

St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church

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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

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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

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Staff

Pastor: Father Anthony Onyekwe

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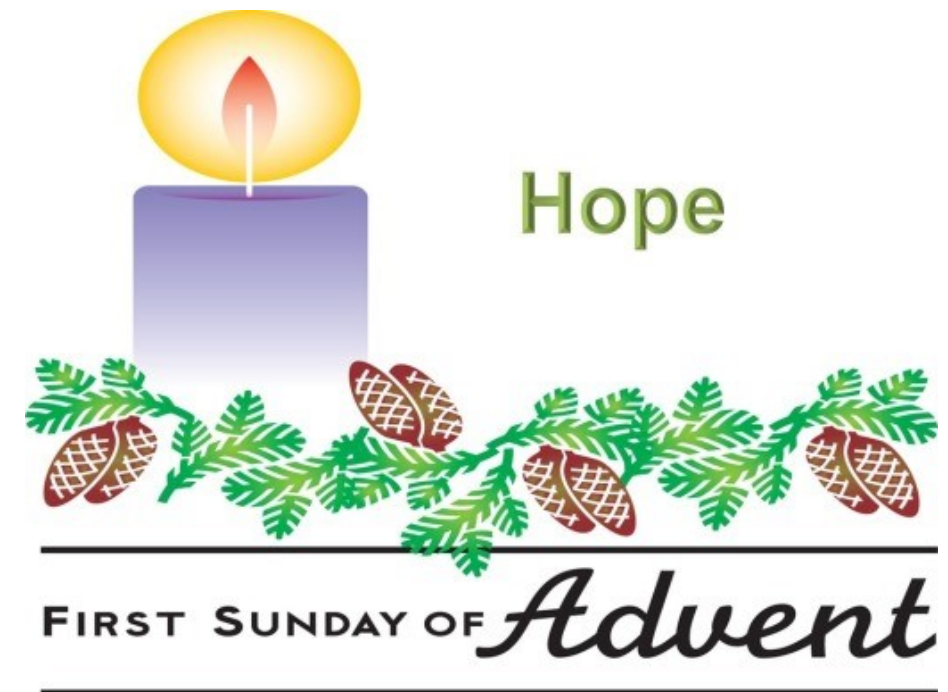
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DRE for St Regina: Christina Hammond

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Maintenance and Grounds for St Regina: Jim Molitor



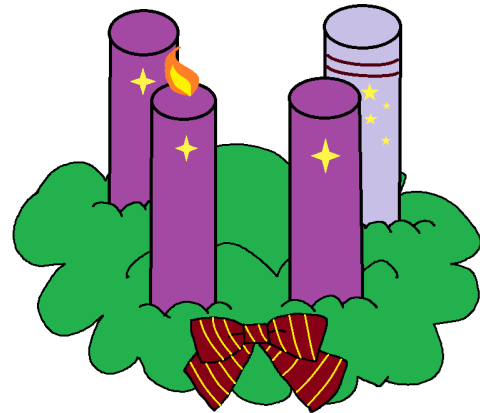
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MARK'S JESUS

Mark's Gospel is the shortest and tersest of all four. The discourses of Jesus tend to be terser as well. Mark's portrayal of Jesus has none of the poetry of the Sermon on the Mount or the Sermon on the Plain as in Matthew or Luke, nor the extensive, reflective "I Am" discourses as in John. Mark's Jesus "cuts to the chase," we would say today. This is reflected quite well in today's passage.

It is no accident that the dialogue of Jesus at this point in the Gospel according to Mark—the concluding words about the end of the world—immediately before his passion, is riddled with exclamation points and an overall sense of urgency.

We would do well to re-tool our own way of living this Advent, for we live in a world urgently in need of hearing the message of Jesus proclaimed. It's time for us to "wake up!" and get out into the world to do it.

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FEAST OF FAITH

What Is the Mass?

What is the Mass? There is no simple answer to that question. The Church uses many different images and terms to describe our most important prayer. The Mass is the celebration of the Eucharist, a Greek word that means "thanksgiving." It is the Lord's Supper. It is the Breaking of the Bread. It is the memorial of the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. It is the Holy Sacrifice, in which the sacrifice of Christ on the cross is perpetuated. It is the holy and divine liturgy, the sacred mysteries. It is the source and summit of our Christian lives, the new covenant, the work of the Holy Spirit, the paschal mystery. The many different words and images that we use when we speak of the Mass are not signs of confusion, but of wonder at what the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (1328) calls the "inexhaustible richness" of the Eucharist. The Mass, our greatest prayer and our deepest mystery, is celebrated every day, many times a day, the world over. The Eucharist is both "bread from heaven" and "daily bread." The Mass is our everyday miracle.

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Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

R. C. I. A.

Classes will be on Thursdays, at 6:00

TODAY'S READINGS FOR YEAR B

First Reading — We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

Gospel — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Parishioners

Kathy Amrhein, MaryAnn Maness, Eddie McDaniel, James Trim

Relatives

Friends

Coming Events

Sunday Scripture Study Group: The Group will not meet in December.

The office will be closed Monday, December 4th and Tuesday, December 5th.

PRE Christmas Program and Pot Luck will be next Sunday after Mass.

WEEKLY OFFERING

November 26th

Budget	\$1816
Actual	Not Available

Ladies Guild

The next regularly scheduled Ladies Guild meeting will be held Wednesday, December 13th at 6:00 p.m. at church. The meeting will consist of fellowship, a short meeting and a cookie exchange. Please bring 2 1/2 dozen cookies - 2 dozen for the exchange and 1/2 dozen to be donated to nursing home employees. All ladies of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Mass Intentions

December 3rd: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

December 10th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

Special Collection

Retirement Fund for Religious
December 10, 2023

Liturgical Ministers

December 10th:

Lector: Saturday: Mark Bartel

Sunday: Aaron Ledet, Heather McKee

Server:

Gifts: The Scott Sadler Family

Eucharistic Minister: Heather McKee

Sacristans: Melanie Sadler

Altar Linens: Anabel Gonzalez, Susan Placencia

Ushers/Collection: Aaron Ledet, Sheri Parkinson

Mass Schedule



Monday: 11:30 am

Tuesday: Exposition at 6:00 with Mass in Spanish at 6:30

Wednesday: 11:30 am

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 11:30 am The Immaculate Conception

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm

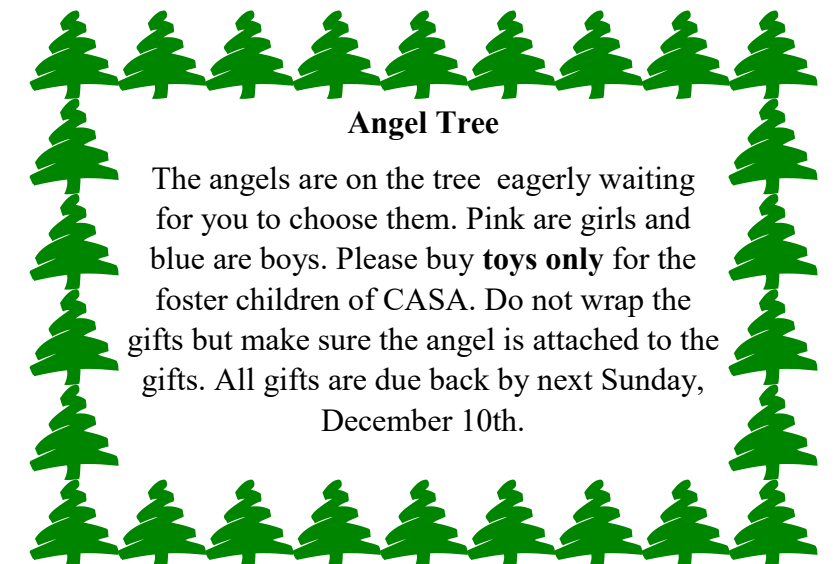
Saturday: 7:00 pm Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sunday: 9:00 am

UNWRINKLED

To keep the heart unwrinkled, to be hopeful, kindly, cheerful, reverent—that is the triumph over old age.

—Thomas Bailey Aldrich



Angel Tree

The angels are on the tree eagerly waiting for you to choose them. Pink are girls and blue are boys. Please buy **toys only** for the foster children of CASA. Do not wrap the gifts but make sure the angel is attached to the gifts. All gifts are due back by next Sunday, December 10th.