

## St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church

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Lexington, TN 38351

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**Mass Schedule:** Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM      **Weekdays:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday 11:30 AM  
Sunday 9:00 AM      Thursday 9:00 AM

**Reconciliation:** 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment.

**Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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**Pastoral Emergency outside of office hours:** 731-968-7944

## St Regina Catholic Church

108 Skyline Lane

Parsons, TN 38363

Phone: 731-847-2054

**Mass Schedule:** Sunday 11:00 AM      **Weekdays:** Wednesday 5:00 pm

**Reconciliation:** 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment.

**Office Hours:** Monday and Thursday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM      Wednesday 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

**Email:** saintreginaTN@gmail.com

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**Pastoral Emergency outside of office hours:** 731-968-7944

### Staff

**Parochial Administrator:** Father Anthony Onyekwe

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**St Regina: Secretary:** Pat Humble

**Financial Secretary for both Parishes:** Mary Alyce Fiechtl

**DRE for St Andrew:** Lois Freeland

**DRE for St Regina:** Christina Hammond

**Maintenance and Grounds for St Andrew:** Joey Wall

**Maintenance and Grounds for St Regina:** Jim Molitor



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March 12, 2023



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## Mass Intentions

March 11th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

March 12th: Healing of Terra Raupp by David Raupp

March 18th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

March 19th: Healing of Terra Raupp by David Raupp

## CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

### Prayer of Saint Patrick

Christ be with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,  
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ where I lie down, Christ where I sit,  
Christ where I arise,  
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.  
Salvation is of the Lord.  
Salvation is of the Christ.  
May your salvation, O Lord, be ever with us.

### SHARING

It's easy to halve the potato where there's love.

—Irish saying

## Liturgical Ministers

March 19th:

Lector: Eleanor Michie

Server:

Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Kirkpatrick

Sacristans:

Altar Linens:

Ushers: Men of the Parish

## GOD EVER PURSUES US

We hear today of God's unrelenting pursuit of us. Our readings tell stories of God's intense desire to share the divine life with us. From Exodus, we see how God shows endless persistence and compassion, even to those who grumble against God, or seem to have forgotten God. From the Gospel of John, we hear of how Jesus, in his extended conversation with the Samaritan woman, gives her dignity, names uncomfortable truths, and gradually leads her into a new path of faith. We can have confidence that as we bring our own confusions, fears, and failings to God, we may receive God's mercy and forgiveness. God always persists and continually finds new ways to invite people into unity with God. As Paul describes in Romans, in the cross we see how God will go to any length to demonstrate the depth and breadth of divine love.

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## OUR FASCINATING FAITH

### The Three Lenten Disciplines: Prayer

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are not specifically Christian practices. Jewish piety, from which the primitive church developed, already included these three spiritual exercises. The Muslims also include these three in the five pillars of their Islamic faith. But it is Jesus himself who invites us to practice these three pillars of conversion. He reminds us that they are not done to "show off" that we are holier than everyone else. On the contrary, fasting, charitable works, and praying are done with humility (Matthew 6:1-6; 16-21). It is challenging, but we are not discouraged because the Holy Spirit comes to our aid.

The Lenten discipline of prayer can be thought of in two ways. For Christians, to pray in the first way is to speak like children to God, who loves us as mother, father, sibling, and friend. When speaking to God, we tell God what we have inside us, trusting that our words are the ones that most please God. The second approach to prayer means proclaiming with confidence our fears, problems, joys, and yearnings to God, knowing that God loves and hears us. Praying either way means spending time with God, at times talking, at times silent, but always with the assurance that we are loved.

—Friar Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Stations of the Cross  
on Fridays during  
Lent at 4:00 pm



## TODAY'S READINGS FOR YEAR A

**First Reading** — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the LORD heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

**Psalm** — Listen to God's voice today; be not hardhearted (Psalm 95).

**Second Reading** — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

**Gospel** — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### Parishioners

Grant Adams, Chuck Amrhein, Cathy Amrhein, Lucien Cravens, MaryAnn Maness, James Trim

### Relatives

Kelli Blankenship, Thomas Blankenship, Austin Ernst, Emily Ernst, Jackie Donnett, Andrew Grower, Nicholas Kirkpatrick, Jenny Moore, Andrew Morlan, Yu Youn Suk, Joe Wall

### Friends

Emma Cupples, Ceren James, Sunny Maness, John Henry Maness, Glen Melton, Fr Robert Ponticello, Park Mi Kung, Na Song Ae

## WEEKLY OFFERING

March 5th

Budget	\$1816
Actual	\$1930.52
Bldg.	\$147
Over	\$261.52
Youth Playground	\$510



Rite of Christian Initiation  
for Adults

R.C.I.A.

Thursday

At 6:00 pm

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4;  
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9;  
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;  
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17;  
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: [Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab](#);  
Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;  
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

## Mass Schedule

Monday: 11:30 am

Wednesday: 11:30am

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 9:00 am

Sunday Vigil: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am



## Coming Events

Sunday Scripture Study Group will meet at 10:00 am on the following Fridays: March 24th and March 31st.

Funeral Mass for Jeanette Thiele will be on Saturday, March 25th, at 10:00.

The office will be closed Monday and Tuesday of this week. See you all on Friday for St Patrick's fund raiser.

## Special Collection

Catholic Relief

March 19, 2023