

## St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church

895 North Broad Street

Lexington, TN 38351

**Phone:** 731-968-6393

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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: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

**Bilingual Secretary:** Monday and Thursday 8:00 AM to 12:00 AM; Tuesday 4:00 PM to 6:00 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

**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

**Bilingual Secretary for St Andrew the Apostle:** Carmen McDaniel

**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



## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### September 8, 2024



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Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?

— James 2:5

## Mass Intentions

September 8th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

September 15th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

### WEEKLY OFFERING

September 1, 2024

Budget	\$2287
Actual	\$ 928
Bldg.	\$287
Short	\$1072

## Liturgical Ministers

Sept 15th:

**Lector: Saturday:** John Butler

**Sunday:** Eleanor Michie, Aleksander Oszkinis

**Gifts:** The John Wall Family

**Eucharistic Minister:** Joey Wall,

**Sacristans:**

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

**Ushers/Collection:** William Cobb, Jim Free-land

**Collection Counters:** Madonna Wall, Luis Tobar

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Turning the calendar page to September marks a new beginning in the lives of many who live by the academic year. Traditionally the start of the school year in the United States, this month can bring to mind the many calendars by which we live. There are fiscal years, academic years, television seasons, sports seasons—the list seems endless. Added to all of these is, of course, the liturgical year.

A Christian of the first century or so would have been hard-pressed to understand what we mean by a feast day or holy day. That person would have understood Sunday as the primary feast day, and Easter as the primary Sunday. It was only over time that the Church began to set aside particular days and seasons to commemorate certain events or highlight selected mysteries of the faith. What has evolved over the centuries is a “map” of our faith, written on the days and seasons of the year. Some have observed that one will absorb all the major teachings of the Church in the course of a single year of Sundays if one is attentive. What a wonderful way to get Christianity “into our bones!” And best of all, there are no grades!

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### FEAST OF FAITH

#### THE MESSIAH FORETOLD

Today’s story of the cure of a deaf man with a speech impediment is a good example of how much is contained in a simple miracle story. The Greek word *mogilalos* appears only here in all of the New Testament. It is a technical term referring to someone with a stammer. It is also used only once in the entire Jewish scriptures, in the passage that we read today as our first reading from Isaiah. Clearly, by his choice of this precise word Mark wants us to recognize that what Jesus is doing is the fulfillment of what Isaiah had predicted centuries earlier. In fact, Mark wants us to recognize that Jesus is the Messiah foretold by Isaiah and the other Jewish prophets of old.

The word *ephphatha*, “be opened,” used to describe the restoration of the man’s speech, is another example of a subtle allusion to an earlier prophecy. This time the prophecy in question is from Ezekiel, when he foretells that in the messianic age, “your mouth shall be opened to speak” (24:26). The sophistication of Mark’s narrative is further revealed when we realize that there are multiple levels within a single reference. Mark not only draws our attention back to Israel’s prophetic past, he also points to the initiatory practice of his contemporaries by his mention of such things as spittle, touching of ears, and the use of the word *ephphatha*, all of which were practices incorporated into the early Church’s baptismal ritual.

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### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

**Gospel** — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

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### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

#### Parishioners

Kathy Amrhein, MaryAnn Maness, James Trim, Deacon Jim Moss, Gigi Lui

#### Relatives

Gustavo De Paz, Salvador Valdivia, Jeronimo Davalos, Emily Whitten

#### Friends

Andrew Morlan, Pat Rafferty

#### Ladies Guild

Ladies Guild will meet September 11th, at 6 pm in Barni Hall.

All ladies of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend.

#### Adult Reflection

Adult Reflections classes after social, while children attend PRE. All adults are welcome to

### JUDGMENT

To pass judgment on another is to usurp shamelessly a prerogative of God.

—St. John Climacus

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor. 5:1-8; Ps 132:9; G. Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor. 6:1-11; Ps 119:137,124 G. Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 119, 124, 16-17; G. Luke 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 119:137,124; G. Luke 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12; G. Luke 6:39-42

Saturday: Numbers 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; G. John 3:13-17

Sunday: Isiah 50:4c-9a; Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; G. Mark 8:27-35

### Mass Schedule



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**Sunday:** 9:00 am

### Coming Events

**Sunday Scripture Group:** Will meet on Fridays at 10:00 am. The dates for September are the 13th, 20th, and 27th. Everyone is welcome to attend

**YOU CAN SAVE A LIFE!** There is still time to sign up for **CPR classes** on September 14th and 28th. Sign up sheet on table in the Narthex.

“God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy.”

-Pope Francis