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for an
explanation
of our OUTREACH
MINISTRIES!

Wednesday Night Men's Bible Study

Each session starts at 5:30 pm (or
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All men of any age are welcome.

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ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday July 19, 2026



829 Valley View Dr. Sparta TN. 38583

The Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reflections

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



The Justice and Mercy of our God!

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

On this 16th Sunday of ordinary time, the church turns our attention to the Lord, the Just Judge, who, through his mercy, calls us to his kingdom. She also reminds us that Christ and the Holy Spirit help us in our journey toward God's kingdom of justice. In today's first reading, Wisdom extolled God for being a just judge: "You never judge unjustly; your justice has its source in strength." This is the nature of our God. In his mercy, he pardons us and gives us new opportunities. Hence, Wisdom says: "...and you have given your sons the just hope that after sin you grant repentance." What must we learn from this? Quite simple! Since God, in his justice, shows us mercy (grace), we must do the same to others. Just as the Lord is kind in judgment to us, "...the virtuous man must be kind to his fellow men!" In other words, this is a call to take advantage of God's mercy and to emulate his sense of judgment towards others. In the second reading, Paul highlights one vital ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives. He comes to help us with all our weaknesses. Indeed, we are weak in many ways, especially in prayer. Hence, "we do not know how to pray." This is where the Holy Spirit comes to help us. He strengthens us in prayer and advocates for us before God. He alone can succeed where we fail by presenting our needs in a way that God perfectly understands them.

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PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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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

If you have new information, such as a
change of address or
phone numbers, or if you are moving
from the parish,
please call the Parish office at (931)
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Please visit the parish website:

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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 AUGUST 1 at 3:30



SUNDAY AUGUST 9 at 8:00

LED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

DINNER ON SATURDAY AUGUST 1

& BREAKFAST ON AUGUST 2

BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!

FOLLOWED BY THE MONTHLY MEETING



Visiting Missionaries from
Florida, Marian & Gabriel 7/11



This Small Choir Set
put forth a mighty
Song for the Lord!

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Hebrews 13:16
Farmers' Storehouse is a major sponsor of our bulletin.



ST. ANDREW MASS SCHEDULE INTENTIONS AND EVENTS

Saturday July 18, 2026

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

Sunday July 19, 2026

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

Wednesday July 22, 2026

ADORATION: 4:00- 5:00
CONFESSION: 4:30-5:00
MASS 5:00 **NATALIE GUYET**

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

Thursday July 23, 2026

MASS- 9:30 a.m. **LARRY PONCE R.I.P.**

Saturday July 25, 2026

Adoration 3:00- 4:00
Confession 3:30- 4:00 **CAROLYN JEROME R.I.P.**

Ministry Schedule

July 25/26

Nancy Helmer	Jim Spagnolo
Ronnie Cupec	John Hawco
Nancy Helmer	Victor Vale, Casey Geer
	Samuel Baird, James Hudachek
	June Achayra, Luke Hudachek
Tony Tersigni	Ray Jicha, Don Baird
Vols, Knights	Knights of Columbus

Month of the Most Precious Blood

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Mitchie Baird July 11
Mike & Linda Connolly July 11
Kevin & Carole McLeod July 25
Mark & Debbie Tylka July 27

JULY BIRTHDAYS

UT Sergio - 1
Kevin McLeod -5
Marilyn Lewis - 8. Aaron Masters - 8
Ron Fleck -9
Cindy Brown -10
Mike McCarthy - 13
Natalie Acharya - 17
Abby Morris -19
Fran Sergio -20 Angela Ormond -20
Jim Sergio - 25 Becca Jones - 28
John Sergio -31

JULY MASS INTENTIONS

Bill Tersigni R.I.P. July 3
Marge Manthey R.I.P. July 5
Thomas & Jessie Ramos R.I.P. July 8
Lorelea Samano-Special Intention July 9
Natalie Nguyet July 22.
Larry Ponce R.I.P. July 23
Carolyn Jerome R.I.P. July 25



Daily Readings

with Saints & Occasions

Prayer Requests

July 20-26

Monday July 20, 2026

Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr
First: Micah 6: 1-4, 6-8
Psalm: Psalms 50: 5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23
Alleluia: Psalms 95: 8
Gospel: Matthew 12: 38-42

Tuesday July 21, 2026

Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Religious, Doctor
First: Micah 7: 14-15, 18-20
Psalm: Psalms 85: 2-4, 5-6, 7-8
Alleluia: John 14: 23
Gospel: Matthew 12: 46-50

Wednesday July 22, 2026

Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene
First: Songs 3: 1-4b or Second Corinthians 5: 14-17
Psalm: Psalms 63: 2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
Gospel: John 20: 1-2, 11-18

Thursday July 23, 2026

Bridget of Sweden, Married Woman, Religious Founder
First: Jeremiah 2: 1-3, 7-8, 12-13
Psalm: Psalms 36: 6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11
Alleluia: Matthew 11: 25
Gospel: Matthew 13: 10-17

Friday July 24, 2026

Sharbel Makhlof, Priest
First: Jeremiah 31: 10, 11-12abcd, 13
Alleluia: Luke 8: 15
Gospel: Matthew 13: 18-23

Saturday July 25, 2026

James, Apostle Feast

First: Second Corinthians 4: 7-15

Psalm: Psalms 126: 1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6
Alleluia: John 15: 16
Gospel: Matthew 20: 20-28

Sunday July 26, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Kings 3: 5, 7-12
Psalm: Psalms 119: 57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129
Second: Romans 8: 28-30
Alleluia: Matthew 11: 25
Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-52

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Margaret Massa

* SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

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

UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF "OUTREACH"

Ministries Detailed

Please review the following to determine how you can become involved with any of these ministries.

PANTRY: Free boxed or bagged food for the needy in our community. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday from 9 - 12. Two new volunteers are needed on Tuesday; 1 new volunteer is needed on Wednesday.

Thursday: Collect food at drop off point; deliver to church; unpack boxes; sort and store cans, boxes, bags and frozen food. Prepare boxes of food to be given out on Friday. Always need 5 - 7 volunteers on Thursday and 4 volunteers on Friday.

Main Staff: Victor Vale, Cathy Randolph, Mike McCarthy

KITCHEN: Barbara McCarthy is the leader. She and her staff provide meals after the masses on the 2nd and 4th Saturday/Sunday of each month and the 3rd Sunday. Sondra Tersigni and her team coordinate with Barbara to provide a meal after the mass on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Volunteers are needed to assist with set up and clean up. We are working toward serving simple meals from 10-12 five days a week. This required well-trained cooks and volunteers. Barbara is willing to prepare the menus and train and support until such time as this goal can be met with the right staff and volunteers.

SICK/HOMEBOUND: This is a very special ministry for volunteers. We take Jesus (Eucharist) to those who cannot come to mass due to temporary illness, inability to travel, living in a nursing/assisted living facility, hospital visit or a visit to a private home. Training provided. This requires a strong belief in, and love for, the Eucharist. Calls that come in for the sacraments for the terminally ill are handled by Father Emmanuel.

Victor Vale, Cathy Randolph, Barbara McCarthy, Mike McCarthy, Sondra Tersigni will be happy to answer any of your questions after the masses on the weekends. I will be available after the weekend masses to answer any questions or direct you to the person who can help you.

Much has been done; much is being done; much remains to be done -

All with the help of the Holy Spirit

Veni, Sancte Spiritus

PS: I need to find someone who does professional machine embroidery so I can complete a new altar cloth. If you know of someone, please call me.

Judy Elliott, 520-429-4581



The virtue of forgiveness is described to us in detail by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 18, when he tells Peter that he must forgive his brother "not seven times, but seventy-seven times" before relating the parable of the unforgiving servant. Here we see that exercising forgiveness is an absolute requirement of the Christian life. What we have received from God through no merit of our own, we must likewise extend to others.

Forgiveness is love in action — and as is the case with most virtues, if we find it hard to practice, that means we're doing it right. The Catechism says that forgiveness "bears witness that...love is stronger than sin" (CCC 2844) and points out that it "is not in our power not to feel or to forget an offense; but the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming the hurt into intercession." (CCC 2843)

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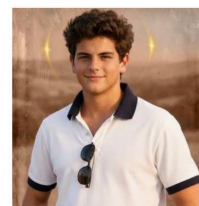
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In the gospel, Jesus used three parables to teach us about "the nature of the kingdom, and God's judgment. However, of these three parables, the parable of the weed and the darnel tells the whole story in one piece. Again, like in the parable of the Sower, one could ask: What good farmer would allow weeds to grow together with his crops? In this parable, he took what seems to us a great risk. However, he allowed them to grow together so that the difference would become apparent. God knew this before time began. So, He did not create two worlds, one for the "righteous" and another for "sinners." Instead, he allows all of us to co-habit together in this same world. Though risky, this might be of some benefit. The righteous learn from the sinners' misery and continue to struggle to remain virtuous. While the sinner, seeing the triumph of the righteous, equally struggles to live a better life. However, Paul reminds us that: "Though we live in this world, we do not wage war as the world does" (2 Cor 10:3). Also, he warns us: "Do not be conformed to this world" (Rom 12:2). Hence, by allowing this "dangerous and risky cohabitation," God, in his mercy, allows us to repent and prepare for the great day of harvest. The darnel survived the competition for nutrients and space with the weeds through the strength of its viability. So too, the righteous will survive in their struggle through Christ and the Holy Spirit, who sustains, prepares, and marks us for the great harvest for God's kingdom. So, the parable of the weed and the darnel show how God, the just judge, acts kindly with us. "Salvation and glory and power belong to our God...His judgment is true and just" (Rev 19:1,12).

Peace be with you all!

Maranatha!

A few words from our young, Saint Carlo Acutis!



"Conversion is nothing but moving our gaze from below to above."