48
Total Budgeted YTD:	\$	400,496.20
Gain/(Loss) this fiscal year:	\$	(30,052.72)

\*Regular offertory giving only. Does not include income from donations and other collections.

### Home Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations:	\$	384,520.51
Total Received/Dec. 2019:	\$	311,970.22
Balance Remaining:	\$	72,550.29
Parish Share/Dec. 2019:	\$	157,236.20

### Together....Our Future Fulfilled St. Joseph School Capital Campaign

Total Pledged:	\$	319,672.00
Total Remitted:	\$	247,055.02
Balance Remaining:	\$	72,616.98

### 2019 Bishop's Appeal November 2019

Parish Goal:	\$	52,200.00
Total Committed:	\$	50,363.50
Collections to Date:	\$	45,651.50
Collections Needed:	\$	6,548.50



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**The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for March:** *Catholics in China.* That the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

**Diocesan policy** states that **all minors must be accompanied by an adult when they use church restrooms.** Please do not send your children downstairs alone to the restroom.



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## Readings for the Week

### Monday: Lenten Weekday

Lv 19:1-2,11-18 Ps 19:8-10,15 Mt 25:31-46

### Tuesday: ANNIVERSARY OF DEDICATION OF CATHEDRAL

Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12 Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9  
1 Cor 3:9-11,16-17 Jn 2:13-22

### Wednesday: *Saint Casimir*

Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19 Lk 11:29-32

### Thursday: Lenten Weekday

Est C:12,14-16,23-25 Ps 138:1-3,7c-8 Mt 7:7-12

### Friday: Lenten Weekday

Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26

### Saturday: *Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs*

Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8 Mt 5:43-48

### Sunday: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 12:1-4a Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22  
2 Tm 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, February 29

6 p.m. †Robert Curtis by Clete & Brenda Walles

### Sunday, March 1

8:30 a.m. †Jim & †Catherine Matlock by Judy Grillo  
10 a.m. †Miller & †Cullinan family members  
by Tom & Patty Miller  
11:30 a.m. The People of Immaculate Conception

### Monday, March 2

12:10 p.m. †Geleh Massaquoi by Carole Wunderlich

### Tuesday, March 3

12:10 p.m. Kimberly Garrison by Sue Ownby

### Wednesday, March 4

12:10 p.m. †Larry Eugene Adams by Nancy B. Strange

### Thursday, March 5

12:10 p.m. Peter Ostermayr by Victoria Ostermayr

### Friday, March 6

12:10 p.m. †Dell Marie Pagano by Clete & Brenda Walles

### Saturday, March 7

8:30 a.m. Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz by the People of IC  
6 p.m. Victoria Ostermayr by Gerry & Carol O'Farrell

### Sunday, March 8

8:30 a.m. †Irene Betz by Pat Ryan  
10 a.m. †Carol Hutchison by Gerry & Carol O'Farrell  
11:30 a.m. The People of Immaculate Conception



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