

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS
REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED**
if you missed it, contact
Elizabeth Bates (info page 2)

Classes Have Begun

Sundays through May of 2027
with Religious Ed from 10-11 am
OCIA from 11 to noon

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Please help us to meet our goal!

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If you are a social worker, please contact
Judy Elliott, 529-429-4581
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Wednesday Night Men's Bible
Study with
DEACON STEVE

Each session starts at 5:30 pm (for after Mass) and ends at 7:00 pm. All men of any age are welcome.

SATURDAY Adult Bible

Study with
JUDY ELLIOTT
Begins at 5:30 after a quick meal!
all are welcome.

PANTRY HOURS

Now Open from 9 am to noon
Monday, Tuesday,
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(no Thursday due
to the delivery)

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ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday October 4, 2026



Meeting God's Expectations

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



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The Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reflections

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

Today is the seventh Sunday of ordinary time; the church reminds us of God's Great expectations for each of us. This includes both His vineyard and caretakers of His vineyard. To meet this expectation, we must remain focused and close to God through prayers. It guarantees our peace and helps us to fulfill God's expectations.

Our first reading is an allegory called "The Song of the Vineyard." In this reading, God recounts his love and care for us. He chose us as the apple of his eyes (Zach 2. 8). God created us well and made us comfortable. So, he rightly expects us to be fair and to bear good fruits. Unfortunately, being humans, we have consistently failed him. "He expected justice, but He found bloodshed. He expected integrity, but He only heard a cry of distress."

Often, our actions fall short of God's expectations. This is because we have been stubborn instead of repenting. We have displayed unbelief instead of faith, indifference instead of love, and unworthiness instead of holiness. Our world today is marked by violence, victimization, greed, corruption, etcetera. God expects us to make a difference as Christians. He expects us to bear good fruits.

Today, Paul exalts us not to be worried. Instead, we should remain close to God through prayers. He will allow his peace to abide with us if we pray with him. In order words, through prayers, we must always seek the peace of God. Prayer reassures us of God's divine presence with us. It calms our fears and brings us peace through communion or fellowship with God, our creator.

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PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Telephone:
(931) 738-2140

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2 weeks ahead to:
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Baptisms

Please contact
The Parish office about the
birth of your child.

Marriages

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.

Reconciliation

Father Emmanuel
is available to
hear confessions on
Saturdays from
3:30 to 4 pm
and on
Wednesday from
4:30 pm to 5 pm.

Other confession times
may be arranged
directly with
Father.



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) 738-2140

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
931-738-2140

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and sign up to receive the
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BOTTOM OF THE WEBSITE!

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church Facebook page:
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There is a basket
in the Narthex for
donations of hygiene
products for
distribution
in the
Outreach program.
Please add items
as you see fit!

THE KNIGHT'S CORNER

DO YOU WANT TO BE A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS
MEMBER?
JUST ASK ONE!

THEY ALSO HOST BREAKFAST THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
& DINNER THE SATURDAY BEFORE.
THE MEETING WILL FOLLOW
THE SUNDAY BREAKFAST.



THE NEXT HOSTED MEALS ARE
OCTOBER 3 & 4
WITH MEETING TO FOLLOW THE BREAKFAST



The Knights of Columbus lead the
rosary the 1st Saturday at 3:30
and the 2nd Sunday at 8:30.



On days that the Rosary is not led by the
Knights of Columbus, Saturday's Rosary
will be led by others in attendance, so
arrive early with a rosary!

LET'S GET READY FOR ALL SAINTS DAY
AND ALL SOULS DAY!

We will be collecting names of those who have passed in
the past year, or thereabouts.

Please send names to:

Sondra Tersigni at: bulletinsacc@gmail.com
or text her at: 931-256-0803

The list will be on the altar throughout all of November.

ALSO



if you are having a Mass said for someone,
please email the office with the information
that you put on the form. I say this because
some names are hard to read and we want to
be sure that they are spelled correctly.



"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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TAKE NOTE.

ALL VOLUNTEERS- Everyone who volunteers here at St. Andrew- is required by the diocese to complete an annual Safe Environment training.

All catechists, those involved with altar servers, food pantry volunteers, any one especially directly involved with youth or vulnerable adults, even our handyman!

VIRTUS® Online
virtusonline.org



It is a simple online series of videos that takes maybe an hour or two of your time, once a year. The module you're looking for is "Protecting God's Children."

Also you may be prompted to do a simple background check once every FIVE years. Follow the prompts in Virtus.

Dos and Don'ts for Mass

1. Fast for 1 hour before communion (unless you are sick or elderly)
2. Come early. Sit and recollect yourself in silence. Stay for the duration!
3. No eating or chewing gum (Mass is sacred time)
4. Dress modestly (your body is God's temple)
5. Phones off (texts and calls can wait unless it is a real emergency)
6. Genuflect reverently when entering and leaving
7. Participate fully and pray with the church
8. Show reverence when receiving communion and pray in silence afterward
9. Be charitable. Do not distract others and help those who need help.
10. Spend a moment in thanksgiving after Mass. Do not be in a hurry.

The Mass is an encounter with God. Savor it!



Remember that Everyone gets a blessing at the end of Mass. It is a blessing worth waiting for.

WE WELCOME NEW CHURCH MEMBERS THROUGH BAPTISM



Marley, Daughter of Brian and Candice Sullivan



Peregrine Daughter of Zhenya and Daisey Tomarevsky

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Furthermore, he draws our attention to the basic stuff we must see. God also expects from us: "Everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that we love and honor." Whatever is honorable is respectable. Whatever is right conforms to God's righteousness. Whatever is pure is free from defilement. Whatever is lovely is pleasing. Whatever is reasonable is laudable and commendable. So, we should think only about such things.

Unfortunately, today we no longer ask: "Is it true or noble?" Instead, what we ask is: Does it work? Does everyone like it? Will it make me feel good? As Paul reminds us today, we must seek excellence through the gospel and the church's teachings. This is the only path that leads to peace of mind, and of course, to greatness.

In today's gospel, Jesus also employed the allegory of the vineyard to address the chief priests and the elders. Christ portrays them as wicked tenants who decided to overthrow the landlord. Hence, they kicked them out because they were evil and did not meet the landlord's expectations. In short, they rejected the Gospel.

Therefore, this reading reminds us of God's generosity and trust. It equally reminds us of His patience and justice. Most importantly, it reminds us of God's expectations of us. "To whom much is given, much is expected." So, we must be ready to render an excellent account to God, our creator. We must not disappoint Him.

Finally, God called and chose us out of His love for us. So, we must not reject or betray Him as the first servants did. Instead, we must be faithful to Him by bearing good fruits and rendering an excellent account to Him.

Peace be with you all!

Maranatha!

MINISTERS IN SERVICE TO THE LORD . . .

WE NEED:

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers

For Saturday, 4:00pm mass, contact

Sondra Tersigni, 931-256-0803, spartatn147@gmail.com

For Sunday, 8:30am mass, contact

Monica Jicha, 931-267-7747, doghousemom@benlomand.net

Can you say YES to working in the vineyard of the Lord? Matt. 21:28-32

Blessing for Life



Virtues Explained

What wonder You have gifted us, Lord, in the blessing of life! May Your name be praised with every movement, every heartbeat, every breath. Protect life in every stage, race, age, ability, creed, and capacity. Pour Your mercy upon us this day, helping us to live deeply and love well. Amen.

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Magnanimity, writes St. Thomas Aquinas, describes "the stretching forth of the mind to great things." (Sum. II-II, 129, Art. 1) This virtue protects souls from the temptation to do honorable things for intentions that fall short of honorability.

Magnanimity shares much with the virtue of humility, but unlike humility, it specifically seeks what is great — but never the distinction of being called great. A magnanimous person's focus is solely on accomplishing as much good as possible, as effectively as possible.

When Joseph learned that Mary, his betrothed, was with child through the Holy Spirit, he had a chance to distinguish himself as a virtuous man. In calling for Mary's punishment, he could have condemned immorality loudly and publicly, while distancing himself from what appeared to be sin.

Instead, he did the opposite. He did what he knew to be right. He exhibited magnanimity, and the world was never the same.

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ST. ANDREW MASS SCHEDULE INTENTIONS AND EVENTS

Saturday October 3, 2026

NOON- FUNERAL MASS FOR PAT WILSON.

Adoration 3:00- 4:00

Confession 3:30- 4:00

4:00 Mass CLARA MAGUSCHAK R.I.P.

Sunday October 4, 2026

Adoration 8-8:30

8:30- Mass INTENTION: FOR THE PARISH

Religious Education Classes

10:00. OCIA 11:00

Wednesday October 7, 2026

ADORATION: 4:00- 5:00

CONFESION: 4:30-5:00

MASS 5:00

→ MEN'S BIBLE STUDY- AFTER MASS OR ABOUT 5:30

Thursday October 8, 2026

MASS- 9:30 a.m. CLARA MAGUSCHAK R.I.P.

Saturday October 10, 2026

Adoration 3:00- 4:00

Confession 3:30- 4:00

4:00 Mass MARGARET ALAMEDA SPECIAL INTENTION

Ministry Schedule

October 10/11

Nancy Helmer

Ronnie Cupec

Marleen Loff

Jim Spagnolo

John Hawco

Monica Jicha

Sondra Tersigni

James Hudachek

Luke Hudachek

Sam Baird

Tony Tersigni

Vols, Knights

Ray Jicha

Kevin Faust

Knights of Columbus



Clara Maguschak R.I.P. - October 1, 8, 15
Margaret Alameda - Special Intention - October 10
Susan Boutin R.I.P. October 21
Marie Wandrey R.I.P. October 24
Mike Hassett Special Intention - October 29

OCTOBER MASS INTENTIONS

Month of the Holy Rosary OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES



Bob & Linda McGraw, Oct 1
Joseph & Diane Buccilli Oct 6
Michael & Barbara McCarthy Oct 12
Shannon & Katie Charfauros Oct 13
Jonathan & Clair Srour Oct 21

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Amy Flach - 2
Victor Vale - 6
John Blumer -6
Linda Wankel -9
Diane Buccilli -10
Anthony Helmer -10
Andrew Gauvin -14
Mary Grey -14
William Swartz -16
Kevin Faust -17
Joe Buccilli -17
Marcy Fleck -19
Jon Hoagland -19
Diana Mario -19
Laurene Santini -20
Nick Troutman -20
Bryan Helm -20
Doris Grimes -21
Chickezle Emeghara 22
Eugene Gray -26
Margaret Cullen -31

Daily Readings Prayer Requests

October 5-11

Monday, October 5, 2026

Ordinary Weekday

1st Reading: Galatians 1: 6-12

Psalm: Psalms 111: 1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c

Alleluia: John 13: 34

Gospel: Luke 10: 25-37

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Bruno, Priest, Hermit, Religious Founder/

Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, Virgin, Religious

1st Reading: Galatians 1: 13-24

Psalm: Psalms 139: 1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15

Alleluia: Luke 11: 28

Gospel: Luke 10: 38-42

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Our Lady of the Rosary Obligatory Memorial

1st Reading: Galatians 2: 1-2, 7-14

Psalm: Psalms 117: 1bc, 2

Alleluia: Romans 8: 15bc

Gospel: Luke 11: 1-4

Thursday, October 8, 2026

Ordinary Weekday

1st Reading: Galatians 3: 1-5

Psalm: Luke 1: 69, 70-71, 72, 73-75

Alleluia: Acts 16: 14b

Gospel: Luke 11: 5-13

Friday, October 9, 2026

Denis, Bishop, Martyr, and Companions, Martyrs/

John Leonardi, Priest

1st Reading: Galatians 3: 7-14

Psalm: Psalms 111: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6

Alleluia: John 12: 31b-32

Gospel: Luke 11: 15-26

Saturday, October 10, 2026

Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1st Reading: Galatians 3: 22-29

Psalm: Psalms 105: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Alleluia: Luke 11: 28

Gospel: Luke 11: 27-28

Sunday, October 11, 2026

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-10a

Psalm: Psalms 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

2nd Reading: Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20

Alleluia: Ephesians 1: 17-18

Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14

** Mike Blackburn

**Mike Popa

*Catherine Young

*Katie Charfauros

**Lois Gilbert

*Payton Newman

**Heidi Holland

*Joan Kupiec

**Melissa Cupec

** Mark Marshall

Lezeth Bruce

Jim Winton

Danny Gutierrez Art Gutierrez

Linda McGraw Elaine Garrett

Diane & Tom Barry

John Barry

Verne & Bernice Clapp

Harry Dennis Karen Norris

Anna Barry

Maryann Kopke Margaret Massa

Christopher j. Scott

** Special Consideration, Please!

May the Souls of all the Faithful Departed, Through the Mercy of God Rest in Peace! AMEN