

Upcoming Magnificat Nashville Chapter Meal June 1st

Anne Trufant joins us in Nashville

June 1, from 9:00-12:30

Holy Family Catholic Church

9100 Crocket Rd, Brentwood TN 37027

Cost \$43 per person by check
or \$46 by PayPal/Venmo

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To register email:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- MAY 11 Confirmation at the Pastoral Center
- MAY 12 Mother's Day
- MAY 19 Pentecost Sunday
Our Children Crown Mary
- MAY 20 Mary, Mother of the Church
- MAY 26 Trinity Sunday
- MAY 27 Memorial Day
- JUNE 1 Magnificat Prayer
Breakfast
- JULY 4 Fourth of July Celebration
for our parishioners & community

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ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH



829 Valley View Drive, Sparta TN, 38583

Sunday, May 12, 2024 Ascension Sunday



MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 8:30am

Weekday Masses
Wednesday 5 pm
Thursday 9:30 am

ADORATION TIMES

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

CONFESSION TIMES

Wednesdays 4:30-5:00 pm
Saturdays 3:30-4:00 pm
and by appointment.

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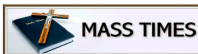
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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 8:30am English

Weekday Masses:
Wednesday 5 pm
Thursday 9:30 am

ADORATION

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



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.

If you have not received weekly offering envelopes, please call the church office (931) 264-4859

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) 264-4859.

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



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
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Please contact the Parish Office
for information on
our Ministry of Care.

Confession Times:

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.

Please consider serving your
parish in one of the following:
Lector, Eucharist minister,
usher. Anyone who is
interested please contact
either Sandra Tergini or
Monica Jicha after Mass.

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931-256-0803
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Eucharistic Saints for the Eucharistic Revival

Our Lady of Fatima



May 13 is the anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady to three shepherd children in the small village of Fatima in Portugal in 1917. She appeared six times to Lucia, 9, and her cousins Francisco, 8, and his sister Jacinta, 6, between May 13, 1917 and October 13, 1917.

The story of Fatima begins in 1916, when, against the backdrop of the First World War which had introduced Europe to the most horrific and powerful forms of warfare yet seen, and a year before the Communist revolution would plunge Russia and later Eastern Europe into six decades of oppression under militant atheistic governments, a resplendent figure appeared to the three children who were in the field tending the family sheep. "I am the Angel of Peace," said the figure, who appeared to them two more times that year exhorting them to accept the sufferings that the Lord allowed them to undergo as an act of reparation for the sins which offend Him, and to pray constantly for the conversion of sinners.

Then, on the 13th day of the month of Our Lady, May 1917, an apparition of 'a woman all in white, more brilliant than the sun' presented itself to the three children saying "Please don't be afraid of me, I'm not going to harm you."

Lucia asked her where she came from and she responded, "I come from Heaven". The woman wore a white mantle edged with gold and held a rosary in her hand. The woman asked them to pray and devote themselves to the Holy Trinity and to "say the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and an end to the war."

She also revealed that the children would suffer, especially from the unbelief of their friends and families, and that the two younger children, Francisco and Jacinta would be taken to Heaven very soon but Lucia would live longer in order to spread her message and devotion to the Immaculate Heart.

In the last apparition the woman revealed her name in response to Lucia's question: "I am the Lady of the Rosary."

That same day, 70,000 people had turned out to witness the apparition, following a promise by the woman that she would show the people that the apparitions were true. They saw the sun make three circles and move around the sky in an incredible zigzag movement in a manner which left no doubt in their minds about the veracity of the apparitions. By 1930 the Bishop had approved of the apparitions and they have been approved by the Church as authentic.

The messages Our Lady imparted during the apparitions to the children concerned the violent trials that would afflict the world by means of war, starvation, and the persecution of the Church and the Holy Father in the twentieth century if the world did not make reparation for sins. She exhorted the Church to pray and offer sacrifices to God in order that peace may come upon the world, and that the trials may be averted.

Our Lady of Fatima revealed three prophetic "secrets," the first two of which were revealed earlier and refer to the vision of hell and the souls languishing there, the request for an ardent devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the prediction of the Second World War, and finally the prediction of the immense damage that Russia would do to humanity by abandoning the Christian faith and embracing Communist totalitarianism. The third "secret" was not revealed until the year 2000, and referred to the persecutions that humanity would undergo in the last century: "The good will be martyred; the Holy Father will have much to suffer; various nations will be annihilated". The suffering of the popes of the 20th century has been interpreted to include the assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II in 1981, which took place on May 13, the 64th anniversary of the apparitions. The Holy Father attributed his escape from certain death to the intervention of Our Lady: "... it was a mother's hand that guided the bullet's path and in his throes the Pope halted at the threshold of death."

What is the central meaning of the message of Fatima? Nothing different from what the Church has always taught: it is, as Cardinal Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict the XVI, has put it, "the exhortation to prayer as the path of 'salvation for souls' and, likewise, the summons to penance and conversion."

Perhaps the most well known utterance of the apparition of Our Lady at Fatima was her confident declaration that "My Immaculate Heart will triumph". Cardinal Ratzinger has interpreted this utterance as follows: "The Heart open to God, purified by contemplation of God, is stronger than guns and weapons of every kind. The fat of Mary, the word of her heart, has changed the history of the world, because it brought the Saviour into the world—because, thanks to her Yes, God could become man in our world and remains so for all time. The Evil One has power in this world, as we see and experience continually; he has power because our freedom continually lets itself be led away from God. But since God himself took a human heart and has thus steered human freedom towards what is good, the freedom to choose evil no longer has the last word. From that time forth, the word that prevails is this: 'In the world you will have tribulation, but take heart; I have overcome the world' (Jn 16:33). The message of Fatima invites us to trust in this promise."

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." - Matthew 13:16

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**ST ANDREW
MASS SCHEDULE
INTENTIONS & EVENTS**

Sunday, May 12, 2024
Mass 8:30--Praying for the Parish
Breakfast 9:30

Wednesday May 15, 2024
Adoration 4:00
Confession 4:30- 5:00
5:00 - Mass

Thursday May 16, 2024
Mass- 9:30
Outreach- 10:00

Saturday May 18, 2024
Adoration 3:00
Confession 3:30- 4:00
4:00- Mass
5:00- Dinner in Graham Hall

Sunday, May 19, 2024
Mass 8:30-- for the Parish
Breakfast 9:30
Religious Education - 10:00

Daily Readings

Monday, May 13, 2024
Our Lady of Fatima
1st Reading: Acts 19: 1-8
Psalm: Ps 68: 2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab
Gospel: John 16: 29-33

Wednesday, May 15, 2024
Isidore the Farmer, Married Man
1st Reading: Acts 20: 28-38
Psalm: Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab
Gospel: John 17: 11b-19

Friday, May 17, 2024
1st Reading: Acts 25: 13b-21
Psalm: Ps 103: 1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab
Gospel: John 21: 15-19

Sunday, May 19, 2024
Pentecost Solemnity
1st Reading: Acts 2: 1-11
Psalm: Ps 104: 1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
2nd Reading: First Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13 or Galatians 5: 16-25
Gospel: John 20: 19-23 or John 15: 26-27; 16: 12-13

Tuesday, May 14, 2024
Matthias, Apostle Feast
1st Reading: Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26
Psalm: Ps 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Gospel: John 15: 9-17

Thursday, May 16, 2024
John I, Pope, Martyr
1st Reading: Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11
Psalm: Ps 16: 1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
Gospel: John 17: 20-26

Saturday, May 18, 2024
John I, Pope, Martyr
1st Reading: Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31
Psalm: Ps 11: 4, 5 and 7
Gospel: John 21: 20-25

OFFERING MASS INTENTIONS IS EASY

To the left of the main doors of the church, there are papers to fill out with the persons name for which you would like the Mass said. This can be for health, travel, or job seeking. Maybe someone you know is having a difficult time. The intention can also be made for the Repose of Someones Soul. Simply state your preferred date for the Mass to be said. Be sure you include your phone number for verifying.

Please fill out the information clearly and give a donation. (\$10 is recommended)

Offertory Envelopes

Offertory envelopes can be found through the Narthex. They are free for the taking and are basically generic, so just write your name, and to which collection you would like it to go.

May the Souls of All the Faithful Departed, Through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace

Prayer Requests

Please remember these persons during your personal prayer time this week.

- Linda McGraw
- Cathy Correll
- Rosanna Hassett
- Elaine Garrett
- Deborah Sladky
- Jennifer Willis
- Heidi Holland
- Diane Barry
- Clara Magushak
- Pat Hepner
- Sue Hubbard
- John Barry

A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father,
We thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



The Children will Crown our Blessed Mother Mary on Pentecost Sunday!



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K- 8 classes meet every Sunday after Mass and a quick bite to eat.

RCIA meets every Sunday from 11:00 to noon.

Young adults (from high-school through college age) meets every Sunday night from 7-8 pm

Ministry Schedule

May 18/19

	4:00 pm	8:30 am
Lector	Marleen Loff	John Hawco
Eucharistic Ministers	Cathy Clayton Sondra Tersigni	Monica Jicha Pat Wilson Barbara Leblanc
Servers		Joseph Morris Parker Masters Lynnleigh Masters June Acharya
Ushers	(Both Collections) Jim Spagnolo Tom Sergio 2 Volunteers	1st Collection Altar Servers 2nd Collection Don Baird Ray Icha 2 Volunteers

**ST ANDREW'S
MEMORIES**

We are people of the Holy Spirit, who leads us to Joy.
Join our parish and experience MORE JOY.

Meet the Tersignis



Having met on their horses, they had horses for many years. By the time they moved here, only their daughter, Tonya had one. Prior to retirement, Sondra was in education. Tony is the photographer, having worked in that field when the two met. 48 years ago.



Father Emmanuel has some marvelous altar servers! Joining Joseph Morris and Candice Adare are: Lynnleigh & Parker Masters



If you have any questions, Victor Vale has the scoop!



We are looking to out-celebrate the Fourth of July of 2023. Please consider donating financially or contributing to the fireworks display. St. Andrew Parish needs to be the Fireworks Spectacular where the community comes!

Fourth of July Spectacular 2024

Reflections

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



Ascension Sunday

Today we celebrate Christ's Ascension into heaven. He has completed his mission by fulfilling his father's will. So, as a good son, He has returned to render a full account of his work to his father.

As Christ's disciple, we rejoice because we celebrate the final victory of Jesus over Satan and this world. This is a sign of hope that we, too, shall overcome all the forces of sickness, poverty, humiliation, injustice, and oppression that try to subdue us in this world.

This is certain because the same Holy Spirit that raised and ascended Christ is with us (Rom 8, 11). Thus, Ascension reminds us that we are on a journey and that heaven is our final destination rather than this world.

In our first reading, Luke gives us a summary of the life of Jesus up to the point of his dramatic ascension into heaven. There are two messages of hope for us here. The first is the promise of the Holy Spirit: "... You will receive the Holy Spirit... and you shall be my witnesses to the ends of the earth."

This means that Christ is not leaving us as orphans. Instead, he remains with us through the Holy Spirit "till the end of time." Therefore, the ascension of Christ does not mean his absence from us. Rather it means his continuous presence through the Holy Spirit.

The second is the promise of his second coming (Parousia). So, today we celebrate because Christ has gone to prepare a place for us in his kingdom. We also celebrate the hope that he shall return to take us to be with him one day.

However, it is important to note that while we wait and prepare for Christ to return, we are not supposed to remain idle. That is, we are not to continue gazing endlessly as the apostles did at the scene of the ascension. Instead, we are expected to live productive lives. We are expected to continue Christ's mission.

Both the second reading and the Gospel remind us of our missionary vocation. So, while we wait for the return of Christ, we have to make efforts to fulfill this call by living appropriately. Hence, Paul admonishes us: "Live a life worthy of the call you have received. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the spirit by the peace that binds you together."

Brethren, this is what we are supposed to be doing, rather than remain idle in the name of waiting for the Lord. The Lord must not meet us idle. We must have enough souls to present to him when he returns. So, rather than stand and gaze endlessly, we must embrace our calling with new zeal and hope.

Today's Gospel reminds us of the mandate of our Christian calling: "Go out into the whole world and proclaim the good news to all creation..." Christ himself evangelized through his words, works, sufferings, and complete offering of himself. Now he calls us to do the same because the same spirit that sustained and resurrected him is with us.

Indeed, we cannot afford to fail Christ in this call. So, as we rejoice today that Christ has ascended into heaven, we must work hard to fulfill his mandate to us in the hope of his second coming to take us with him. This is what will merit us to be eternally with him.

Finally, together with the psalmist, let us acclaim the Lord: "God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast." Alleluia, alleluia!

Peace be with you!

Maranatha

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world.



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