

## Coming Events

**Sunday Scripture Group:** There will be no classes in January.

**Knights of Columbus meeting,** Wednesday, January 21, dinner at 6:00 followed by the rosary at 6:45 and meeting at 7:00 pm.

**The office will be closed Monday, January 19, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.**

**OCIA** will resume in February when Father Anthony returns from vacation.

**Chili Bar: Friday, January 23, from 11:00 am—1:00pm.**

**Please bring your donated items, Sunday, January 18, or no later than Wednesday, January 21, between 10:00 am and 12:00 noon, or from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Thank you for your support.**

### Liturgical Ministers

**January 25th**

**Lector Saturday:** Kay Bartel

**Sunday:** Lois Freeland, JJ Broadway

**Gifts:** Susan Boothe, Carmen McDaniel

**Eucharistic Minister:** Maria Valdivia, Patricia Hudson, Carmen McDaniel

**Sacristan:** Lucia Tobar, Carmen McDaniel

**Altar Linens:** Rayna Howard, Patty Wall

**Ushers/Collections:** Jim Freeland, Kevin Ernst

**Collection Counter:** Jim Freeland, Tommy Page

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

#### Parishioners

Chuck and Kathy Amrhein, Deacon Jim Moss  
Juan Plascencia, James Trim, Sheri Parkinson

#### Relatives

Alicia Castellanos, Emily Royal, Salvador Valdivia,  
Mike Greteman

#### Friends

Andrew Morlan, Teresa Palmer

### Mass Intentions

January 18th: For the Parishioners of St Andrew  
and St Regina

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## ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE'S LADIES GUILD CHILI BAR

January 23rd **WE HAVE THE HEAT** 11 am-1 pm

At St Andrew's Catholic  
Church

895 N Broad St. Lexington TN 38351  
Buy Tickets from Guild Ladies or  
call 731-968-6393



Crackers, dessert, and bottled water included.

## St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church

895 North Broad Street Lexington, TN 38351

Phone: 731-968-6393

Fax: 731-968-2933

**Weekend Mass Schedule:** Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm Sunday 9:00 am

**Weekdays:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday 11:30 am, Thursday 9:00 am

Tuesday: Exposition 6:00 pm, Mass in Spanish 6:30 pm

Reconciliation 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

Website: [saintandrewcatholicchurch.org](http://saintandrewcatholicchurch.org)



**Second Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**January 18, 2026**



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### Staff

**Pastor:** Father Anthony Onyekwe

**Financial Secretary:** Mary Alyce Fiechtl      finsecstandrew@outlook.com

**Bilingual Secretary:** Carmen McDaniel      secretarystandrew@outlook.com

**Director, Religious Education:** Lois Freeland

**Maintenance and Grounds:** Joey Wall

**Office Hours:** Monday, Friday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm, Thursday 8:00 am -12:00 pm, Tuesday 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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

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



**Mass Schedule**  
**Saturday Vigil:** 4:30 pm  
**Sunday:** 9:00 am  
 No weekday Mass during the month of January.

**National Collection**  
 Church in Latin America  
 January 25, 2026

#### OUR STRATEGIC GOAL

As a Church, we now move into Ordinary Time. "Ordinary" comes from the Latin root for "order," which is why we line the Sundays up on the calendar and count them—with "ordinal" numbers—one by one. The orderly way we proceed through the liturgical year reminds us that our faith offers a strategic goal for our lives: eternal happiness with God, who is love. Today's readings share stories of believers who order their daily activities toward the goal of sharing God's love. Isaiah embraces his role as God's servant and works to bring glory not only to Israel, but to the entire world. In a similar way, Saint Paul identifies himself as Christ's witness in the world and reminds the Corinthians of their life goal: "to be holy." The Gospel shows us John the Baptist, servant and witness, attentive to God's loving orders, the divine plan for salvation.

#### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

##### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The symbols and actions of baptism evolved around the experience of adults dying to old patterns of life and rising from the waters of baptism as new creations. As for newborn babies, at first it was desired to wait until the following Easter, when they could be baptized, anointed with chrism, and given a taste of the Eucharist in association with adults. The Church was always willing to baptize adults in emergency situations outside the Easter timetable, and in time, since infancy itself was a life-threatening situation, the baptism of babies became commonplace. As with the "emergency" adult baptisms, it was required that parents bring the child, as soon as health was recovered, to the bishop for the full menu of sacraments.

The very real fear of death for infants thus created a situation in which the three sacraments drifted apart from each other, and away from their original, adult celebration at Easter. Today, at last, we know a great deal about how our practices evolved. This knowledge is reshaping how we celebrate Easter, how we receive adult faith, and how we structure the faith journey of children.

#### TODAY'S READINGS Year A

**First Reading** — The glory of the Lord shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

**Psalm** — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Psalm 40).

**Second Reading** — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

**Gospel** — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

#### Sunday Collections

Collection	Weekly	Year to Date
1/11/2026	\$1,140.00	\$54,582.55
Budget	\$2,201.92	\$47,708.31
Difference	(\$1061.92)	\$6,874.24

#### Weekly Family Rosary

Each Sunday, a PRE student and family are invited to take home the parish rosary, pray together during the week, and return it the following Sunday so another family may do the same. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

#### First Friday and First Saturday Devotions

**First Friday Adoration is held from 9:00 am to 11:30 am, followed by Mass. On First Fridays, Adoration is also extended from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. On the First Saturday, Mass is celebrated at 9:00 am, followed by the Rosary. All are invited to spend time with the Lord during this special time of prayer and devotion.**

**A sign-up sheet is available on the table in the narthex.**

Donating altar flowers is a beautiful way to honor a loved one, glorify God, and enhance the beauty of our sanctuary. Flower may be given in honor of a living person, in memory of someone who has passed, in celebration of an anniversary or special milestone, or simply for the glory of God. The honoree will be named in the weekly bulletin. Please contact the parish office for more information.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23; G Mark 2:18-22  
 Tuesday: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Ps 89:20,21-22,27-28; G Mark 2:23-28  
 Wednesday: 1 Samuel 17:32-33,37,40-51; Ps 144:1b,2,9-10; G Mark 3:1-6  
 Thursday: 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3,9-10a,10b-11 12-13; G Mark 3:7-12  
 Friday: 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Ps 57:2,3-4,6 & 11; G Mark 3:13-19  
 Saturday: 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12,19,23-27; Ps 80:2-3,5-7; G Mark 3:20-21  
 Sunday: Isaiah 8:23-9:3(67A); Ps 27:1,4,13-14; 1Cor 1:10-13,17; G Matthew 4:23 or 4:12-17

Join us in prayer as we pray the rosary before Sunday Mass at 8:30 AM. All who feel called to lead are welcome.

Our monthly Snack Program supports local school children. Donations of snacks are always appreciated. A collection basket is located in the Narthex.

#### CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

##### Prayer to Begin the Day

Lord God, may everything we do begin with your inspiration and continue with your help, so that all of our work today will bring us closer you.

Guide us in our work today, that we may do it not for ourselves alone, but for the common good of all.

We ask this in your name. Amen.

#### VISION

Some people see more in a walk around the block than others see in a trip around the world.