

HOLY SATURDAY READINGS

Can be found in the church blue book on PAGE 826

1st Reading: Genesis 1: 1 – 2: 2 or 1: 1, 26-31a
Psalm: Psalms 104: 1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35

3rd Reading: Exodus 14: 15 – 15: 1
Psalm: Exodus 15: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18

5th Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-11
Psalm: Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4, 5-6



PICTURES FROM PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY THURSDAY CAN BE FOUND ON PAGES 3 AND 6!

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ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH



829 Valley View Dr. Sparta TN. 38583

Sunday April 5, 2026



Reflections

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Holy Saturday Insight

At times, we usually associate nights with evil. However, we forget that God created everything good (Gen 1: 31). This night is the most important and jubilant night for all of us. It is unique among all other nights because it is a night of victory, liberation, and healing. It is the climax of the history of our salvation. It is the night of Easter. That night we have all been waiting for.

Just as Moses led Israel out of Egypt into liberation after Passover in the third reading of this night, so through his resurrection, Christ inaugurates a new people of God who walk towards liberation. The old people were from Israel. Both people had their Pascha. There was a Jewish Pascha and this night is the Christian Pascha.

In the first Pascha, the people were liberated from Egypt's oppression and were placed on their way to the promised land. In our case, we the new people of God, have been liberated from darkness caused by sin. So, guided by the risen Christ, we have started living and walking in the light.

In tonight's liturgy, there is an impressionable symbolism. That is the ritual of the Paschal Candle. The church remains in the dark. The paschal candle is lit while the priest or Deacon acclaims: "Light of Christ!" it is easy to understand. Humanity was in darkness and confusion. Christ has made himself light so that we may be able to see and walk.

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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 April 11 at 3:00
SUNDAY April 12 at 9:00
LED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING WILL BE HELD APRIL 12 AFTER MASS.



THANKS AGAIN TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR THEIR HARD WORK ON THE ALTAR OF REPOSE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF JUDY ELLIOTT!



"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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HOLY THURSDAY ALTAR, WASHING THE FEET, PROCESSION FROM THE CHURCH, AT THE ALTAR OF REPOSE.



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THE ALTAR OF REPOSE WAS SET UP BY THE KNIGHTS AND OTHERS, OVER A PERIOD OF 4 HOURS ON PALM SUNDAY AFTERNOON. THE KNIGHTS CLOSED OUT THE GUARDING AT MIDNIGHT OF HOLY THURSDAY.

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The Church, we are the new people of God. Through his resurrection, Christ achieved the new Pascha. Therefore, the central message of this paschal night is liberation. Let us leave oppression behind and being to walk towards freedom. With all the joy of one who has left the prison walls or the hospital bed, let us begin to walk in order to build a new life, a new family, a new community, and a new nation.

As Paul tells us in the epistle of this night, we died with Christ, and now we have also resurrected with him. This night through the renewal of our baptismal vows and promises, God in his mercy has called us to new life. So, our life is now the life of Christ. So, let us walk with him and live with him.

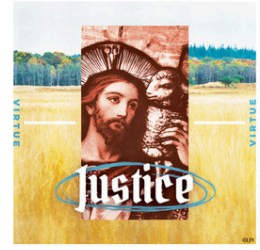
As the angels said to the women in the gospel, so he is saying to us this night: There is no need to be afraid or worry. He has risen from the dead, as he said he would do. Therefore, this is a night made by the Lord. It is a night of a new life and a new hope. The resurrected church of the Lord is alive because Christ our Lord has been resurrected. In the Holy Eucharist and in the union of believers the risen Christ is our strength and life. "So, let us give thanks to the Lord, for his love for his people endures forever: Alleluia, Alleluia

Peace be with you all!

Maranatha!



Virtues, Explained!



"Original justice" is what the Catechism calls the state of harmony that existed between God, mankind and all creation (CCC 376) before the fall. Though original justice perished when sin entered the world, our souls still bear its memory, and we are oriented toward this virtue like a flower is oriented toward the light of the sun: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will have their fill." (Matthew 5:6)

The cardinal virtue of justice has to do with the fulfillment of our duty to one another and to God (religion is the justice we owe to our Creator). Justice gives us a framework for existing in the Justice is made possible by the virtue of charity (CCC 1825) because justice demands what is right for all, not just for one.

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ST. ANDREW MASS SCHEDULE INTENTIONS AND EVENTS

Saturday April 4, 2026

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

Sunday April 5, 2026

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

Wednesday April 8, 2026

ADORATION: 4:00- 5:00
CONFESSION: 4:30-5:00
MASS 5:00 MILICENT NEUBEL R.I.P.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY- 5:30



Thursday April 9, 2026

MASS- 9:30 a.m. MILICENT NEUBEL R.I.P.

Ministry Schedule

April 11/12

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Month of St. Joseph APRIL Anniversaries



Bob and Ora Graham- 11

Birthdays



Carolyn Blackburn- 2
Jim Randolph 15
Richard Pippin 21
Morlina Munoz 23
Gary Holland 23

APRIL

MASS INTENTIONS

Milicent Neubel R.I.P. - 8,9
Robert Hannibal R.I.P. -11
Vincent Conforti R.I.P. -15
David Goss (Special Intention) - 16
Mary & Richard Monroe R.I.P. -18
Nancy Virginia Lee Crist R.I.P. - 22
Susan Francis Miller Statton R.I.P. - 23
Vincent Conforti R.I.P. -29



Daily Readings with Saints & Occasions

Prayer Requests

April 6-12

Monday April 6, 2026

Easter Monday
1st Reading: Acts 2: 14, 22-33
Psalm: Psalms 16: 1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
Alleluia: Psalms 118: 24
Gospel: Matthew 28: 8-15

Tuesday April 7, 2026

Easter Tuesday
1st Reading: Acts 2: 36-41
Psalm: Psalms 33: 4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22
Alleluia: Psalms 118: 24
Gospel: John 20: 11-18

Wednesday April 8, 2026

Easter Wednesday
1st Reading: Acts 3: 1-10
Psalm: Psalms 105: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9
Alleluia: Psalms 118: 24
Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35

Thursday April 9, 2026

Easter Thursday
1st Reading: Acts 3: 11-26
Psalm: Psalms 8: 2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9
Alleluia: Psalms 118: 24
Gospel: Luke 24: 35-48

Friday April 10, 2026

Easter Friday
1st Reading: Acts 4: 1-12
Psalm: Psalms 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a
Alleluia: Psalms 118: 24
Gospel: John 21: 1-14

Saturday April 11, 2026

Easter Saturday
1st Reading: Acts 4: 13-21
Psalm: Psalms 118: 1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21
Alleluia: Psalms 118: 24
Gospel: Mark 16: 9-15

Sunday April 12, 2026

The Second Sunday of Easter
1st Reading: Acts 2: 42-47
Psalm: Psalms 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24
2nd Reading: 1Peter 1: 3-9
Alleluia: John 20: 29
Gospel: John 20: 19-31



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Dan Clayton



May the Souls
of all
the Faithful
Departed,
through the
mercy of God,
Rest in Peace.
Amen.