

St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church

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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: 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

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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

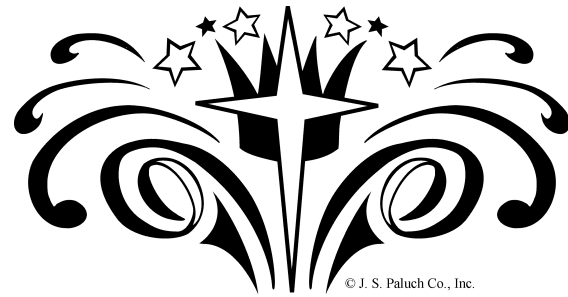


**Third Sunday
in Advent
December 15, 2024**



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With joy you will draw water
at the fountain of salvation.

— Isaiah 12:3

Mass Intentions

December 15th: Parishioners of St Andrew
and St Regina

December 22nd: Parishioners of St Andrew
and St Regina

WEEKLY OFFERING

December 8th, 2024

Budget	\$2287
Actual	\$3537
Bldg.	\$
Over	\$1250

Liturgical Ministers

December 22nd:

Lector: Saturday: Mark Bartel

Sunday: Heather McKee, Aleksander
Oszkinis

Gifts: Heather McKee & Melanie Sadler

Eucharistic Minister: Johnny Wall, Carmen
McDaniel, Heather McKee

Sacristans: Melanie Sadler

Altar Linens: Khuyen Segerson, Eleanor
Michie

Ushers/Collection: William Cobb, Jim Free-
land

Collection Counters: Kathy Oszkinis, Tommy
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REJOICE

The prophetic writings we hear in today's scriptures call us to rejoice and celebrate the goodness of God. Zephaniah, Isaiah, Saint Paul, and John the Baptist in Luke's Gospel all follow the rich tradition of the Biblical prophets, a tradition that reaches full expression in Jesus. The prophets warn that human failings have truly disastrous consequences. All are summoned to repent, and to change their lives. Today we hear the Good News that God's gracious love exceeds and overcomes all human corruption. God has not given up on us. Indeed, God keeps pursuing us, and eagerly seeks to reconcile with us. God's initiative to set the world aright culminates with Jesus, whose coming John the Baptist announces. John's prophetic message summons us to join in God's reconciling work, by living generously and justly in our daily lives. As we rejoice in God's grace, we then extend the fruits of this grace to all.

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Rite of Christian Initiation
for Adults

RICA classes
Thursday
6:00-7:00 pm.

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Years ago, the trick question on religion quizzes would be to name all the liturgical colors, or the colors of the vestments worn at Mass. Rose is a color seldom seen, used at most two days a year. Today, "Gaudete Sunday," is one of those days. The name of the day is drawn from an opening verse in the old Latin Mass texts: *Gaudete* is Latin for "Rejoice!" This year's Gospel certainly reflects that mood as Elizabeth feels her infant within her leaping for joy at the presence of Mary. Mary's visit to her aged cousin is an act of compassion between women, as two kinswomen who are bearing children into the world share their joy.

Some churches retain the custom of having the priest wear rose vestments today, and many will use a rose candle in the Advent wreath. Violet is the official color for Advent and Lent, but many parishes employ different hues for each season, trying to keep them distinct. In medieval times, dye was costly, and poor parishes used unornamented plain cloth for vestments. Dyes were expensive and some colors, particularly purple, difficult to achieve. In England, purple dye was made from mollusks, yielding at best a deep indigo or blue and not the desired violet. Thus, the color of Advent in the British Isles has long been a deep blue, reminding many people of Mary's presence at the heart of the Advent mystery. That theology is largely unplanned: it's all because of the clams!

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TODAY'S READINGS Year C

First Reading — Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12).

Second Reading — Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Parishioners

Chuck and Kathy Amrhein, Gigi Lui, Dora Magana, MaryAnn Maness, Carmen McDaniel, Deacon Jim Moss, James Trim

Relatives

Jeronimo Davalos, Patti Harden, Gail Jowers, Gustavo De Paz, Polly Scott, Salvador Valdivia, Judy Wall, Emily Whitten

Friends

Oscar Diebold, Lauren Lewis, Andrew Morlan, Danny Pratt, Pat Rafferty, Allan Shipp

National Collection

Villa Vianney-Retired Priest Home

December 25, 2024

Our Lady of Medjugorje November 25th 2024 Message Monthly Message to the World

"Dear Children! In this time of the grace of expectation, I desire to call you to prayer for Advent to be prayer of the family. In a special way, little children whom I tenderly embrace, I encourage you to prayer to peace in the world; for peace to prevail over peacelessness and hatred. Thank you for having responded to my call."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Num 24:2-7,15-17a; Ps 25; G Matt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Gen 49:2,8-10; Ps 72; G Matt 1:1-17
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72; G Matt 1:18-25
Thursday: Judges 13:2-7,24-25a; Ps 71; G Luke 1:5-25
Friday: Isaiah 7:10-14; Ps 24; G Luke 1:26-38
Saturday: Song 2:8-14; Ps 33:2-3; G Luke 1:39-45
Sunday: Micah 5:1-4a; Psalm 80:2-3,15-16.18-19;
G Luke 1:39-45



Mass Schedule

Monday: 11:30 am

Tuesday: Exposition at 6:00 and
Mass in Spanish at 6:30 pm

Wednesday: 11:30 am

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 11:30 am

Saturday Vigil : 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am

Coming Event

No PRE Sunday December 22nd and December 29th
for the Christmas Break.

The Office will be closed December 23rd through
January 3rd for the Christmas Holiday.

The next Ladies Guild meeting will be January 8th at
6pm in Barni Hall.

Reflection question:

How am I faithfully awaiting the Lord's Nativity?

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