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November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent



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CATHOLIC CHURCH**
209 Sloan Street • Clemson
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Mass Schedule

Saturday *(None at this time)*

Sunday at CU Madren Center
8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM
(10:00AM also livestreamed)

Weekdays

5:15PM in the Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays 9:00AM–5:00PM in the Chapel

Confessions – Chapel

Saturdays 10:00–11:00AM

Or by appointment

No Confessions on CU Home Football Saturdays

Religious Education

K4–Grade 5 Fall Semester

Catechist-guided Home Study

Youth Ministry

HS Bible Study Thursdays 7:00PM

MS & HS weekly Discipleship Groups

(Virtual) Office Hours

200 Edgewood Avenue

Monday–Thursday 10:00AM–5:00PM

Friday – 10:00AM–Noon

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After Hours

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Sunday Mass at Saint Andrew

The dispensation from attending Sunday Mass continues. We will continue to offer in-person Sunday Masses off-site at the Madren Center (in Ballroom A) during the construction of our new church. All are still asked to follow recommended safety guidelines and distancing protocols – **MASKS ARE REQUIRED**).

The livestream Mass continues at 10:00 AM on the parish Facebook page until further notice.

<https://www.facebook.com/saclemson/>

Missed the livestream but don't want to miss Mass? Use the **same Facebook link** to view the video later at your convenience.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 28

10:00 AM No Confessions – home game
5:15 PM No Mass due to construction

Sunday, November 29

8:30 AM Cristina Castillo
10:00 AM Scott Templeton
11:30 AM Special Intention for Family

Monday, November 30

5:15 PM † James Ferry

Tuesday, December 1

5:15 PM † Paxtyn Edgington

Wednesday, December 2

5:15 PM † Mary Elizabeth Taylor Norris

Thursday, December 3

10:00 AM Special Intention

Friday, December 4

5:15 PM Our Parish Family

Saturday, December 5

5:15 PM No Mass due to construction

Sunday, December 6

8:30 AM † Jim Hertig
10:00 AM † Charlotte Sciortino
11:30 AM † Peggy Leininger

To schedule a Mass Intention, contact the office.

Weekly Scripture Readings

Psalter 1

Sunday, November 29

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16,
18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday, November 30

Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/
Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday, December 1

Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 2

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 3

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a
[26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 4

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 5

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
[cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 6

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/
2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

A Note From the Pastor

The folks who gave us the first Thanksgiving came ashore in Plymouth 400 years ago this year. While historical accounts of that first holiday vary, gratitude for just having survived was certainly a key theme.

While it could be argued that the “pilgrims” were not really immigrants since England had laid claim to the Rock before they got here, and their descendants’ eventual revolt was initially an attempt to retain their rights as British citizens, the Plymouth settlers were definitely considered “immigrants” by the peoples who allegedly helped enable their survival.

“Immigration” is a hot-button issue today. And, in a sense, it’s always been so. While the US is a unique nation, not based on race, ethnicity, or anything else other than a willingness to embrace a particular law, life for immigrants has always been tough. We Catholics know this.

Historians refer to the Church in the US as an “immigrant church,” a label only discarded by scholars in the ‘60s. JFK’s election was a watershed moment signaling that Catholics had “arrived” and could now be found as movers and shakers in every sector of life.

Each wave of immigrants has always met resistance from the population settled before them. The Irish ran up against the Yankees, the Italians against the Irish, and so on. Each new wave of newcomers – except the Germans – were usually desperately poor and seen as a threat to jobs, manners, and – for Catholics – political freedom and morality. Catholics were neither real Christians nor, given their alleged allegiance to the Pope in all things, good candidates for citizenship in a democracy. So no matter their country of origin, Catholic immigrants were especially unwelcome.

Still, waves of newcomers continued to be received with few restrictions. Beginning with the Chinese, that changed as we moved into the 20th century. Finally, the bluebloods passed comprehensive immigration laws in the ‘20s that were aimed at turning these waves into a trickle. This legislation dripped with racial and religious bias.

On this Thanksgiving weekend four centuries after Plymouth Rock, immigration continues to be a divisive issue. Not only is the division reasonably based on prudential judgments we all make as to how to manage the inflow of new neighbors, but on the age-old unreasonable rejection of those whose motivations for coming were not all that different than what prompted folks like my grandparents to come.

For all the troubles we have as a nation today, we can still be thankful for the reputation we have as a people who offer hope and opportunity. No one survives without these. And with these, even the destitute risk what little they have to embrace them.

Going forward, if we were looking for qualities in new neighbors, these should be at the top of the list. Exhausted by pandemic, weary of political infighting, and angry about so many other issues that can disable us, a reminder that we’re still seen as the people to join if you have hope for a better life and seek a chance to realize that hope is something we could all use. And be grateful for it.

Fr. Dan

Pizza in the Park

Christopher Kerfoot • christopher@saclemson.org

On November 15, our Youth Ministry got to do something we rarely get to do – feel somewhat normal. We had a relaxed evening of “Pizza in the Park” at Abernathy Waterfront Park where about twenty students and a few families joined to break bread, play, and just enjoy community. Our small discipleship group ministries have been going wonderfully, but it was really nice to have everyone together in one spot for the first time in a while.

Please pray for our young Church. The teenage years are difficult enough without the chaos brought with a pandemic. Thankfully, we are able to provide a little bit of stability and safety for our teens in small ways – like simply eating pizza together like in the “good ol’ days.”



Faith Formation

Laura Witt • laura@saclemson.org

After prayerful consideration, we will not return to in-person classes in the spring. There is just too much uncertainty regarding COVID, and construction will add another element of difficulties in meeting. More information will follow concerning the Sacrament Prep classes.

We will consider the protocol of other churches in the diocese.



While the church office continues to operate virtually, you can reach me by email (above), 401-662-0310 cell (call or text), or 864-643-2587 (office). I will be checking voicemail daily, but please use cell or email for immediate communication. Please stay safe and healthy. You are all in our prayers.

Music Ministry

Jamie Dean • jamie@saclemson.org

As I was considering the best ways to work with the children's choirs while the weather permits us to meet outdoors (on the front porch of Merton Hall), these words from the Presbyterian Association of Musicians came across my computer screen:



Our tongues have been silenced. How can we sing the Lord's song ... in a time of exile, illness, and isolation? ...when choir rehearsals are "super-spreader events"? ... when the breath of life disperses disease and death? At the same time, we respect the wisdom of experts who have warned of the high risks associated with public singing during the Covid-19 pandemic. We believe that current measures to restrict singing—as much as we might lament them—are in the best interest of the church and world at this time.

[And yet], we know that the praise of God can never be silenced. The ancient and eternal song of God's saving love will never end. The rivers and oceans sing "hallelujah!" The stones along the road shout "hosanna!" The trees of the fields clap their hands. The mountains and hills skip with joy. We will keep tuning our hearts to that cosmic symphony, joining our voices with a great cloud of witnesses, the people of God in every time and place, forever singing: Holy, holy, holy! Until our final breath, we will proclaim the final words of the final psalm, "Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!"

As we seek to sing the Lord's song in these challenging times, the psalm prayer for Psalm 150 expresses our fervent faith, steadfast hope, and abiding joy: *Great and glorious God, unite our praise with the praise of all creation: singing your mighty acts with every breath, playing music to your name with all our instruments, joining the dance of stars and planets with our whole bodies; for you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High—Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Peace and Justice

Bob Fennell • rsfennell43@gmail.com

This week's tithes goes to **As One Ministries** that works to fight poverty in Uganda through an integrated holistic approach that recognizes the multifaceted and interconnected needs of the most vulnerable by combining discipleship and development. Its goal is to create a movement of sustainable solutions that bring spiritual, physical, and relational transformation to the whole person. As One efforts help communities flourish by developing infrastructure and social enterprises that focus on creating jobs, developing skills, and educating students. These efforts are led and envisioned by local Ugandans. Their motto is to see "Ugandans Empowering Ugandans." They shall be the change agents in their own community. For more information, see asoneafrica.org.

Food Donations for Clemson Community Care

We continue to collect weekly food donations for CCC on Sundays at the side entrance to the Madren Center (side closest to the Pro Shop) and weekdays in the Chapel.

Giving Trees – A Saint Andrew Tradition

Unwrapped gifts for the **Santa Shoppe at the Dream Center of Pickens County** (the second "virtual" Giving Tree, found in last weekend's bulletin) can be brought to the Madren Center this Sunday, November 29, from 8:00AM–1:00PM or to the parish office parking area on Monday, November 30, from 3:00–6:00PM.

The "virtual" Giving Tree included with this bulletin is for the Pickens County School Family Liaison Program. Those gifts are to be returned December 6 or 7.

And as in the past, instead of gifts, donations can also be made directly to local charities. That list is also included with this bulletin.

Thank you for your continued commitment to bring Christmas to others in our area.

Saint Andrew Holiday Fundraiser

November 1 – December 21 • All Proceeds to Benefit Our Building Project

Working with UnitedScrip, Inc. in Seneca, Saint Andrew will benefit from the purchase of gift cards through this program that can be **used as holiday gifts or used for the purchase of holiday gifts or groceries**. To date, over \$400 has been raised through the participation of just 20 people. Imagine how much more could be raised if even half of our parish families participated. And remember, there is no cost above the card's actual face-value. **This is truly "free Money."**

Please go to this link, <http://bit.ly/2020holiday-flyer-orderform>, for more details. We plan to place two more orders – the **next deadline is noon, Monday, December 7**, for cards that will be available by December 11.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Sheila Hogan at 864-207-1132 or hogan_family@bellsouth.net or Nancy Leininger at 864-903-0021 or nancy@saclemson.org.

Baptism Preparation

Contact Deacon John Leininger, 864-903-0050 or john@saclemson.org

Marriage Preparation

Contact Deacon Gordon Snyder no fewer than six months prior to the desired wedding date, 262-965-5500 or gjsnyder@charter.net.

Anointing of the Sick

Call the office at 864-654-1757 to arrange a time with a priest or, in an emergency, call the after hours number 919-699-6323.

Prayer Support

For prayer support, please contact Sandra Harbin at sandra_terry.harbin@yahoo.com or 864-885-9527 and leave a detailed message with your prayer request.

Healing Prayer Ministry's Petition

"A Prayer for Our Earth" by Pope Francis
O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

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Thank you to all those who continue to support our parish during this time of absence from public Masses. Many have sent weekly offertory envelopes with their checks included directly to the office or have gone to our online giving option. If you would like to do the same, you can send your Sunday offerings to:

**Saint Andrew Catholic Church
PO Box 112
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or go to www.saclemson.org and click **Give** in the navigation bar. By making your offering online, you continue to support our good works even if you are away.

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