

## St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church

895 North Broad Street

Lexington, TN 38351

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**Mass Schedule:** Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM  
Sunday 9:00 AM

**Weekdays:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday 11:30 AM  
Tuesday: Exposition 6:00 pm , Mass in Spanish 6:30 pm  
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

**Email:** finsecstandrew@outlook.com

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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

**Website:** streginacatholicchurch.org

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

### Staff

**Pastor:** Father Anthony Onyekwe

**St Andrew: Administrative Secretary:** Mary Alyce Fiechtl

**St Regina: Secretary:** Pat Humble

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**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



**22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”  
- Mt 16:24b-25

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 3, 2023**





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## Mass Intentions

September 3rd: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

September 10th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

## FOLLOWING THE PATH OF JESUS

We are invited to reflect on the path of discipleship offered by Jesus in our readings today. Jesus, now seen by the disciples as Messiah and Christ, begins to describe most fully what this means: he will not march into Jerusalem filled with God's power like a conquering general. His path is like that of Jeremiah; he will be rejected and mocked. His path is like that described by Paul, offering his body as a living sacrifice. Jesus summons his followers down the same path of death and resurrection, to live the radical paradox that "whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." Loving and trusting God will entail self-surrender, leading us to joy in service to others. We will learn to let go of what we desire and what we think we need, trusting God to provide what we truly need.

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## OUR FASCINATING FAITH

### The Documents of Vatican II—More Decrees

The Decree on Appropriate Renewal of Religious Life (*Perfectae Caritatis*) calls on men and women in religious life to rediscover their founding charisms and to adapt with the rest of the Church to the changing times.

The Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity (*Apostolicam Actuositatem*) is the first document addressing the laity ever to be produced by an ecumenical council, and received the highest degree of support from the Council fathers. It teaches that each layperson has a ministry rooted in his or her baptism, not simply a share of the ministry of the ordained. That is, laypeople are agents of the Church's activity, and not merely objects of it.

The Decree on the Eastern Catholic Churches (*Orientalium Ecclesiarum*) provides the Roman view on the main Eastern Rite Churches and proclaims the equality of the Eastern and Western traditions. It expresses an ardent desire for reconciliation.

The Decree on the Church's Missionary Activity (*Ad Gentes*) proclaims that the whole church is missionary; each of the baptized has been charged to spread the gospel. It also encourages the embracing of local customs and finding the seed of the gospel within them.

The Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests (*Presbyterorum Ordinis*) calls on priests to support the laity—a ministry not only *for* them but *with* them—and reaffirms celibacy for Latin Rite priests.

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## TODAY'S READINGS FOR YEAR A

**First Reading** — The name of the LORD has become like fire burning in Jeremiah's heart (Jeremiah 20:7-9).

**Psalm** — My soul longs for you, O my God (Psalm 63).

**Second Reading** — Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good (Romans 12:1-2).

**Gospel** — Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them (Matthew 16:21-27).

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### Parishioners

Kathy Amrhein, MaryAnn Maness, James Trim

### Relatives

### Friends

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
- Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
- Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
- Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

## CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

### Prayer Before a Day's Work

Direct, we beg you, O Lord, our actions by your holy inspirations, and grant that we may carry them out with your gracious assistance, that every prayer and work of ours may begin always with you, and through you be happily ended. Amen.

## WEEKLY OFFERING

August 27th

Budget	\$1816
Actual	\$1121
Bldg.	\$0
Short	\$695

## Liturgical Ministers

### September 10th:

**Lector: Saturday:** Kay Bartel

**Sunday:** Aaron Ledet, Heather Mckee

**Server:**

**Gifts:** Susan Booth, Sheri Parkinson

**Eucharistic Minister:** Heather Mckee

**Sacristans:** Heather McKee

**Altar Linens:** Sheri Parkinson, Susan Booth

**Ushers/Collection:** Aaron Ledet, Sheri Parkinson

## Coming Events

**Monday, September 4th:** Mass will be at 9:00. The office will be closed for Labor Day holiday.

**Conflict:** Due to a conflict, the office will be closed on Tuesday but open on Thursday this week.

**Sunday Scripture Study Group:** Will meet on Fridays at 10:00 am. The September meeting dates are 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th. Everyone is welcome!

## Mass Schedule



- Monday:** 9:00 am
- Tuesday:** Exposition at 6:00 and Mass in Spanish at 6:30 pm
- Wednesday:** 11:30 am
- Thursday:** 9:00 am
- First Friday:** 11:30 am
- Saturday Vigil:** 4:30 pm
- Sunday:** 9:00 am

## Medjugorje 25th of the month message

"Dear children! In this time of grace, I am calling you to prayer with the heart. May your hearts, little children, be raised in prayer towards Heaven, so that your heart may feel the God of love who heals you and loves you with immeasurable love. That is why I am with you, to lead you on the way of conversion of heart. Thank you for having responded to my call."

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Labor Day
- Friday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Saturday: St. Peter Claver



## HARD-EARNED LUCK

I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it.

— Thomas Jefferson