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**ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH**



829 Valley View Dr. Sparta TN. 38583

Sunday May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday



**MASS TIMES**

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

**CONFESSION 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

*Reflections*

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

Today is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is a feast which occupies a very important and prominent position in the Church's history and liturgical calendar. This is because it serves as the bridge between Easter Season and Ordinary Time of the year.

The first reading of this Sunday tells the story of how Christ eventually fulfilled his promise to his disciples, who faithfully obeyed his command: "Do not leave Jerusalem until the advocate comes!" (Acts 1, 5). From the perspective of this reading, therefore, today's celebration is a reward for faithful obedience and steadfastness in prayer.

It is important to note that one of the greatest aspects of this feast that is grossly misunderstood and abused is the gift of tongue. It is important that we grasp Paul's teachings on the issue of gifts and speaking in tongues in 1 Cor 12 and 14. It is a gratuitous gift from God and does not come through learning and practicing.

Anyone who speaks false tongues is both blaspheming against God and committing sacrilege. That is, sin against the Holy Spirit. This gift was given to the apostles to aid them spread the good news to different people who gathered from all nations to listen to them: "Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem...each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language about the marvels of God." It was not given to them to boost their ego, or for their own personal or selfish interest. Instead, it was given to them in order to edify the church and to transmit the message of eternal life on to others.

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# St. ANDREW'S MEMORIES

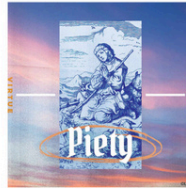
Cathy Randolph & Mike McCarthy share a smile!



THIS WEEKEND AT BOTH MASSES!



Joan and Ron Heim take up the gifts!



Piety is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and is related to the virtue of justice.

St. Thomas Aquinas writes, "Piety denotes the reverence which we give to our faith and to our country. And since God is the Father of all, the worship of God is also called piety, therefore the gift whereby a man, through reverence for God, works good to all, is fittingly called piety." (Sum., II, II, 68, Art. 4)

The virtue of piety, which can be understood most easily as giving due reverence to God, should not be confused with "popular piety," which refers to external expressions of devotion that are unique to specific places and environments. The virtue of piety describes a person's fulfillment of their duty to God and the precepts of the Church; popular piety describes other practices that enliven their desire to fulfill that duty.

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### Pentecost Prayer

Come Holy Spirit,  
Descend upon us and fill us  
with the fire of Your love!  
Remind us of Your dreams for  
us,  
ignite us with new zeal,  
place new visions on our  
hearts,  
and the grace to work  
alongside You.  
Amen.

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In the second reading of today, Paul makes a very important statement: "No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit." What this means is that it is God himself that enables us through the gifts we have received today in order to recognize the lordship of Christ. Recognizing the lordship of Christ was a difficult task for Satan because, the Holy left him.

The obvious fact is that when Paul uses the phrase "say Jesus is Lord," he is not simply referring to the literary pronouncement of the lordship of Christ. Rather, he means it, making Jesus the Lord of one's life. To achieve this, one needs the conviction of the Holy Spirit.

To say Jesus is Lord is to live it, and to actually have him as the lord of one's life. Only those who are being led by the Holy Spirit are truly sons and daughters of God (Rom 8, 14). It is the Spirit that we receive today, that will therefore prompt us to proclaim the lordship of Christ: "You received the spirit of sonship, and by him, we cry Abba Father. The spirit testifies with our spirit that we are God's children" (Rom 8, 15-16).

In today's gospel, we see the Trinitarian God in action, each doing and completing His action and yet united. They operated as though they were involved in a relay race, where each handed over the baton to the other. However, in spite of this, none of them was passive at any moment. Jesus says, "as the Father sent me so I am sending you, receive the Holy Spirit."

The Holy Spirit we received today has in no way come to replace Christ. Rather, He has come to help us achieve what he helped Christ achieve.

Therefore, the same Spirit empowers us to move out in order to testify to the lordship of Christ. It is a new Pentecost, so we implore the Lord: "Send forth your spirit Lord, and renew the face of the earth."

Peace be with you all!

Maranatha!



### A Mother's Day Remembrance!

Representing the Knights of Columbus were: Grand Knight Kevin Faust and Tony Tersigni



A Break Between the Orders!



### WEDNESDAY OUTREACH CREW:

Jim Spa, Doris Grimes, Hailey Mercier, Debi Donovan, Marcy Fleck, Donetta & Randy Hakman  
NOT PICTURED: Debbie Tylka & Marleen Loff

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### ST. ANDREW MASS SCHEDULE INTENTIONS AND EVENTS

#### Saturday May 23, 2026

Adoration 3:00- 4:00  
Confession 3:30- 4:00  
4:00 Mass **DIANE & DAN DOBEK R.I.P.**

#### Sunday May 24, 2026

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

#### Wednesday May 27, 2026

ADORATION: 4:00- 5:00  
CONFESSION: 4:30-5:00  
MASS 5:00 **MICHAEL JORGESON R.I.P.**

→ **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY- ON HOLD THROUGH JUNE**

#### Thursday May 28, 2026

MASS- 9:30 a.m.  
**INEZ TERSIGNI R.I.P.**

#### Saturday May 30 2026

Adoration 3:00- 4:00  
Confession 3:30- 4:00  
**FATHER BILL USTASKI R.I.P.**

### Ministry Schedule

May 30/31

Cathy Clayton	Monica Jicha
Sondra Tersigni	Sondra Tersigni,
Marleen Loff	Barbara Leblanc, Branton Ferris
Jim Spagnolo	Sam Baird, John Hawco
Vols, Knights	Taj Acharya, June Acharya
	Kevin Faust, Ray Jicha
	Knights of Columbus

### Month of our Lady

#### MAY Anniversaries

Bryon and Angela Helm 3/6  
Kevin & Samantha Faust 3/17  
Nathan & Michele Honeycutt 5/20  
Mark & Valerie Tylka 5/21  
Justin & Natalie Acharya 5/24  
Billy & Joanne Morris 5/24  
Heidi & Gary Holland 5/24  
Nancy & Tony Helmer 5/28

#### Birthdays

Amy Wilegus - 3  
Mike Popa - 6  
Betty Jo Lopez - 7  
Mercy Emeghara -13  
Laura Powers - 14  
Jennifer Hudachek -16  
Jessica Brennonson - 18  
Annette Popa - 20  
Sam Baird - 24  
Ray Leblanc - 27  
Hailey Mercier -28  
Don Baird - 30  
Mark Tylka - 31

### MAY MASS INTENTIONS

Bruce Price R.I.P. - 2  
Frank Tersigni R.I.P. - 6  
John Sefranek & Family R.I.P. - 7  
George & Florence Oleksek R.I.P. - 9  
Sue Hubbard R.I.P. - 13  
John Patrick R.I.P. - 14  
Diane & Dan Dobek R.I.P. - 16  
Mert & Marie Wandrey R.I.P. - 20  
Roseanna Hassett R.I.P. - 21  
Raymond Rigby R.I.P. - 23  
Michael Jorgeson R.I.P. - 27  
Inez Tersigni R.I.P. - 28  
Maccel Munoz R.I.P. - 30

### Daily Readings Prayer Requests

with Saints & Occasions

#### May 25-31

##### Monday May 25 2026

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church  
First: Acts 19: 1-8  
Psalm: Psalms 68: 2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab  
Alleluia: Colossians 3: 1  
Gospel: John 16: 29-33

##### Tuesday May 26, 2026

Philip Neri, Priest Obligatory Memorial  
First: First Peter 1: 10-16  
Psalm: Psalms 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4  
Alleluia: Matthew 11: 25  
Gospel: Mark 10: 28-31

##### Wednesday May 27, 2026

Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop, Religious, Missionary  
First: First Peter 1: 18-25  
Psalm: Psalms 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20  
Alleluia: Mark 10: 45  
Gospel: Mark 10: 32-45

##### Thursday May 28 2026

Ordinary Weekday  
First: First Peter 2: 2-5, 9-12  
Psalm: Psalms 100: 2, 3, 4, 5  
Alleluia: John 8: 12  
Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52

##### Friday May 29, 2026

Ordinary Weekday  
First: First Peter 4: 7-13  
Psalm: Psalms 96: 10, 11-12, 13  
Alleluia: John 15: 16  
Gospel: Mark 11: 11-26

##### Saturday May 30, 2026

Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
First: Jude 1: 17, 20b-25  
Psalm: Psalms 63: 2, 3-4, 5-6  
Alleluia: Colossians 3: 16a, 17c  
Gospel: Mark 11: 27-33

##### Sunday May 31, 2026

Holy Trinity Solomnity  
First: Exodus 34: 4b-6, 8-9  
Psalm: Daniel 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56  
Second: Second Corinthians 13: 11-13  
Alleluia: Revelation 1: 8  
Gospel: John 3: 16-18

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