

# 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: 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

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**DRE for St Regina:** Christina Hammond

**Maintenance and Grounds for St Andrew:** Joey Wall

**Maintenance and Grounds for St Regina:** Jim Molitor



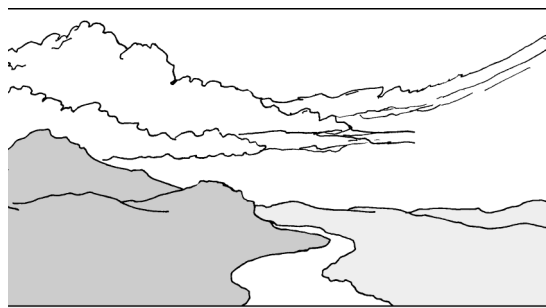
**Second Sunday  
in Advent  
December 8, 2024**





# Second Sunday in Advent

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God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low.

— Baruch 5:7

### A DEEP CHANGE OF HEART

When John proclaimed a baptism of repentance, as today's Gospel relates, he called people to a deep change of heart. For John the Baptist, repentance was not simply regret for past failings, but a commitment to orient life around God's desires and purposes. What might living in alignment with God's desires look like? Our readings offer some clues. Baruch indicates that when mercy and justice are embraced like a royal garment, we may see the fruits of repentance. Paul notes how the Holy Spirit has been active within the church in Philippi, forming them to live in a loving and united community of faith, so they may witness to the love of God. And John himself suggests that a repentant heart clears a path for God to enter, leveling the mountains and valleys of our resistance, so that God might dwell within.

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### Mass Intentions

December 8th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

December 15th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

### WEEKLY OFFERING

December 1st, 2024

Budget	\$2287
Actual	\$ 1809
Bldg.	\$ 680
Over	\$ 202

### Liturgical Ministers

**December 15th:**

**Lector: Saturday:** Kay Bartel

**Sunday:** Monica Wall, Eleanor Michie

**Gifts:** The Brent LeVeé Family

**Eucharistic Minister:** Carmen McDaniel, Brian Muetze,

**Sacristans:** Carmen McDaniel

**Altar Linens:** Khuyen Segerson, Eleanor Michie

**Ushers/Collection:** Shawn Wall, Kevin Ernest

**Collection Counters:** Luis Tobar,

**This year the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary in its entirety is transferred to Monday, December 9, because the Second Sunday of Advent falls on December 8 and it has a higher rank on the liturgical calendar of feasts.**

**Most Rev. Bishop Talley has given a general dispensation from the obligation of attending Mass Monday, December 9th.**

**The Ladies Guild** will meet Wednesday, December 11th at 6:00pm. We will have our traditional cookie exchange. Please bring 3 dozen home-baked cookies. Wear your festive Christmas attire and join the ladies for a night of fellowship. All ladies of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend.

### Reflection question:

What earthly undertakings do I need to set aside so that I can set out to meet God's Son?

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### TODAY'S READINGS Year C

**First Reading** — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy (Baruch 5:1-9).

**Psalm** — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

**Second Reading** — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

**Gospel** — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6).

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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

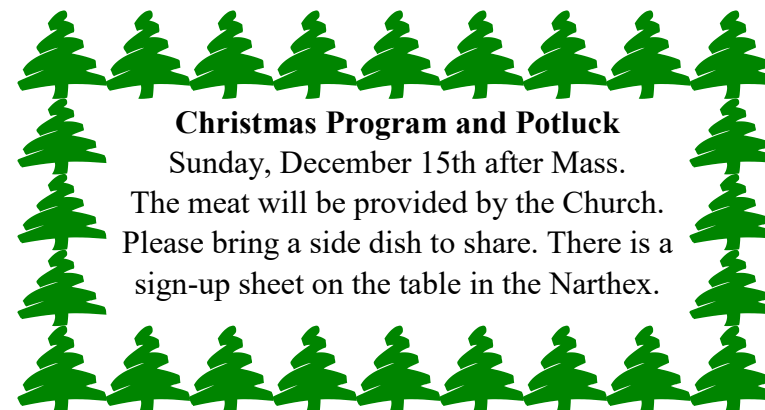
#### Friends

Oscar Diebold, Lauren Lewis, Andrew Morlan,



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

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



### Christmas Program and Potluck

Sunday, December 15th after Mass.

The meat will be provided by the Church. Please bring a side dish to share. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gen 3:9-15,20; Ps 98; G Luke 1:26-28

Tuesday: Isaiah 40:1-11; Ps 96; G Matt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Isaiah 40:25-31; Ps 103; G Marr 11:28-30

Thursday: Rev 11:19; Ps Jud 13:18bcde,19; G Luke 1:39-47

Friday: Isaiah 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2,3,4&6; G Matt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4,9-11;Ps 80; G Matt 17:9a,10-13

Sunday: Zeph 3:14-18a; Ps Isaiah 12:2-34,5-6; G Luke 3:10-18

### Mass Schedule

#### Monday Feast of the Immaculate Conception:

St Andrew: 11:30am

St Regina: 5:00pm

**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

**Advent Penance Service:**

**St Regina, Wednesday December 11th** Mass 5:00 pm followed by reconciliation at 5:30pm.

**St Andrew, Friday December 13th** reconciliation at 5:30pm.

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

**Hispanic Feast Day for Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
**Saturday December 14th at 6pm.**  
**Reception following in Barni Hall**  
**Everyone is invited!**