

## HOLY SATURDAY READINGS

Can be found in the church blue book on PAGE 826

2nd Reading: Genesis 22: 1-18 or 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18  
Psalm: Psalms 16: 5, 8, 9-10, 11

4th Reading: Isaiah 54: 5-14  
Psalm: Psalms 30: 2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13

6th Reading: Baruch 3: 9-15, 32 - 4: 4  
Psalm: Psalms 19: 8, 9, 10, 11

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Vigil of April 13 Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday 2025



ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH

**PALM SUNDAY VIGIL**  
April 12, Saturday 4:00p.m.  
to begin with the blessing of the palms and a procession into church

**PALM SUNDAY**  
April 13, Sunday 8:30 a.m.  
to begin with the blessing of the palms and a procession into church

**HOLY THURSDAY**  
April 17, 5:00 p.m.  
with continuous adoration to midnight at the altar of the altar

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
April 18, 5:00 p.m.

**HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**  
April 19, 7:00 p.m.  
with the blessing of the fire and candlelight procession into the church

**EASTER SUNDAY MASSES**  
April 20, Sunrise 6:30 a.m. at the Cathedral

April 20, Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Special Reception for the new Holy Communicants with an Easter Egg Hunt to follow

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# ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH



829 Valley View Dr. Sparta TN. 38583

Sunday April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday



Palm Sunday

Reflections

### 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

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

Today the Church celebrates the entry of Christ into Jerusalem to accomplish his paschal mystery. This Sunday is called Palm or Passion Sunday. While Palm Sunday signifies royalty and triumph, Passion Sunday signifies both suffering and love. By freely going to Jerusalem, Christ demonstrates his humility and willingness to save us.

On this day, the Christian community begins to re-enact a crucial phase of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. We re-enact the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem, as well as his passion. Hence today's celebration reminds us of the dual nature of our Christian lives and journey. We are celebrated today and persecuted tomorrow. Today we are loved, while the next day, we are hated. Today we are praised and castigated the next day.

A vital lesson we must learn from all these is that, as life unfolds, it presents us with its different dimensions. The same people who sing our praise in good times might be the same people to criticize us in the future. Today, the same people applauding Christ by singing: "Hosanna to the son of David" might equally be the same people to shout: "Crucify him!"

This is the mystery and dialectics of life. It is a mystery because, at times, understanding it is beyond our imagination. It is dialectical because these two aspects of life help us know who we are and what we mean to people.

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**MASS TIMES**

### 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

**Welcome TO OUR CHURCH**

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](http://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!

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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.



## THE KNIGHT'S CORNER

The Knights lead the Rosary before mass on the month's first weekend. The Rosary will begin 30 minutes before the Mass Saturday Vigil and the Sunday morning Mass.

Saturday, MAY 3 @ 3:30pm  
Sunday, MAY 4 @ 8:00am

Next meeting: MAY 4, 2025 after the breakfast.

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

THE NIGHT'S WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A WOMAN'S AXILARY GROUP.

SEE SONDR TERSIGNI FOR INFORMATION. text 931-256-0803

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



The new Bible study program begins the weekend of April 26th and 27th. We will be studying 1 Corinthians  
The sign up sheets are in the lobby or call Judy Elliott at 520-429-4581.

"PROCLAIM CHRIST CRUCIFIED"

COME, GROW WITH JESUS, IN HIS WORD!

WE HAVE RELIVED THE GLORY OF THE RESURRECTION!

LET'S TAKE THIS TO YET ANOTHER LEVEL!



"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.



**UPPER LEFT:**  
The Knights of Columbus, gearing up for a successful fundraiser. Good job, gentlemen!

**LOWER LEFT:**  
Marleen Loff and Cathy Randolph put in so much for the program. They truly are passionate about the St. Andrew Outreach!



**LOWER RIGHT**  
Maria Alvaraz and her family.



**TWO TOP OUTREACH LADIES!**

**GIVE IT UP FOR FAMILY!**

Please keep in mind that the **SECOND** collection at the Masses are always for the **OUTREACH**, unless noted otherwise.

## Reflections

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A look at today's readings portrays the humility with which Christ approached these situations. Our first reading is from one of the "ebed Yahweh" (suffering servant of Yahweh's) songs. This song prefigures Christ as the suffering servant of God. Christ humbly endured his suffering without any resistance.

Also, in Paul's letter to the Philippians, we see humility at its apogee. This is the kenosis or self-emptying of Christ: "Though he was in the form of man, He did not regard equality with God."

Our gospel today is on the Last Supper of Christ with his disciples. At the Last Supper, Christ humbled himself by serving his disciples and eating at the same table with the one who was to betray him. "...And yet behold the hand of the one who is to betray me is with me on the table." Despite all these, he taught his disciples to humble themselves just as he humbled himself before Pilate and the chief priests even till death.

In all of these, the lesson for us today is that humility is essential in all life circumstances. This includes both good and bad times. Christ was strong, but he humbly became weak for our salvation. He taught us that true power lies in service. He also taught us that humility is one of the most important virtues we need for our service and mission.

During his triumphant entry, Christ rode on a colt which symbolizes humility. In his suffering, Christ abandoned himself to his enemies without resistance or striking back. Let us, therefore, pray this Sunday that the Almighty God may grant us the humility with which to follow and serve Christ all the days of our life.

Peace be with you!

Maranatha!



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**JUST ASK!**

### ST ANDREW MASS SCHEDULE INTENTIONS & EVENTS

**NO ORDINARY MASSES MONDAY-WEDNESDAY**

**HOLY THURSDAY EVENING MASS 5:00 P.M.**

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 5:00 P.M.**

**HOLY SATURDAY CANDLELIGHT MASS 7:00 P.M.**

**EASTER SUNRISE MASS 6:30 MID-MORNING MASS 8:30**



K-8 grades Sundays at 10:00 am (after Mass and breakfast)

RCIA 11:00-12:00

Young Adults (18 and older) Sunday Eve at 6:30

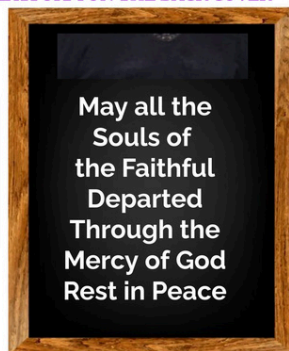
High School Group 2nd Wednesday of the month 6:30 pm Graham Hall

### Ministry Schedule

April 19/20

	4:00 pm	8:30 am
Lector	Marleen Loff	Mitchie
Eucharistic Ministers	Cathy Clayton Ronnie Cupec	Monica Jicha Casey Geer Sondra Tersigni
Servers	SPECIAL GUESTS	John Hawco Haelic Van Neste Elden Van Neste Luke Van Neste
Ushers	(Both Collections)	1st Collection Altar Servers
	Jim Spagnolo Tom Sergio Tony Tersigni	2nd Collection Victor Vale Ray Jicha
	2 Volunteers	2 Volunteers

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### Daily Readings with Saints & Occasions April 14-20

14 Apr, 2025 Monday

Mnday of Holy Week  
1st Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-7  
Psalm: Psalms 27: 1, 2, 3, 13-14  
Gospel: John 12: 1-11

15-Apr 2025, Tuesday

Tuesday of Holy Week  
1st Reading: Isaiah 49: 1-6  
Psalm: Ps 71: 1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17  
Gospel: John 13: 21-33, 36-38

16 Apr 2025, Wednesday

Wednesday of Holy Week  
1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-9a  
Psalm: Ps 69: 8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34  
Gospel: Matthew 26: 14-25

19-Apr-2025, Saturday

Holy Saturday  
First Reading: Genesis 1: 1 - 2: 2 or 1: 1, 26-31a  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 104: 12, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Psalms 33: 4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22  
Second Reading: Genesis 22: 1-18 or 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 16: 5, 8, 9-10, 11  
Third Reading: Exodus 14: 15 - 15: 1  
Responsorial Psalm: Exodus 15: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18

Fourth Reading: Isaiah 54: 5-14  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 30: 2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13  
Fifth Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 30: 2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13, 14-15, 18-19  
Sixth Reading: Baruch 3: 9-15, 32 - 4: 4  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 19: 8, 9, 10, 11

Seventh Reading: Ezekiel 36: 16-17a, 18-28  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 42: 3, 4; 43: 3, 4 or Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Psalms 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19

Epistle Reading: Romans 6: 3-11  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Gospel: Luke 24: 1-12

20-Apr-2025, Sunday

Easter Sunday  
First Reading: Acts 10: 34a, 37-43  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4 or First Corinthians 5: 6b-8  
Alleluia: First Corinthians 5: 7b-8a  
Gospel: John 20: 1-9 or Matthew 28: 1-10 or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24: 13-35

17-Apr-2025, Thursday

Holy Thursday at Evening, Begin Easter Triduum of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection

First Reading: Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 116: 12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18  
Second Reading: First Corinthians 11: 23-26  
Verse Before the Gospel: John 13: 34  
Gospel: John 13: 1-15

18-Apr-2025, Friday

Good Friday, Day of Fast (Ages 18-59) and Abstinence from Meat (Age 14 and up)

First Reading: Isaiah 52: 13 - 53: 12  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 31: 2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25  
Second Reading: Hebrews 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9  
Verse Before the Gospel: Philippians 2: 8-9  
Gospel: John 18: 1 - 19: 42

Please Pray for our R.C.I.A candidates and our catechumen who are studying and working toward coming into full communion with our Catholic church this Easter.

THEY ARE:  
Matt Weaver- catechumen and Zhenya & Daisey Tomarevsky- R.C.I.A. candidates

### Prayer Requests

Jim Winton  
Danny Gutierrez  
Linda McGraw  
Cathy Correll  
Elaine Garrett  
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