

## St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church

895 North Broad Street

Lexington, TN 38351

**Phone:** 731-968-6393

**Fax:** 731-968-2933

**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

**Website:** saintandrewcatholicchurch.org

**Facebook:** Saint Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church

**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

**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



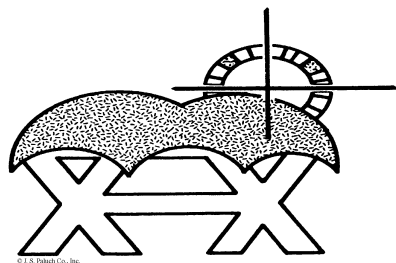
## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### December 31, 2023



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My eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the sight of  
all the peoples.

— Luke 2:30-31

## Mass Intentions

December 24th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

December 31st: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

### WEEKLY OFFERING

December 31st

Budget	\$1816
Actual	Not Available

## Liturgical Ministers

January 7th::

**Lector: Saturday:** Kay Bartel

**Sunday:** Jerry Kirkpatrick, Kathleen Kirkpatrick

**Server:**

**Gifts:** The Jose Palomino Family

**Eucharistic Minister:** Kathleen Kirkpatrick

**Sacristian:** Kathleen Kirkpatrick

**Altar Linens:** Rayna Howard, Patty Wall

**Ushers/Collection:** Joey Wall, Luis Tobar

### WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

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### FEAST OF FAITH

#### Processions

Why does the liturgy begin with a procession? It is not just a practical matter of getting the ministers of the liturgy from the sacristy to the sanctuary. The procession is a powerful sign of who we are as Christian people. We are not static, staying in one place. We are going somewhere. Our procession leads us to the altar, sign of Christ's presence in our midst. We move, we process, because we recognize our need for what Christ is preparing for us at that table. We go forward eagerly, because we are hungry for that heavenly food.

This procession is an orderly one: servers, deacon, priest presider. Each is set apart by distinctive vesture: albs for the altar servers, dalmatic for the deacon, chasuble for the priest. The procession is an image of the hierarchical structure of the Church. On a deeper level it is an image of unity in diversity. We are all on a journey to the heavenly city, but each of us is clothed with different gifts. We all receive the call to service, but not in the same way. Only by coming together in all our wonderful variety can we achieve the work of the kingdom.

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### CHILDREN OF ETERNITY

You are children of eternity. Your immortal crown awaits you, to reward your duty and love. You may indeed sow here in tears, but you may be sure there to reap in joy.

—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

### TODAY'S READINGS FOR YEAR B

**First Reading** — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins

(Sirach 3:2-6,12-14) *or* Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3.

**Psalm** — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) *or* Psalm 105.

**Second Reading** — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) *or* Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19.

**Gospel** — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

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### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

#### Parishioners

Kathy Amrhein, MaryAnn Maness, Eddie McDaniel, James Trim

#### Relatives

#### Friends



Rite of Christian Initiation  
for Adults

### R. C. I. A.

Classes will be on  
Thursdays, at 6:00

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Reading 1: Numbers 6:22-27; Reading 2: Galatians 4:4-7; Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

Tuesday: Reading 1: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 Gospel: Matthew 23:8-12

Wednesday: Reading 1: 1 John 2:29-3:6; Gospel: John 1:29-34

Thursday: Reading 1: 1 John 3:7-10 Gospel: John 1:35-42

Friday: Reading 1: 1 John 3:11-21; Gospel: 1:43-51

Saturday: Reading 1: 1 John 5:5-13; Gospel: Mark 1:7-11 or Luke 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34,36,38

Sunday: Reading 1: Isaiah 60:1-6; Reading 2: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

### Mass Schedule



**Saturday Vigil:** 4:30 pm

**Sunday:** 9:00 am

There will be no weekday  
Masses during the month of January.  
Father Anthony will be on vacation.

### Coming Events

The office will be through January 1st for the  
Christmas holidays.

Sunday Scripture Group will meet January 12th, the  
19th and the 26th at 10:00 pm.

