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Wednesday Night Men's Bible Study BEGINS AGAIN JULY 1, AFTER THE 5:00 MASS WE WELCOME NEW PARTICIPANTS!

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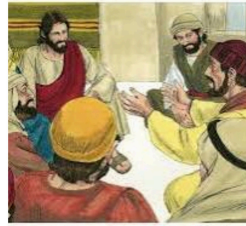
ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH



829 Valley View Dr. Sparta TN. 38583

Sunday June 28, 2026

The Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Welcoming Christ In Others

MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses
Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am
Weekday Masses
Wednesday 5:00 pm
Thursday 9:30 am

CONFESION TIMES
Wednesday 4:30 - 5:00 pm
Saturday 3:30 - 4:00 pm
and by appointment

ADORATION TIMES
Wednesday 4-5:00 pm
Saturday 3-4:00 pm



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Welcome New Parish Members, Sarah & Chris Conley

Saints Peter and Paul Apostles
Feast Day June 29

Bethsaida, Galilee (Peter); Tarsus, Cilicia (Paul) Peter and Paul together found the Church of Rome and constitute her apostolic charism: Peter the Rock on whom the Church is built, Paul the herald of the Gospel to the nations. Their joint feast, in the words of Pope Saint Leo the Great's classic homily, has made Rome the head of the world by the See of Peter, more glorious than the Rome of empire built by Romulus.



There was a certain sister in the Carmelite convent who particularly tried the patience of St. Therese of Lisieux.

But instead of avoiding this person, St. Therese instead made a point of smiling at her whenever the two met.

"Charity must not consist in feelings, but in works," wrote St. Therese. "I set myself to doing for this Sister what I would do for the person I loved the most." In doing so, she learned to see "Jesus hidden in the depths" of this woman's soul.

St. Therese was growing in the virtue of affability when she did this. Affability is attached to justice, writes St. Thomas Aquinas, and demands "that we behave pleasantly to those among whom we dwell." (Sum., II:II, 114, Art. 2)

In being affable, we make ourselves friendly, approachable, and agreeable to those around us, regardless of how they make us feel. "How good and how pleasant it is when brothers dwell together as one," writes King David in Psalm 133.

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In today's gospel, Christ spoke clearly about the need to welcome others for His sake. This is especially, those who bear the good news of salvation. We could attract God's blessings to our home and family through generosity and hospitality, like the Shunem family in our first reading. Through these, our lives and fortunes could be transformed as well.

Unfortunately, these days, we take many things for granted. Some of us are so indifferent to others and their needs. This includes indifference to the presence of God's "genuine messengers" among us. This is because many self-proclaimed and false men of God flood our society with false messages. That is, to the extent that one could hardly differentiate between a genuine and a false preacher.

It could also be that we have become so used to one another, and of course, to men of God, that they have become so ordinary to us. Most importantly and sadly though, it could be that "some so-called men of God," as well as some people of God, have lost the sense of the sacred.

Finally, it is important to ask ourselves these important questions. Do we still value the presence of others? Are we sensitive to their needs? Is our presence a blessing to the people we meet or that meet us? Does it make any difference, or is it an added burden to their life? What good do I bring to the life of others?

Peace be with you!

Maranatha

Any parish Ladies who would be interested in a group dedicated to helping our parish please contact:
Sondra Tersigni
931-256-0803 (text)
our plan is to start with a rosary and to begin ministering to the needs of our fellow parishioners.

Please remember to pickup your envelope and donate generously to the Bishops Annual Appeal

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Please keep in mind: All donations of the Second Collection goes to our outstanding Outreach Program, unless otherwise stated.

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9: a.m. - 12 p.m.

Telephone:
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Baptism:
Please contact
The Parish office about the
birth of your child.

Reconciliation:
Wednesdays 4:30-5:00
Saturdays at 3:30-4:00
and by appointment.

Marriage:
Please contact the Parish
office at least 4 months in
advance for information and
scheduling

**Anointing of the Sick and
homebound:**
Please contact the Parish
Office for information on
our Ministry of Care.

**Father Emmanuel is
available to hear
confessions on
Saturdays from 3:30pm
to 4pm and on
Wednesday from 4:30
pm to 5 pm. Other
confession times
may be arranged
directly with Father.**



If you are a new parishioner, you are
invited to stop by or telephone
the parish office to register and let us
know how we may be of service to you.
Please call the church office
(931) 738-2140

If you have new information, such as a
change of address or
phone numbers, or if you are moving
from the parish,
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**Any parish
members
who wish to join
the Knights are
welcome to talk
with any active
member to sign
up.**

THE KNIGHT'S CORNER

SUNDAY JULY 5 -BREAKFAST
HOSTED BY THE KofC
MEETING TO FOLLOW



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THE
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"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Hebrews 13:16
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ST. ANDREW MASS SCHEDULE INTENTIONS AND EVENTS

Saturday June 27, 2026

Adoration 3:00- 4:00
Confession 3:30- 4:00
4:00 Mass **EMOGENE HUDDON R.I.P.**

Sunday June 28, 2026

Adoration 8:-8:30
8:30- Mass **INTENTION: FOR THE PARISH**

Wednesday July 1, 2026

ADORATION: 4:00- 5:00
CONFESSION: 4:30-5:00 **BILL TERSIGNI R.I.P.**
MASS 5:00

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY-
BEGINS AGAIN JULY 1 2026**

Thursday July 2, 2026

MASS- 9:30 a.m.

Saturday July 4, 2026 **MARGE MANTHEY R.I.P.**

Adoration 3:00- 4:00
Confession 3:30- 4:00

Ministry Schedule

July 4/5

Jim Spagnolo	Justin Acharya
Cathy Clayton	Sondra Tersigni,
Sondra Tersigni	Barbara Leblanc, Branton Ferris
Jim Spagnolo	Lynne Masters, Parker Masters
Vols, Knights	June Acharya, Taj Acharya
	Ray Jicha, Kevin Faust
	Knights of Columbus

Month of the Sacred Heart JUNE ANNIVERSARIES



Gary and Elizabeth Bates 6/1
Jim and Cathy Randolph 6/15
John Sr. and Marivic Hawco 6/28

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

John Hawco Sr. -2
Mary Swartz -8
Zhenya Tomarevsky -10
Justin Acharya - 13
Marleen Loff -15
Billy Morris -16
Ron Heim -17
Michele Heaving -18



MAY MASS INTENTIONS

Fr. Bill Ustaski R.I.P. -10
Pat Wilson R.I.P. -6, 20
Emogene Huddon -27
George Manthey R.I.P. -28

Daily Readings

with Saints & Occasions

June 29- July 5

Monday June 29, 2026

Peter and Paul, Apostles Solemnity - Day
1st Reading: Acts 12: 1-11
Psalm: Psalms 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1st Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18
Alleluia: Matthew 16: 18
Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-19

Tuesday June 30, 2026

First Martyrs of the Church of Rome
1st Reading: Amos 3: 1-8; 4: 11-12
Psalm: Psalms 5: 4b-6, 7, 8
Alleluia: Psalms 130: 5
Gospel: Matthew 8: 23-27

Wednesday July 1, 2026

Blessed Junipero Serra, Priest, Religious, Missionary
1st Reading: Amos 5: 14-15, 21-24
Psalm: Psalms 50: 7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17
Alleluia: James 1: 18
Gospel: Matthew 8: 28-34

Thursday July 2, 2026

Ordinary Weekday
1st Reading: Amos 7: 10-17
Psalm: Psalms 119: 8, 9, 10, 11
Alleluia: 2 Corinthians 5: 19
Gospel: Matthew 9: 1-8

Friday July 3, 2026

Thomas, Apostle Feast
1st Reading: Ephesians 2: 19-22
Psalm: Psalms 117: 1bc, 2
Alleluia: John 20: 29
Gospel: John 20: 24-29

Saturday July 4, 2026

Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary/
Independence Day
1st Reading: Amos 9: 11-15
Psalm: Psalms 85: gab and 10, 11-12, 13-14
Alleluia: John 10: 27
Gospel: Matthew 9: 14-17

Sunday July 5, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: Zechariah 9: 9-10
Psalm: Psalms 145: 1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14
2nd Reading: Romans 8: 9, 11-13
Alleluia: Matthew 11: 25
Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30

Prayer Requests

* Mike Blackburn
* Mike Papa
* Catherine Young
* Katie Charfauros
* Payton Newman
* Heidi Holland
* Joan Kupiec
Sue Alire
Debbie Kensek
Jim Winton
Danny Gutierrez
Art Gutierrez
Linda McGraw
Elaine Garrett
Diane Barry
John Barry
Verne & Bernice Clapp
Clara Magushak
Harry Dennis
Karen Norris
Anna Barry
Andrzej Konwinski
Anita Borski
Dan Clayton
Margaret Massa

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