

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS
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if you missed it, contact
Elizabeth Bates (info page 2)

Classes Have Begun

Sundays through May of 2027
with Religious Ed from 10-11 am
OCIA from 11 to noon

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If you are a social worker, please contact
Judy Elliott, 529-429-4581
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Wednesday Night Men's Bible
Study with
DEACON STEVE

Each session starts at 5:30 pm (for after Mass) and ends at 7:00 pm. All men of any age are welcome.

SATURDAY Adult Bible
Study with
JUDY ELLIOTT

Begins at 5:30 after a quick meal!
all are welcome.

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Now Open from 9 am to noon
Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday and Friday
(no Thursday due
to the delivery)

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ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday October 11, 2026



Welcome to God's Banquet!

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



829 Valley View Dr. Sparta TN. 38583

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reflections

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

"He brought me to his banqueting table, and his banner over me was love" (Song of Solomon 2:4). Today, God invites us to His great banquet on the twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time. It is a universal invitation for people of all nations. Hence, the good news this Sunday is that God is inviting each of us to his banquet!

In the first reading, Isaiah brings us this good news of hope: "On this mountain, the Lord of Hosts will prepare a banquet of rich food...he will remove the mourning veil covering all people...He will destroy death forever." My dear friends, the best response after this reading should be, Amen! However, we must consider two things here.

First, there is a location for this banquet - "On this Mountain." So, we must hasten to be there. This is why it is an invitation, and we must make an effort to be there if we must enjoy "the banquet and have our tears wiped away!" The second and crucial consideration is that it is a universal invitation. So, rather than read "strictly by invitation," it reads "for all people!" In other words, each of us is a VIP at this banquet.

Hence, God invites us without any restrictions, but we must be on the mountain to partake of his blessings and favors. We can never go to this mountain and remain or return the same way we were. This mountain is God's divine presence, the place and house of prayer. When was the last time you climbed up there?

In our second reading today, Paul makes two important statements. First, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." He is contented with his place in Christ. So, nothing bothers him. Through this, Paul reminds us that if we respond fully to God's invitation, He will continuously strengthen us with his blessings.

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9: a.m. - 12 p.m.

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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
(931) 738-2140

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change of address or
phone numbers, or if you are moving
from the parish,
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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!

WE HOPE YOU HAD A CHANCE OR WILL HAVE
A CHANCE TO BUY THE LUMPIA AT
LESTER FLATT DAY ON SATURDAY.



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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ST. ANDREW MASS SCHEDULE INTENTIONS AND EVENTS

Saturday October 10, 2026

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

**4:00 Mass MARGARET ALAMEDA
SPECIAL INTENTION**

Sunday October 11, 2026

Adoration 8-8:30

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

**Religious Education Classes
ON FALL BREAK**

Wednesday October 14, 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 15, 2026

MASS- 9:30 a.m. **CLARA MAGUSCHAK R.I.P.**

Saturday October 17, 2026

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

**4:00 Mass MARGARET ALAMEDA
SPECIAL INTENTION**

Ministry Schedule

October 17/18

Nancy Helmer

Marleen Loff

Victor Vale



Tony Tersigni
Vols, Knights

Mitchie Baird

Branton Ferris
Monica Jicha
Barbara Leblanc

Parker Masters
Lynnleigh Masters
Taj Acharya
June Acharya

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 INTENSIONS

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 Prayer Requests

October 5-11

Monday, October 12, 2026

Ordinary Weekday

First: Galatians 4: 22-24, 26-27, 31 - 5: 1
Psalm: Psalms 113: 1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7
Alleluia: Psalms 95: 8
Gospel: Luke 11: 29-32

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Ordinary Weekday

First: Galatians 5: 1-6
Psalm: Psalms 119: 41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48
Alleluia: Hebrews 4: 12
Gospel: Luke 11: 37-41

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

Callistus I, Pope, Martyr
First: Galatians 5: 18-25
Psalm: Psalms 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6
Alleluia: John 10: 27
Gospel: Luke 11: 42-46

Thursday, October 15, 2026

Teresa of Avila, Virgin, Religious,
Doctor Obligatory Memorial

First: Ephesians 1: 1-10
Psalm: Psalms 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6
Alleluia: John 14: 6
Gospel: Luke 11: 47-54

Friday, October 16, 2026

Hedwig, Religious/
Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

First: Ephesians 1: 11-14
Psalm: Psalms 33: 1-2, 4-5, 12-13
Alleluia: John 13: 22
Gospel: Luke 12: 1-7

Saturday, October 17, 2026

Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr Obligatory Memorial

First: Ephesians 1: 15-23
Psalm: Psalms 8: 2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7
Alleluia: John 15: 26a, 27a
Gospel: Luke 12: 8-12

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6
Psalm: Psalms 96: 1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10
Second: First Thessalonians 1: 1-5b
Alleluia: Philippians 2: 15d, 16a
Gospel: Matthew 22: 15-21

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** Special Consideration, Please!

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

TAKE NOTE.

ALL VOLUNTEERS- Everyone who volunteers here at St. Andrew- is required by the diocese to complete an annual Safe Environment training.

All catechists, those involved with altar servers, food pantry volunteers, any one especially directly involved with youth or vulnerable adults, even our handymen!

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It is a simple online series of videos that takes maybe an hour or two of your time, once a year. The module you're looking for is "Protecting God's Children."

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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



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, glorify Your servant, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, by granting the favor I now request through his prayerful intercession (mention your request here)
I make this prayer confidently through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.
AMEN



MINISTERS IN SERVICE TO THE LORD . . . WE NEED:

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers

For Saturday, 4:00pm mass, contact

Sondra Tersigni, 931-256-0803, spartatn147@gmail.com

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



Virtues
Explained

If the question were posed: "Who is God?" a variety of answers could be given, and more than one could be correct.

The most succinct, however, would be this: God is truth.

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." Jesus tells his disciples (John 14:6). The pursuit of truth, he further instructs, will set them free (John 8:32) from the original untruth uttered and embraced in Eden.

If God is truth, he is honored by truthfulness. Untruthfulness, not surprisingly, is synonymous with disorder and broken relationships among mankind — Eden's everlasting legacy. The virtue of honesty, writes St. Thomas Aquinas, is "a kind of spiritual beauty" which measures the degree to which we honor one another in how we live truthfully (Sum. II-II, 145, Art 1-4).

Honesty is something that must be known interiorly in order to be visible exteriorly: "Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your Truth" (Psalm 86:11).

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