

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

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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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St Regina: Secretary: Pat Humble

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The Presentation of the Lord February 2, 2025



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“Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”
Luke 2:22-40

THE LIGHT OF SERVICE

The prophet Isaiah inspires us with these words: “Light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday.” All of us celebrating the liturgy today praise God for these words of encouragement. Surely each of us knows the gloomy side of life, but today’s readings propose a brilliant antidote to misery: the light of service. Isaiah focuses on physical suffering, telling us to provide food, clothing, housing, and equal opportunity to those with limited resources. Moving beyond material needs, Saint Paul demonstrates how to proceed humbly when attending to people’s spiritual needs. Saint Matthew’s Gospel stirs us to bold action: whatever gifts we have, we must put them at the service of our communities. As Christians, we must engage with one another without holding back, letting our light shine before all.

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Mass Intentions

- February 1st: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina
February 2nd: Lark Cotton + and Family
By Mr and Mrs LeRoy Howard
February 8th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina
February 9th: Lark Cotton+ and Family
By Mr and Mrs LeRoy Howard

Liturgical Ministers

- February 9th:**
Lector: Saturday: Mark Bartel
Sunday: Luis Tobar, Patricia Hudson
Gifts: The Nickolas William Family
Eucharistic Minister: Stephanie Page, Sheri Parkinson, Patricia Hudson
Sacristans: Carmen McDaniel
Altar Linens: Susan Boothe, Maura Rowdy
Ushers/Collection: Tommy Page, Luis Tobar
Collection Counters: Jim Freeland, Luis Tobar

WEEKLY OFFERING

January 26, 2025

Budget	\$2287
Actual	\$1176
Bldg.	\$
Short	\$1111

The Presentation of the Lord TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By Candlemas, forty days after Christmas, February 2, the season of Christ’s coming has depleted our candle supply. Soon, the parish will order a new paschal candle from a catalogue or candlemaker, or in some communities, wax will be collected to be melted and molded. Last year’s paschal candle shows the wear and tear of summer heat, or many funerals or baptisms.

Paschal candles have been around since at least the fourth century, when Constantine’s biographer Eusebius reported that the night of the sacred vigil was “transformed into the brilliancy of day, by lighting throughout the city pillars of wax, while burning lamps in every place so that the splendor of this night was brighter than the brightest daylight.”

Light was a precious commodity in the ancient world, and this lavish use of precious beeswax was a sign of the Christian’s call to bear Christ’s light into the world’s darkness. In a pre-electric age, a whole city aglow from the paschal flame must have been a glorious sight, and a reminder to every baptized Christian of our vocation to “be the light of the world.”

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TODAY’S READINGS Year C

First Reading — There will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek (Malachi 3:1-4).

Psalm — Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way to help the descendants of Abraham (Hebrews 2:14-18).

Gospel — The just and pious Simeon proclaims the infant Jesus to be a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of the people Israel (Luke 2:22-40 [22-32]).

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Parishioners

Chuck and Kathy Amrhein, Katie Cobb, Lois and Jim Freeland, Gigi Lui, Dora Magana, MaryAnn Maness, Eleanor Michie, 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, Eileen Weaver

The Ladies Guild is preparing a Gift Basket for parishioners, Katie and Will Cobb, expecting a baby boy the end of February. Join us in showering mom to be! A Gift Basket has been placed in the Narthex for drop off or you may bring your gift to the office during the weekday hours. Gifts are due by Wednesday February 12th.

The Ladies Guild Thanks everyone who donated, worked at, sold tickets and supported our Chili Day Fundraiser. The money raise was \$1400. and the fellowship made for a great day!

GIVING

When you give, see that you give that which multiplies in giving.

—Raymond Lull

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31; G Mark 5:1-20
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22; G Mark 5:21-43
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7,11-15; Ps 103; G Mark 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19,21-24; Ps 48; G Mark 6:7-13
Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27; G Mark 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17,20-21; Ps 23; G Mark 6:30-34
Sunday: Isaiah 6:1-2a,3-8; Ps 138:1-2,2-3,4-5,7-8;
G Luke 5:1-11

Mass Schedule



First Friday: Adoration from 9:00-11:30 with Mass at 11:30am

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am

Coming Events

Knights of Columbus and Catholic men of St Andrew and St Regina informational meeting and potluck dinner, Saturday February 15th after 4:30 Mass. Anyone interested may attend. Families are welcome. Sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

Parish Council Meeting, Monday February 10th at 6pm.

Ladies Guild will meet Wednesday, February 12 at 6:00pm in Barni Hall. All ladies of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend.

Sunday Scripture Study Group: The group will not meet in February.

Adult Reflection

Adult Reflections class will meet after social at 10:30 am in Barni Hall. All adults are welcome to attend

If you have an emergency while father is on vacation. Please contact St Mary’s Catholic Church in Jackson, telephone # 731-668-2596.