

Upcoming Events

Stations of the Cross-
March 6th & 13th
and every Friday of Lent.
This week the
Stations are being
led by the Knights
of Columbus.



MEATLESS SOUPS
FRIDAY THE 6th

FISH FRY
after the Stations of the
Cross
FRIDAY THE 13th

NO RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION MARCH 8

Religious Education class line-up

K-8 grades Sundays at 10:00 am
(after Mass/Breakfast)

High School Youth Group
1st and 3rd Sunday
at 10:00 am

OCIA
11:00- 12:00

THE FOOD PANTRY HOURS
WEDNESDAY &
FRIDAY
9 am TO noon

The Wednesday Night

Men's Bible Study
is
Going Strong!

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

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ST. ANDREW

CATHOLIC CHURCH



829 Valley View Dr. Sparta TN. 38583

The Third Sunday of Lent



MASS TIMES

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

ADORATION TIMES

Wednesday 4- 5:00 pm
Saturday 3- 4:00 pm
Sunday 8- 8:30 am

CONFESSION TIMES

Wednesday 4:30- 5:00 pm
Saturday 3:30- 4:00 pm

Sunday March 8, 2026

Reflections

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

Today, the Holy Mother Church encourages us to come to Christ the Eternal Living Water. She calls us to break all cultural barriers and prejudices to let the eternal living water flow into all hearts.

Water is an essential requirement for the sustenance of all lives. According to scientific studies, water makes up 60-75 percent of the total body fluid. Hence, complete withdrawal or water extraction from any person will result in death. In the Old Testament, water is a common metaphor for spiritual satisfaction (Is 12, 3)

The first reading of today tells us of the ordeal of the Israelites in the wilderness. After four hundred and thirty years of slavery in Egypt. God came to deliver them (Ex 12, 40). Nevertheless, they grumbled against Moses and, consequently, against God because they were thirsty. God instructed Moses to strike the rock. From it, water came forth. The Israelites drank and were satisfied.

The rock Moses struck, and the water gushed from it allegorically and metaphorically prefigure Christ. He is both the rock of our salvation and our eternal living water. On this third Sunday of Lent, we also need a spiritual drink from the living water that flows from Christ, the Rock of Ages. Hence, we must: "Draw water from the well of salvation" (Is 12:3) to quench our spiritual thirst this Lenten season.

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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

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change of address or
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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 MARCH 7 7:30 P
SUNDAY MARCH 8 8:00
LED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The St. Andrew
KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
FISH FRY
Fried Fish, Fries, Hushpuppies, Coleslaw,
Drinks & Dessert!
Friday, March 13
5:30 PM
Cost: \$15 Adults
\$8 Kids (Ages 5-12)
829 Valley View Drive, Sparta, TN

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SUPPORT
OUR
KNIGHTS
OF
COLUMBUS!



"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 March 7, 2026

Adoration 3:00- 4:00
Confession 3:30- 4:00
4:00 Mass **CORDELL HOOD- HEALING**

Sunday March 8, 2026

Adoration 8:-8:30
8:30- Mass INTENTION: FOR THE PARISH
BREAKFAST IS SERVED

Wednesday March 11, 2026

ADORATION: 4:00- 5:00
CONFESSION: 4:30- 5:00
MASS 5:00 **JAMES HUNTER- SPECIAL INTENTION**

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY- 5:30



Thursday March 12, 2026

MASS- 9:30 a.m. **SUE HUBBARD R.I.P.**

Ministry Schedule

March 14/15

Jim Spagnolo	Monica Jicha
Ronnie Cupec Sondra Tersigni	Branton Ferris, Barbara Leblanc Sondra Tersigni
Jim Spagnolo Vols, Knights	John Hawco, Samuel Baird June Acharya, Taj Acharya Barbara Leblanc, Victor Vale Knights of Columbus

Month of St. Joseph

**MARCH
Anniversaries**

Ethan and Victoria Bakewell - 2
Dan and Cathy Clayton - 5

Birthdays

Joey Morris - 6
Bristol Faust- Elizabeth Bates -10
Donetta Hakman -11
Angelica Munoz, Emily Troutman - 14
Heidi Holland - 16
Maria Pavao - 19
Bill Jones -21
Sam Baird - 24
Joanne Morris - 27
Darran Clausen - 28
Debi Donovan - 29
Don Baird, Roenetta Hornsby
Lynne Leigh 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



Daily Readings with Saints & Occasions **Prayer Requests**

March 9-15

Monday March 9, 2026

Frances of Rome, Married Woman, Religious Founder

1st Reading: 2Kings 5: 1-15
Psalm: Psalms 42: 2, 3; 43: 3, 4
Verse Before the Gospel: Psalms 130: 5, 7
Gospel: Luke 4: 24-30

Tuesday March 10, 2026

Lenten Weekday

1st Reading: Isaiah 1: 10, 16-20
Psalm: Psalms 50: 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23
Verse Before the Gospel: Ezekiel 18: 31
Gospel: Matthew 23: 1-12

Wednesday March 11, 2026

Lenten Weekday

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9
Psalm: Psalms 147: 12-13, 15-16, 19-20
Verse Before the Gospel: John 6: 63c, 68c
Gospel: Matthew 5: 17-19

Thursday March 12, 2026

Lenten Weekday

1st Reading: Jeremiah 7: 23-28
Psalm: Psalms 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Verse Before the Gospel: Joel 2: 12-13
Gospel: Luke 11: 14-23

Friday March 13, 2026

Day of Abstinence from Meat (age 14 and up)

1st Reading: Hosea 14: 2-10
Psalm: Psalms 81: 6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17
Verse Before the Gospel: Matthew 4: 17
Gospel: Mark 12: 28-34

Saturday March 14, 2026

Lenten Weekday

1st Reading: Hosea 6: 1-6
Psalm: Psalms 51: 1-4, 18-19, 20-21ab
Verse Before the Gospel: Psalms 95: 8
Gospel: Luke 18: 9-14

Sunday March 15, 2026

4th Sunday of LENT

1st Reading: Hosea 6: 1-6
Psalm: Psalms 51: 3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab
Verse Before the Gospel: Psalms 95: 8
Gospel: Luke 18: 9-14



- *John Petrick
- *Catherine Young
- *Cathy Randolph
- *Katie Charfaous
- Payton Newman
- Jim Winton
- Danny Gutierrez
- Art Gutierrez
- Linda McGraw
- Roseanna Hassett
- Elaine Garrett
- Heidi Holland
- Diane Barry
- Verne & Bernice Clapp
- John Barry
- Clara Magushak
- Harry Dennis
- Karen Norris
- Pat Wilson
- Andrzej Konwinski
- Anita Borski
- Margaret Massa
- Anna Barry
- Dan Clayton

**May the Souls
of all
the Faithful
Departed,
Through the
Mercy of God,
Rest in Peace.
Amen.**



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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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



PALM SUNDAY VIGIL

Saturday March 28, 4:00pm.
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, 6:00 p.m.
with ceremonial foot washing and continuous adoration to midnight, all at the Altar of Repose.

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday April 3, 5:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

Friday 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

**LET US
OBSERVE
THIS SPECIAL
TIME
TOGETHER!**

**THE STATIONS
OF THE CROSS
IS A WONDERFUL
WAY TO
FOLLOW CHRIST'S
PASSION!
EVERY FRIDAY DURING
LENT AT 5:00**



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

**FOLLOW CHRIST'S
PASSION
IN THIS
BEAUTIFUL
CHURCH!**

ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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In the second reading, Paul described how the love of Christ "is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit." Here, Paul implicitly mentions water using the verb: "to pour." He reminds us also of how helpless our life was and could still be without Christ, the Living Water. In other words, Christ made himself the source of our own life through his death. In today's gospel, Jesus presents himself to the Samaritan woman as the Eternal Living Water. This underscores the importance of Christ in our life. The lesson from this is that we must not discriminate against people based on their race or culture. Jesus knew quite well who the woman was (a Samaritan) and her life history. However, he approached her for a drink. Jesus aimed to draw her closer to himself, the Eternal Living Water.

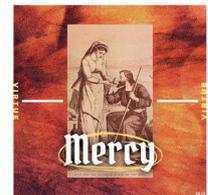
By breaking the silence and going against the social customs and prejudices between Jews and Samaritans, Jesus becomes the gift of God to this woman and her people. Like Jesus, therefore, we must be ready to take risks. This is by challenging the unjust rules of social structures and norms. It is by breaking down walls that exclude people and opening up possibilities to others. This is so that they can experience Christ.

Finally, the argument between Jesus and the woman represents the obstacles we must overcome to draw people to Christ, the Eternal Living Water. In other words, they represent the "rational" stubbornness that society will present to us before they finally yield to the gospel. However, if we are connected to the Eternal Living Water, we shall have a better and more convincing witness without getting weary.

Peace be with you all!

Maranatha!

Virtues, Explained!



"And what does the Lord require of you? Only this: to do what is right, to show mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

But what does it mean to show true mercy?

God's mercy to us knows no bounds, but that mercy does not compel Him to grant us everything our appetitive passions desire. God's perfect mercy could never allow for something that would harm His children. A father whose child has a toothache cannot, out of mercy, give the child the candy he wants, no matter how the tears of the child grieve the father's heart. The father can, and should, surround the child with love and sympathy, and help him to remedy the problem that lies at the heart of his grief. This is true virtuous mercy — a choice governed by reason, not merely an emotion.

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In your goodness Lord, bless us.
Help us to know Your abundance and Your gifts.
Help us to hear Your voice and know Your assurance.
Help us remember what You have done, and look forward to what You will do.
Amen.