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Elizabeth Bates, DRE (info page 2)
Classes Have Begun
but it is NOT too late!
Sundays through May of 2027
with Religious Ed from 10-11 am
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Wednesday Night Men's Bible
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DEACON STEVE
SOON MOVING ON TO STUDY THE
BOOK OF DANIEL

Each session starts at 5:30 pm (for after
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age are welcome.

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Study with
JUDY ELLIOTT

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ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH



829 Valley View Dr. Sparta TN. 38583

Sunday October 18, 2026

The Twenty- Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reflections

by Fr. Njoku Canice
Chukwuemeka, C.S.Sp

"How can they believe, if they have not heard the message? How can they hear, if the message is not proclaimed? How can the message be proclaimed, if the messengers are not sent out? How wonderful is the feat of the preachers of the good news!" (Ro 10:14ff).

Today, the 29th Sunday of ordinary time is World Mission Sunday. Today vast numbers of people still do not know Christ. For this reason, the mission ad gentes continues to be most urgent. All the members of the Church are called to participate in this mission. Today is a privileged moment when the faithful of various continents engage in prayer and concrete gestures of solidarity in support of the young Churches in mission land.

It is a celebration of grace, because the Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, offers wisdom and strength to those who are obedient to his action. It is a celebration of joy, because Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, sent to evangelize the world, supports and accompanies our missionary efforts (Pope Francis).

In the first reading of this Sunday, God makes clear his choice of Israel. In a most surprising way too, he makes known his choice of a foreign king (Cyrus), whom Isaiah referred to as "God's anointed instrument." His choice of this "Pagan king" as his anointed was for a purpose. This was in order to make known His name among other nations.

Therefore, like both Cyrus and Israel, God has chosen us. He has called us to be part of this same project, which is: "that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing." This is a call to all God's people, to go and make Him known to the ends of the earth. That is, from North to South, and from East to West.

In the second reading of today, Paul, and his companions prayed for the church of Thessalonica. They have preached the good news there, but they knew that only prayer can sustain their work. So they know the importance of prayer in mission. Therefore, it is important we continue to pray for missionaries as the Holy Father reminds us today.

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Baptisms

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

Marriages

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.

Reconciliation

Father Emmanuel
is available to
hear confessions on
Saturdays from
3:30 to 4 pm
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
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**There is a basket
in the Narthex for
donations
of hygiene
products for
distribution
in the
Outreach program.
Please add items
as you see fit!**

THE KNIGHT'S CORNER

DO YOU WANT TO BE A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS
MEMBER?
JUST ASK ONE!

AS YOU PROBABLY HEARD, THE KNIGHTS
BOWED OUT OF THE LESTER FLATTS DAY
CELEBRATION DUE TO THE WEATHER
PLANS ARE IN THE WORKS
TO GET THEM OUT TO ALL!



THE NEXT HOSTED MEALS ARE
OCT 31 & NOVEMBER 1
WITH MEETING TO FOLLOW THE BREAKFAST



The Knights of Columbus lead the
rosary the 1st Saturday at 3:30
and the 2nd Sunday at 8:30.
On days that the Rosary is not led by the
Knights of Columbus, Saturday's Rosary
will be led by others in attendance, so
arrive early with a rosary!



LET'S GET READY FOR ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY!

We will be collecting names of those who have passed in
the past year, or thereabouts.

Please send names to:

Sondra Tersigni at: bulletinsacc@gmail.com
or text her at: 931-256-0803

The list will be on the altar throughout all of November.

ALSO



if you are having a Mass said for someone,
please email the office with the information
that you put on the form. I say this because
some names are hard to read and we want to
be sure that they are spelled correctly.



"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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We are called to play the same significant role played by St. Theresa of the Child Jesus. She never went on any foreign mission. Yet, she was fervent in her prayers for the success of missionaries. Today she is the patron saint of missionaries. Paul realized the importance of prayers for the success of his mission, so he pleaded, "Pray also for me, that I may be bold in speaking about the gospel as I should" (Eph 6, 19-20).

In today's gospel, the Pharisees were looking for a way to discredit Christ's message. This gospel reminds us of a very important reality that every missionary face. In as much as we preach the good news, detractors and difficulties abound. Hence, the Pharisees in today's gospel represent the different obstacles a missionary must encounter in the course of his work. They come in different shapes and forms. They come like tests, various forms of temptations, doubts, persecutions, threats to life, calumny, and alienation or loneliness, even in the midst of people.

Therefore, for a missionary to overcome all these and be successful especially in today's world, he or she must be as wise as a serpent and yet as gentle as a dove (Mt 10:16). He must be a man of prayer and strong faith. He must learn to live alone with God because, God will always be there for him, but men will not. A missionary must make the Holy Spirit his teacher and partner because, he is the principal agent of mission as Christ promised: "The Advocate will teach you everything. Do not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict." (Jn 14:26; Lk 21, 14-16). He must not be driven by the love of this world like Dimas, who abandoned Paul for the love of this world (2Tim 4:9). Rather, he must be driven by love for God and for His people.

Finally, a missionary must be ready at all times to sacrifice and surrender all (including his life) for God's mission. The joy of being a missionary does not actually come from how much material gifts one receives. Rather, it comes from how much lives one touches, and how much joy one is able to bring to others. It also comes from, how much love he is able to communicate to others through the gospel.

Peace be with you all!

Maranatha!!!

MINISTERS IN SERVICE TO THE LORD ...

WE NEED:

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers

For Saturday, 4:00pm mass, contact

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For Sunday, 8:30am mass, contact

Monica Jicha, 931-267-7747, doghousemom@benlomand.net

Can you say YES to working in the vineyard of the Lord? Matt. 21:28-32

Blessing for World Mission Sunday

O God,

You never cease to call us to Yourself, bless the mission fields where we sow, tend, and reap. Give us your grace and strength as we share Your love with families and friends, strangers and sojourners. Give us the right words, the right inspirations, the right invitations, the right love. Your love, shared. Amen.

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Virtues Explained

"It is not easy for man, wounded by sin, to maintain moral balance," we read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (1811). "Christ's gift of salvation offers us the grace necessary to persevere in the pursuit of the virtues."

Perseverance is unique because without it, we cannot grow in any of the other virtues. If we cannot persevere, we cannot carry the cross. Faith, hope, love, mercy, justice, temperance — these virtues are the fruits of a Christian life, and perseverance is the soil in which they take root.

Like the soil in any garden, it has to be nourished. Perseverance is fed by trials, difficulties, and temptations. "We rejoice in our sufferings," writes St. Paul, "knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us" (Romans 5:4-5).

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PRAYER FOR FAVOR

Eternal Father, You alone grant us every blessing in Heaven and on earth, through the redemptive mission of Your Divine Son, Jesus Christ, and by the working of the Holy Spirit.

If it be according to Your Will,

glorify Your servant, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, by granting the favor I now request through his prayerful intercession (insertion your request here)

I make this prayer confidently through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

AMEN

On October 3rd, 2026 a funeral was held for Pat Wilson, and her urn was placed in the columbarium.

The family asked that the flowers of Pat "the happy greeter" Wilson be shared after the Masses that weekend.

Just shortly after the funeral of Pat Wilson we welcomed a new member into our church family!



WELCOME AMELIA TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

The Baptism of Amelia Rose, Daughter of Claire &. Jonathan Srour



ST. ANDREW MASS SCHEDULE INTENTIONS AND EVENTS

Saturday October 17, 2026

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

4:00 Mass

Sunday October 18, 2026

8:30- Mass INTENTION: FOR THE PARISH

Religious Education Classes
10:00 OCIA 11:00

Wednesday October 21, 2026

ADORATION: 4:00- 5:00
CONFESSION: 4:30-5:00

MASS 5:00

→ MEN'S BIBLE STUDY- AFTER MASS OR ABOUT 5:30

Thursday October 22, 2026

MASS- 9:30 a.m.

Saturday October 24, 2026

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

4:00 Mass MARIE WANDREY R.I.P.

Ministry Schedule

October 24/25

Marleen Loff

Nancy Helmer
Sondra Tersigni



Tony Tersigni
Vols, Knights

Monica Jicha

John Hawco
Sondra Tersigni
Monica

Luke Hudachec
James Hudachec
Sam Baird

Ray Jicha Kevin Faust
Knights of Columbus



Month of the Holy Rosary OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES



Bob & Linda McGraw, Oct 1
Joseph & Diane Buccilli Oct 6
Michael & Barbara McCarthy Oct 12
Shannon & Katie Charfauros Oct 13
Jonathan & Clair Srour Oct 21

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Amy Flach - 2
Victor Vale - 6
John Blumer -6
Linda Wankel -9
Diane Buccilli -10
Anthony Helmer -10
Andrew Gauvin -14
Mary Grey -14
William Swartz -16
Kevin Faust -17
Joe Buccilli -17
Marcy Fleck -19
Jon Hoagland -19
Diana Mario -19
Laureen Santini -20
Nick Troutman -20
Bryan Helm -20
Doris Grimes -21
Chickezle Emeghara 22
Eugene Gray -26
Margaret Cullen -31



OCTOBER MASS INTENTIONS

Clara Maguschak R.I.P. - October 1, 8, 15
Margaret Alameda - Special Intention - October 10
Susan Boutin R.I.P. October 21
Marie Wandrey R.I.P. October 24
Mike Hassett Special Intention - October 29

Daily Readings with Saints & Occasions Prayer Requests

October 19-25

Monday, October 19, 2026

Isaac Jogues and John De Brébeuf, Priests, Religious.

Missionaries, Martyrs, & Companions, Martyrs Obligatory

Memorial

First: Ephesians 2: 1-10

Psalm: Psalms 100: 2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5

Alleluia: Matthew 5: 3

Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

Paul of the Cross, Priest, Religious Founder

First: Ephesians 2: 12-22

Psalm: Psalms 85: 9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14

Alleluia: Luke 21: 36

Gospel: Luke 12: 35-38

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

Ordinary Weekday

First: Ephesians 3: 2-12

Psalm: Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4bcd, 5-6

Alleluia: Matthew 24: 42a, 44

Gospel: Luke 12: 39-48

Thursday, October 22, 2026

John Paul II, Pope

First: Ephesians 3: 14-21

Psalm: Psalms 33: 1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19

Alleluia: Philippians 3: 8-9

Gospel: Luke 12: 49-53

Friday, October 23, 2026

John of Capistrano, Priest

First: Ephesians 4: 1-6

Psalm: Psalms 24: 1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6

Alleluia: Matthew 11: 25

Gospel: Luke 12: 54-59

Saturday, October 24, 2026

Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary/

Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop, Religious Founder

First: Ephesians 4: 7-16

Psalm: Psalms 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5

Alleluia: Ezekiel 33: 11

Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Exodus 22: 20-26

Psalm: Psalms 18: 2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

Second: First Thessalonians 1: 5c-10

Alleluia: John 14: 23

Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-40



**Mike Popa
*Catherine Young
*Katie Charfauros
**Lois Gilbert
*Payton Newman
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John Barry
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Christopher j. Scott
** Special Consideration, Please!

May the Souls of all the Faithful Departed, Through the Mercy of God Rest in Peace! AMEN

