

HOLY SATURDAY READINGS

Can be found in the church blue book on PAGE 826

1st Reading: Genesis 1: 1 – 2: 2 or 1: 1, 26-31a
Psalm: Psalms 104: 1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35

3rd Reading: Exodus 14: 15 – 15: 1
Psalm: Exodus 15: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18

5th Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-11
Psalm: Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4, 5-6



Lenten Retreat

**DISCIPLESHIP:
TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND
FOLLOW ME.**

Come, follow me on a mini Lenten retreat. A time to focus on different areas of our spiritual life. This will not be a "sit down and listen" time. This will allow, and encourage, personal responses and involvement.

Discovery, goals, the cross we carry and how we walk our path to heaven – all will be covered.
Friday, March 27 th, 6:00pm to 7:00pm
Saturday, March 28 th, 6:00pm to 7:00pm
Snacks will be provided through the generosity of the Knights of Columbus.
Deacon Steve and Judy Elliott will be the facilitators.
You don't need to sign up; just show up.

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ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH



829 Valley View Dr. Sparta TN. 38583

Sunday March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday



Reflection's

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

Today is Palm Sunday. On this Sunday, the Church celebrates the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem in order to accomplish his Paschal Mystery. Today, all the readings highlight the ordeal and humility of Christ.

Today's celebration is full of symbols. The green palm is a symbol of peace: "He shall be the prince, and king of peace" (Is 11: 1-9; 9:6). It also represents royalty and restoration. The crowd symbolizes both praise and denial. This is because, the same crowd singing "hosanna" today, soon will shout, "crucify him!" Finally, the donkey is symbolic of Christ's humility: "...He is humble. He rides on a donkey, the foal of a beast of burden" (Zac 9: 9).

Today's gospel is from the passion narrative of Christ. It could be divided into three scenes: the arrest of Christ, his arraignment before Roman authorities, and his suffering and death. It is a drama of both praise and betrayal. It started like a comedy but seems to end like a tragedy.

Hence, the journey that started with praises (Hosanna, Hosanna), eventually ended with castigation (crucify Him, crucify him). However, at both ends, God is still at work and in control because: "We know that in all things, God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Rom 8, 28).

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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, y invited to stop by or teleph the Parish office to register and know how we may be of service Please call the church offi (931) 738-2140

If you have new information, st change of address or phone numbers, or if you are n from the parish, please call the Parish office at (931) 931-738-2140

Please visit the parish website: and sign up to receive the weekly email newsletter and parish-wide emails.

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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

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



LET'S SAY THE ROSARY, AS A FAMILY!

SATURDAY April 11 at 3:30

SUNDAY April 12 at 8:00

LED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Reflection's

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The humility that Christ demonstrated today is contrary to the arrogant display of wealth and firm by today's rulers and leaders. In spite of being God, Christ humbly rode on the lowliest of beasts.

The passion narrative of Jesus Christ is very crucial to our understanding of the true nature of Christ. It presents us with the nature of Christ as a true man. He suffered and died like every other human being. Yet, this did not diminish the fact that he is Lord and God.

Through his passion, He has become our role model, while his cross has become our symbol of hope and salvation. So, before seeing Christ as the glorious Lord of Easter, first, we must think of him as the wounded, and crucified Christ.

Finally, as we sing hosanna, hosanna today, let us ask God to keep us faithful till we sing the great alleluia to the glory of the risen Christ at Easter.

Peace be with you all!

Maranatha



"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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EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT AT 5:00 THIS WILL BE LED BY THE OUTREACH MINISTRY AND IT IS THE LAST STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR THE YEAR!



THANK YOU, MIKE MCCARTHY, FOR THIS BEAUTIFUL PICTURE!

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS IS A WONDERFUL WAY TO FOLLOW CHRIST'S PASSION!

HOLY THURSDAY

Lector- Mike McCarthy
Cantor- Carolyn Blackburn
EMOHC-Deacon Steve
Monica Jicha, Barbara Leblanc

THE WASHING OF THE FEET

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| 1. Monica Jicha | 7. Nathan Honeycutt |
| 2. Ritina Jones | 8. Sondra Tersigni |
| 3. Elizabeth Bates | 9. Dan Clayton |
| 4. Hunter Dowdy | 10. Cathy Clayton |
| 5. Katelyn Dowdy | 11. Joanne Morris |
| 6. Michele Honeycutt | 12. Sherry Hickey |

ALTAR SERVERS

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| 1. Lynnleigh Masters | 3. James Hudachek |
| 2. Luke Hudachek | 4. Sam Baird |

GOOD FRIDAY

EMOHC-Deacon Bob (body only)

Lector:

- 1st and 2nd Readings - Monica Jicha
- (Reading of the Passion - Narrator) - Judy Elliott
- (Reading of the Passion - Speaker) - Sondra Tersigni

ALTAR SERVERS

- Lynnleigh Masters
- Luke Hudachek
- James Hudachek

LET US OBSERVE THIS SPECIAL TIME TOGETHER!



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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Vigil of March 28, Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday, 2026

PALM SUNDAY VIGIL

Saturday March 28, 4:00 p.m. to begin with the blessing of the palms and a procession into church

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday March 29, 8:30 a.m. to begin with the blessing of the palms and a procession into church

HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday April 2, 5:00 p.m. with ceremonial foot washing and continuous adoration to midnight, at the Altar of Repose

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday April 3, 5:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

Saturday April 4, 5:00 p.m. with the blessing of the fire and candlelight procession into the church

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

Sunrise Service April 5, 6:30 a.m. at the Columbarium
Sunday April 5, 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast Reception for the new Holy Communicants with an Easter Egg Hunt to follow



ST. ANDREW MASS SCHEDULE INTENTIONS AND EVENTS

Saturday March 27, 2026

Adoration 3:00- 4:00
Confession 3:30- 4:00
4:00 Mass **GERARD DOHERTY R.I.P.**

Sunday March 28, 2026

Adoration 8:-8:30
8:30- Mass **INTENTION: FOR THE PARISH**
Wednesday April 1, 2026

NO MASS, CONFESSION OR ADORATION

Thursday April 2, 2026

NO MORNING MASS
5:00 P.M. MASS FOR HOLY THURSDAY

THERE WILL BE THE USE OF ENSENCE DURING HOLY THURSDAY MASS

Friday April 3, 2026

5:00 P.M. MASS FOR GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Saturday April 4, 2026

5:00 P.M. MASS FOR HOLY SATURDAY

THERE WILL BE THE USE OF ENSENCE DURING HOLY SATURDAY MASS

Sunday April 5, 2026

6:30 SUNRISE MASS at the Columbarium
8:30 EASTER MASS
inside the church
MASS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION FOR THE COMMUNICANTS AND AN EASTER EGG HUNT!



PLEASE BRING BELLS TO RING ON THURSDAY & SATURDAY, DURING THE GLORIA!

Month of St. Joseph

MARCH

Birthdays

Maria Pavao - 19
Bill Jones - 21
Sam Baird - 24
June Acharya - 26
Joanne Morris - 27
Darran Clausen - 28
Debi Donovan - 29
Don Baird, Roenella Hornsby
Lynnleigh Masters - 30



MARCH MASS INTENTIONS

Mert Wandrey - R.I.P. 4th
Michael Dendzel R.I.P. 5th
Cordell Hood for healing 7 & 14
James Hunter Special Intention 11th
Sue Hubbard R.I.P. 12th
Roger Bouton R.I.P. 18th
Eugene Manthey R.I.P. 22nd
Gerard Doherty R.I.P. 25 & 26 & 28th

Prayer Requests

*John Petrick
*Catherine Young
*Katie Charfauros
*Payton Newman
Jim Winton
Danny Gutierrez
Arl Gutierrez
Linda McGraw
Roseanna Hassett
Elaine Garrett

Heidi Holland
Diane Barry
John Barry
Clara Magushak
Harry Dennis
Karen Norris
Pat Wilson
Andrzej Konwinski
Anita Borski
Margaret Massa
Anna Barry

Daily Readings with Saints & Occasions

March 30-April 5

Monday March 30, 2026

Toribio De Mogrovejo, Bishop
1st Reading: Daniel 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
or Daniel 13: 41c-62
Psalm: Psalms 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Verse Before Gospel: Ezekiel 33: 11
Gospel: John 8: 1-11

Tuesday March 31, 2026

Lenten Weekday
1st Reading: Numbers 21: 4-9
Psalm: Psalms 102: 2-3, 16-18, 19-21
Gospel: John 8: 21-30

Wednesday April 1, 2026

Annunciation of the Lord Solemnity
1st Reading: Isaiah 7: 10-14; 8: 10
Psalm: Psalms 40: 7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11
2nd Reading: Hebrews 10: 4-10
Verse Before Gospel: John 1: 14ab
Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38

Thursday April 2, 2026

HOLY THURSDAY
1st Reading: Genesis 17: 3-9
Psalm: Psalms 105: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Verse Before Gospel: Psalms 95: 8
Gospel: John 8: 51-59

Friday April 3, 2026

GOOD FRIDAY
DAY OF FASTING
AND Abstinence from Meat (age 14 and up)
1st Reading: Jeremiah 20: 10-13
Psalm: Psalms 18: 2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7
Verse Before Gospel: John 6: 63c, 68c
Gospel: John 10: 31-42

Saturday April 4, 2026

HOLY SATURDAY
1st Reading: Ezekiel 37: 21-28
Psalm: Jeremiah 31: 10, 11-12, 13
Verse Before Gospel: Ezekiel 18: 31
Gospel: John 11: 45-56



Sunday April 5, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY
Procession: Matthew 21: 1-11
1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7
Psalm: Psalms 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11
Verse Before Gospel: Philippians 2: 8-9
Gospel: Matthew 26: 14 - 27: 66 or Matthew 27: 11-54