

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

To register email:

nashvillemagnificat@gmail.com

or contact Jenny Banker

(803) 810-4698



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- MAY 1 St. Joseph the Worker
- MAY 5 May Procession
- MAY 11 Confirmation at the Cathedral by invitation only
- MAY 12 Mother's Day
- MAY 19 Pentecost Sunday
- MAY 20 Mary, Mother of the Church
- MAY 26 Trinity Sunday
- MAY 27 Memorial Day
- JUNE 1 Magnificat Prayer Breakfast

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ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH



829 Valley View Drive, Sparta TN. 38583

Sunday, May 5, 2024

The Sixth Sunday of Easter



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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PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday,
9: a.m. - 12 p.m.

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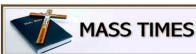
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Saturday 4:00pm

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 6 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.

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 Sondra Tergini or Monica Jicha after Mass.

Sondra:
931-256-0803

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931-267-7747

Eucharistic Saints for the Eucharistic Revival St Mary Mazzarello



Mary Domenica was born into a peasant farming family May 9, 1837 in Mornese (Italy). Gifted with uncommon good health and physical strength, she worked in the fields and vineyards with her father Joseph. At home she helped her mother Maddalena run the house and take care of the children. Her parents formed her to a profound sense of God, an upright conscience, a marked practical sense, and depth of judgment.

In 1855 she joined the Pious Union of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate, which aimed to bring God back to home and state and promote love for the Church and the Pope through the good example of frequenting the Sacraments, loving Christ in His Passion, and being tenderly devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In 1860 the town of Mornese was struck by typhoid fever. Fr. Domenico Pestarino, Mary's confessor, suggested that she take care of relatives who were very ill with the fever. Mary accepted, although she knew that she herself would become a victim.

Seriously ill from the disease, she recovered, losing the physical strength that she enjoyed before. She was no longer able to do farm work. Later, in a mysterious vision, she saw a large building with lots of girls running around a playground, and heard a voice saying to her: "I entrust them to you." No longer able to work in the fields, under Divine Inspiration she determined to learn the skill of a dressmaker. She involved her friend Petronilla in her project to teach poor girls not only to sew, but also and above all to know how to love God. Together they opened a sewing workshop for the education of the girls of the town.

In 1862 Don Pestarino met with Saint John Bosco. Moved by the work Don Bosco was doing for abandoned boys, he became a Salesian priest. Through Don Pestarino who had spoken to him of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate, Don Bosco sent Mary and Petronilla a note which changed their lives and the way they did things: "Pray certainly, but do as much good as you can, especially to the young, and do all you can to prevent sin."

A little while later circumstances led Mary and Petronilla to establish a hospice for two little girls without a stable family. She and Petronilla cared for them like tender mothers. When Mardi Gras and Carnival loomed on the calendar, with Don Bosco's exhortation in mind, Mary devised celebratory Sunday gatherings at her workshop for the girls of the town. During the month of May besides honoring Our Lady, Mary started a Sunday "festive oratory" (Youth Group) with games and fun, catechism, prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The girls enjoyed these gatherings so much they thought of "nothing else but Sunday the whole week through and became better behaved and pious."

In 1864 on the occasion of an autumn excursion Don Bosco arrived in Mornese from Turin with 100 boys. He approved Fr. Pestarino's plan to open a school for the boys of the town and of the surrounding areas. On that occasion, Mary Domenica perceived that she was in the presence of a saint and said: "Don Bosco is a saint, and I feel it."

At 44 years of age Sr. Mary Mazzarello contracted a severe form of pleurisy pneumonia, and died on May 14, 1881 in Nizza Monferrato. She was beatified November 20, 1938 and canonized as a saint June 24, 1951.

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GET CONNECTED!

Use this website to get information about our church. It is important that you update your information with the office to keep you up-to-date in the system.
phone: 931-264-4859

It seems that there may be confusion when accessing the St. Andrew website. When you put the address into the address bar you should see the blue screen. It will list up-to-date information such as:
Confession Times
Adoration Times
Mass Times
Event that are scheduled (you may need to scroll)
The Most Recent Bulletin Pages
Office and Contact Information



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

**ST ANDREW
MASS SCHEDULE
INTENTIONS & EVENTS**

Sunday, May 5, 2024
Mass 8:30--Praying for the Parish
Breakfast 9:30

Wednesday May 8, 2024
Adoration 4:00
Confession 4:30- 5:00
5:00 - Mass for Mary Vogel RIP

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

Saturday May 11, 2024
Adoration 3:00
Confession 3:30- 4:00
4:00- Mass
5:00- Dinner in Graham Hall

Sunday, May 12, 2024
Mass 8:30-- for the Parish
Breakfast 9:30
Religious Education- 10:00

Monday, May 6, 2024
1st Reading: Acts 16: 11-15
Psalm: Ps 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b
Gospel: John 15: 26 - 16: 4

Tuesday, May 7, 2024
1st Reading: Acts 16: 22-34
Psalm: Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8
Gospel: John 16: 5-11

Wednesday, May 8, 2024
1st Reading: Acts 17: 15, 22 - 18: 1
Psalm: Ps 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14
Gospel: John 16: 12-15

Thursday, May 9, 2024
1st Reading: Acts 18: 1-8
Psalm: Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Gospel: John 16: 16-20

Friday, May 10, 2024
Damien Joseph De Veuster of Moloka'i,
Priest
1st Reading: Acts 18: 9-18
Psalm: Ps 47: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Gospel: John 16: 20-23

Saturday, May 11, 2024
1st Reading: Acts 18: 23-28
Psalm: Ps 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10
Gospel: John 16: 23b-28

Sunday, May 12, 2024
Ascension of the Lord Solemnity
(Seventh Sunday of Easter)
1st Reading: Acts 1: 1-11
Psalm: Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9
2nd Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-13
Gospel: Mark 16: 15-20

Daily Readings

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.

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

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

Offertory Envelopes

Offertory envelopes can be found throught 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.

A MESSAGE FOR THE OUTREACH PROGRAM

A NOTE OF THANKS

"GOD Bless your ministry and I personally want to thank everyone involved in this effort. Your love, compassion and kindness has helped my son and I more than you'll know. It's not the food that has fed our body so much, as it is the kindness and prayers that you all have shown me that has fed me! Thank you so much for this. I'm speechless 😊"

--- Lynn

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.



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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 11/12

	4:00 pm	8:30 am
Lector	Jim Spagnolo	Samuel Baird
Eucharistic Ministers	Ronnie Cupec Marleeen Loff	Branton Ferris Victor Vale Rosanne Audritsch
Servers		John Hawco Haelic Van Neste Elden Van Neste Luke Van Neste
Ushers	(Both Collections) Jim Spagnolo Tom Sergio 2 Volunteers	1st Collection Altar Servers 2nd Collection Victor Vale Ray Jicha 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 a Family!
The Acharya Family



Natalie and Justin with their children: Taj, June, and Silas. They will soon be welcoming a new family member.

APRIL 25th OUTREACH

With the help of seasoned volunteers, we welcome Ashley Redden to our team.

Our outreach program requires many dedicated members. Helping today we had: Linda Pippin, Mike and Annette Popa, Marleen Loff, Cathy and Jim Randolph, Mary Swartz, Mike McCarthy, Cindy Brown, Victor Vale, Tony and Sondra Tersigni, and Fr. Emmanuel.



Reflections

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



On this sixth Sunday of Easter, we celebrate our Lord, whose love is universal. He has no favorite. Instead, he freely communicates his love and spirit to all who accept him. The fullness of this love is expressed in Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit.

Our first reading is an account of Cornelius and his family's conversion and how they received the Holy Spirit. As Peter described it, this shows that "God does not have any favorites." In other words, God's salvation and love are universal. He wants everyone who sincerely believes in him to be saved and participate in him through the Holy Spirit.

While reflecting on the readings of this Sunday, I recalled the song which says: "Jesus' love is so wonderful, so wide you cannot get out of it, so high you cannot get over it, so deep you cannot get under it..." Simply put, God's love does not discriminate.



Both the second reading and today's gospel from John remind us how much Christ himself loved us. They exalt us to remain in this love, and of course, to love one another as Christ loved us. Being created in the image of God, we must exhibit this love. When we love, we are genuinely being and acting like God. When we love sincerely, we testify that the spirit of God dwells in us.

Today's gospel is a command to love: "What I command you is to love one another." As a command, it means that we do not have any option than to love one another. The reason is simple. We are products of love. This love flows from God to Christ and from Christ to us. It also flows from God to our parents and from our parents to us. This is why Christ tells us today: "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you." So, we have no reason not to extend it to others. We are to continue the chain.

The love we are talking about here goes beyond mere emotion or sentiments. It is a "sacrificial love." Intense emotion and feelings may accompany it, but they are not in themselves love. They are simply modes of expressing love.

It is the commitment of the will that keeps sacrificial love steadfast and unchanging. That is, the will to endure or persevere. This is the mark of a good and faithful Christian love. Hence, sacrificial love must be patient. It shows forbearance even under provocation. It is steadfast despite opposition and difficulties.

Sacrificial love is sympathetic, considerate, gentle, and kind. This love is not jealous. It works for the good of the other. This love is not arrogant, even when we think we are right and others are wrong. Sacrificial love is not selfish. Instead, it is an act of the will that seeks to serve and not be served.

Sacrificial love is a strong commitment to help and appreciate others unconditionally. It is always ready to give rather than to receive. Sacrificial love rejoices with the truth and never fails. It is that love that fears no accusation. As we celebrate and obey this excellent command to love, let us give thanks to God, who "has shown his salvation to the nations." Alleluia.

Peace be with you!
Maranatha!

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.



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