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RISHER ROOFING

Everyone in our local community is invited to join us after Mass on Saturday for dinner and after Mass on Sunday for brunch.

These meals are prepared by our dedicated kitchen staff. Once again, ALL ARE WELCOME!

This is the last Sunday for Religious Education Registration

If you missed it, contact Elizabeth Bates at: religioeducation@standrewsparta.com

The food pantry is now only open Wednesday and Friday 9:00- 12:00

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ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday August 17, 2025



829 Valley View Dr. Sparta TN. 38583

The Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time



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

Sunday 8-8:30 am

Reflections

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

On this twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Church encourages us to fight against evil by following the footsteps of Christ, who came to bring "fire" upon the earth in order to purify, transform, and save us from the perils that afflict us.

In the first reading, the prophet Jeremiah suffered grave injustice for the sake of the message he preached. He became a man of dissension for all the land where he preached. This was because his message was so discomforting to the leaders. So, their best option was to conspire and get rid of him.

Although they succeeded for a while, God proved that he was a mighty Savior. He did not allow him to perish. Instead, at his own time and in his way, God came to his aid. The Psalmist testifies: "I waited and waited for the Lord, and he heard my cry." Our God is ever faithful and ready to deliver us in times of difficulty. This is especially when we just and innocent. Hence, we must not give up even if we are crushed.

The second reading from the letter to the Hebrews encourages us to keep running steadily. We are to "focus on Jesus, the author of our faith." This reading encourages us to emulate Christ's zeal and courage during difficult moments in life. Hence, in the face of opposition, we must be firm. Indeed, Jesus Christ will supply the strength and energy we need to do all these.

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 8:30am English

Weekday Masses:

Wednesday 5:00

Thursday 9:30

ADORATION

Wednesday 4-4:55

Saturday 3 to 3:55

Sunday 8:00- 8:25



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) 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.

Please like and Follow our church Facebook page: FIND IT EASY AT THE BOTTOM OF THE WEBSITE!

St AndrewCatholicChurch-Sparta,TN



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.

THE KNIGHTS WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A WOMAN'S AUXILIARY GROUP. SEE SONDRASIGNI FOR INFORMATION. text 931-256-0803

THESE LADIES WILL NOT ONLY HELP THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF OUR PARISH, BUT PERFORM OTHER DUTIES FOR THE PARISH IN VARIOUS WAYS.



THE KNIGHT'S CORNER

ENJOY THE BREAKFAST THE FIRST SUNDAY HOSTED BY AND PREPARED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AFTER THE 8:30 MASS!

The Holy Rosary will be led by the KOC on Saturday, September 6 @ 3:30pm & Sunday September 14 @ 8:00

The next meeting will be: September 7th after the breakfast.

Any parish members who wish to join the Knights are welcome to talk with any active member to sign up.



Start out the month strong, by praying the holy rosary with the Knights of Columbus.

Our Blessed Mother requests it!

see the schedule in the Knights Corner to the left



"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'S MEMORIES

Parish Happenings



Upper left: Debi Donovan & Mark and Debbie Tylka eating with new friends, Felicia and Chris.
Upper Right: Jim Spa sharing a meal with Taylor, Daisey, Octavia and Zhenya
Lower picture: A hand-crafted picnic table by: Deputy Grand Knight, Kevin Faust.



Please be kind and help your children in the buffet line.
Let's keep the foods out of their hands,
until they are at the table!

Reflections

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The gospel of today has left many wondering what Jesus means by bringing "fire and division upon the earth." This is because we call Him the Prince of peace and the one who unites. Unfortunately, some fundamentalist Christians have employed this passage in a very literal and negative manner. Christ's message is indeed incisive. However, one needs the guidance of the Holy Spirit to understand what the Lord wishes to communicate to us.

Today's gospel reminds us of some events in the old testament where the fire came into play. God used fire and brimstone to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen 19:24). God used fire and hailstorm to punish the Egyptians for their stubbornness (Ex 9:3). The prophet Elijah called down fire from heaven to consume fifty soldiers (2 Kings 1:9-17) and his sacrifice (1Kg 18, 38).

Does Jesus want to destroy us with this same fire? No, the fire that Jesus brings is different. It is the fire of the Holy Spirit, which purifies our souls from evil and saves us. Hence, Saint Cyril of Alexandria writes, "The fire which Christ brings is for men's salvation and profits...The fire here is, the saving message of the Gospel, and the power of its commandments" (Commentary on Luke, 1859, Sermons 89-98).

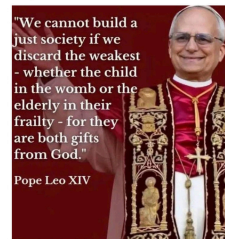
Hence, this Sunday, Jesus reassures us of his willingness to continue the work of salvation which he started in us. He plans to achieve this through continuous purification. The fire he wishes to bring is that which is very positive and objective. It is for our purification and the consumption of the debris and fabrics of inordinate attachments, immorality, injustice, and corruption in our lives.

Finally, the good news is a cause of division because it contrasts to an unjust society and all that goes contrary to it. Hence, let us implore Christ: "Lord, come to my aid!"

Peace be with you!

And now, a word from our beloved pope!

Maranatha!



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ST. ANDREW MASS SCHEDULE INTENTIONS AND EVENTS

Wednesday August 20, 2025

4:00-5:00 Adoration
4:30-5:00 Confession
5:00 Mass

Thursday August 21, 2025

9:30 Mass

Saturday August 23, 2025

3:00-4:00 Adoration
3:30-4 Confession
4:00 Mass JAMIE LOFF SMITH R.I.P.
Dinner
ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday August 24, 2025

8:30- Mass INTENTION: FOR THE PARISH
9:30- Breakfast
ALL ARE WELCOME

May the Souls of the
Dearly
Departed,
Through the
Mercy of God,
Rest in Peace!

August Birthdays

Rosa Lida Lansford. August 3
Kevin McLeod August 5
Deacon Bob Graham August 7
Ora Graham August 17
Randy Hakman August 19
Samantha Faust August 22
Mark Cisilino August 23
Michele Honeycutt August 25
Dan Clayton August 26
Tony Tersigni August 29



August Anniversaries

Albert and Lorlina Munoz August 8
Paul and Judy Petrick August 7
Oran and Rob Manthey August 12
Bruce and Dee Price August 15
Mike and Annette Popa August 31



TODAY IS THE
Last Day
for Religious
Education Sign-ups
Classes Begin September 7th

If you missed the sign-up.

Please contact:
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religiouseducation@standrewsparta.com

Ministry Schedule

August 23/24

Lector	Sondra Tersigni	Bristol Faust
EMOHC	Marleen Loff, Cathy Clayton	Sondra Tersigni John Hawco, Casey Geer
Altar Servers		Lynnleigh Masters, Parker Masters June Acharya, Taj Acharya
Ushers	Jim Spagnolo, Vols, Knights	Ray Jicha, Don Baird Knights

Daily Readings Prayer Requests

AUGUST 18-24

Monday August 18 2025
Ordinary Weekday

1st Reading: Judges 2: 11-19
Psalm: Ps 106: 34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44
Alleluia: Matthew 5: 3
Gospel: Matthew 19: 16-22

Tuesday August 19, 2025
John Eudes, Priest, Religious Founder

1st Reading: Judges 6: 11-24a
Psalm: Ps 85: 9, 11-12, 13-14
Alleluia: 2Corinthians 8: 9
Gospel: Matthew 19: 23-30

Wednesday August 20, 2025
Bernard, Abbot, Doctor Obligatory Memorial

1st Reading: Judges 9: 6-15
Psalm: Ps 21: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Alleluia: Hebrews 4: 12
Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16

Thursday August 21, 2025
Pius X, Pope Obligatory Memorial

1st Reading: Judges 11: 29-39a
Psalm: Ps 40: 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10
Alleluia: Psalms 95: 8
Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14

Friday August 22 2025
Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Obligatory Memorial

1st Reading: Ruth 1: 1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22
Psalm: Ps 146: 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10
Alleluia: Psalms 25: 4b, 5a
Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-40

Saturday August 23, 2025

Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary/
Rose of Lima, Virgin

First Reading: Ruth 2: 1-3, 8-11; 4: 13-17

Psalm: Ps 128: 1b-2, 3, 4, 5

Alleluia: Matthew 23: 9b, 10b

Gospel: Matthew 23: 1-12

Sunday August 24, 2025

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 66: 18-21

Psalm: Ps 117: 1, 2

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13

Alleluia: John 14: 6

Gospel: Luke 13: 22-30



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Karen Norris
Pat Wilson
Andrzej Konwinski
Victor Vale
Anita Borski
Leonor Roman

To add someone
to the prayer list
email the office at:
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Names remain one month
Unless notified otherwise

MASS INTENTIONS CURRENT MONTH

Steven Petrick
Richie Petrelli R.I.P.
Deacon Bob Graham
8-23 Jamie Loff Smith R.I.P.

To put in for a Mass Intention
email the office at:
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or fill out a mass intention
form in the narthex
by the double doors

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