

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

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

Staff

Pastor: Father Anthony Onyekwe

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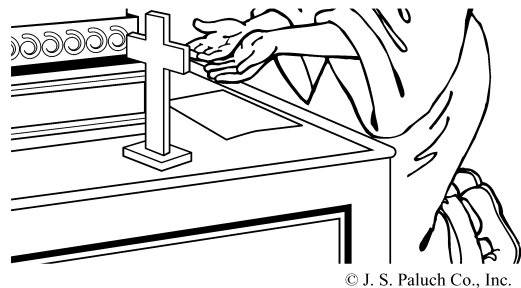
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD
who made us.

— Psalm 95:6

Mass Intentions

January 27th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

January 28th: Jerry Kirkpatrick + by Maurice Will

February 3rd: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

February 4th: The Intentions of Sheila Johnson by Maurice Will

Liturgical Ministers

February 4th:

Lector: Saturday: Mark Bartel

Sunday: Kathleen Kirkpatrick

Server:

Gifts: Laurotto Yarbo, Eleanor Michie

Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Kirkpatrick

Sacristian: Kathleen Kirkpatrick

Altar Linens: Sheri Parkinson, Susan Booth

Ushers/Collection: Shawn Wall, Kevin Ernst

FALSE PROPHETS, TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God’s very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God’s mouth. In Mark’s Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God’s own voice, the Holy One of God.

The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. But in today’s Gospel we learn that Jesus’ fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn’t an authority because he was popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God’s purposes. And today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God’s very words filling our mouths.

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FEAST OF FAITH

I Confess

One form of the penitential rite at the beginning of Mass is the traditional *Confiteor*, or “I confess,” a prayer that was formerly prayed by the priest alone at the foot of the altar, but which is now prayed by the entire assembly. The *Confiteor* is at once personal—“I confess”—and communal, prayed aloud, together. We recognize that sin does not just separate us from God; sin comes between us and others, isolating us. We acknowledge that sin has many dimensions, individual and communal: sins of thought, sins of speech, sins of action, sins of omission. Sin is not something that happens to us; sin is something we do. In the *Confiteor*, we take responsibility for our own actions. The repeated insistence on our “fault,” with the ritual gesture of striking the breast, an ancient sign of penitence, is not meant to lower our self-esteem. Rather, it acknowledges our human instinct to transfer the blame whenever we can (“The devil made me do it!”). This prayer stops us short. We take responsibility for ourselves, our actions, our failure to act. Then we cry out to God in those ancient words, *Kyrie, eleison*—Lord, have mercy. For the sinner who repents, there is mercy. This truth is at the heart of our faith, and it is where the Mass, our feast of faith, begins.

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TODAY’S READINGS FOR YEAR B

First Reading — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: “A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you” (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

Gospel — The people were astonished at Jesus’ teaching; he taught them as one having authority (Mark 1:21-28).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Reading 1: 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Gospel: Mark 5:1-0

Tuesday: Reading 1: 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b,24-25a, 30-19;; Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday: Reading 1: 2Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

Thursday: Reading 1: 1Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Gospel: Mark 6: 7-13

Friday: Reading 1: Malachi 3:1-4; Reading 2: Hebrews 2:14-18 Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Saturday: Reading 1: 1 Kings 3:4-13; Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Parishioners

Kathy Amrhein, MaryAnn Maness, Eddie McDaniel, James Trim

Relatives

Gustavo De Paz

Friends

Lauren Lewis



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

R. C. I. A.

Classes will be on Thursdays, at 6:00

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Forty days after Christmas, this week’s ancient feast of the Presentation of the Lord is an extension of the shining days of Christ’s coming into the depths of winter. This is the day when, for a thousand years, the Church has blessed a year’s supply of candles. In many places, a procession forms outside the church. The core memory is of Simeon and Anna’s meeting with the infant Jesus and his parents outside the temple on the fortieth day after the child’s birth, and the delight of going to the table of the Lord for the Eucharist, a foretaste of our final meeting with Christ.

For some Christians, today is known as “The Meeting,” suggesting not only the encounter in the temple, but also our assembly at the Lord’s table and our longing for the kingdom. One story suggests that the commotion made by so many candle-bearing, hymn-singing faithful in the wintry fields of Germany on their joyful way to Mass stirred the badger from hibernation to examine this promise of springtime. The interrupted nap of the groundhog is amazingly linked to the light of Christ driving away the shadows of the world’s darkness. This beautiful feast only rarely falls on a Sunday. What better reason could there be for candles at dinner tonight?

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Mass Schedule

First Saturday: 9:00 am
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.

WEEKLY OFFERING

January 21st

Budget	\$1816
Actual	\$1724
Bldg. Repairs	\$0
Short	\$92

MORE

Care more than others think necessary.

Trust more than others think wise.

Serve more than others think practical.

—Anonymous