

# SAINT ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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in Service to God and One Another*

December 27, 2020  
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



## Building Our Future

From clearing away trees and shrubs to pouring footers, a lot of change in four weeks time from November 17–December 15.

## Parish Staff

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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*

## Religious Education

K4–Grade 5  
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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## Sunday Mass at Saint Andrew

**The dispensation from attending Sunday Mass continues.** We will continue to offer in-person Sunday Masses at the Madren Center during the construction of our new church. All are asked to follow 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, December 26

**5:15 PM No Mass due to construction**

Sunday, December 27

8:30 AM † Connie Earl

10:00 AM Special Intention

11:30 AM Amy Nicolas

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 23–JANUARY 3**

Monday, December 28

5:15 PM † Trudy King

Tuesday, December 29

5:15 PM † Angelita Pargas

Wednesday, December 30

5:15 PM Special Intention for Family

Thursday, December 31 **20 in-person + Livestream**

**5:00 PM** † Mike Dorsch

Friday, January 1 **20 in-person + Livestream**

**10:00 AM** † Angela Delli-Veneri

Saturday, January 2

**5:15 PM No Mass due to construction**

Sunday, January 3

8:30 AM † John Mittelstaedt

10:00 AM † Raymond Lee Wenderlich

11:30 AM † Frank Anselmo

To schedule a Mass Intention, contact the office.

## Weekly Scripture Readings

**Psalter 1**

Sunday, December 27

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday, December 28

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/ Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday, December 29

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/ Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday, December 30

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/ Lk 2:36-40

Thursday, December 31

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/ Jn 1:1-18

Friday, January 1

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21

Saturday, January 2

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/ Jn 1:19-28

Sunday, January 3

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

## A Note From the Pastor

When I was a kid, it was hard for me to make anything of this Sunday's feast. Maybe the neighbors thought we were good examples of the Holy Family, but I knew better.

Years later, I think differently.

Today's Gospel makes no suggestion that Jesus and his folks lived without the usual wear and tear of most families – the stuff I thought disqualified my own from ever claiming holiness. And the full Gospel narrative, while leaving out arguments and moodiness, isn't bashful about recounting the several times Mary and Jesus' larger clan tracked him down to bring him from a mission that was both hard for them to understand and, in their minds, dangerous for Jesus and whomever he associated with.

In other words, the Holy Family was fraught with tension. Something we don't associate with holiness.

More importantly, today's Gospel insinuates that the Holy Family was also fraught with promise. For whatever their ups and downs, they were a family whose generosity made them willing to be available to God's purposes. Such was their holiness.

When I look back on my own family, despite all our ups and downs we were also willing to be available to God for His purposes. While none of us ever considered ourselves being the savior of the world, we did see ourselves as called, individually and as a family, to be agents of whatever was good.

My dad always examined report cards. He'd want to know our reason for a lousy grade. But he was more interested in our reason for a lousy mark in conduct. Not everyone was a genius. But everyone could be someone recognized for good behavior, as someone who "plays well with others."

Neither he nor my mom ever pressured any of us to become this or that in terms of careers. (My mom was against me going to the friars at age 14. But not because being a priest or a friar was a bad thing. It was a matter of readiness. Had I known my Bible better in those days, I'd have referred her to the 12-year-old Jesus missing the caravan home from Jerusalem to hang around the Temple. But Mary's tongue-lashing of Jesus would probably have been mild in comparison.)

The holiness of my family was rooted in having a sense of purpose, one that God would be comfortable with. It was a holiness expressed in the quality of character that each of us brought to one another, to our friends, and whatever work we'd do. It was a holiness my folks lived and passed on by example. The measure of one's "success" in life was all about the decency we should live. Key to that decency was sharing. (When I was caught stealing from my mom's change purse, what angered her was clearly the dishonesty, but also my failure to share the candy I'd bought with my brothers and sisters. Theft is bad enough; keeping it all for oneself makes it worse.)

We might celebrate this Sunday by taking a moment to get in touch with the holiness of our own families. Each of our families has its own problems, challenges, and sins. But what is it – of God – that we try to make ourselves available for? That's our holiness, and it makes this feast our own.

*Fr. Dan*

## Letter to Yourself for 2021

Debby Mills • Alive and Thriving Health and Wellness Ministry

Traditions are very important, especially at this time of year. I am sure we all have family traditions that up until this Holiday season, we all looked forward to sharing. Unfortunately, many of those traditions won't be possible this year. But, how about starting a new tradition this year? We have been through an unprecedented experience in 2020. We are now on the cusp of having a vaccine(s) that will make life so much better next year. Hopefully by Summer 2021, we will be able to get back together with family, visit with grandchildren, plan trips and start to think about what we will be doing for Christmas 2021. An important part of bolstering our own resilience during this time of patient waiting is to look forward with purpose and positivity. This year, before you put away all those wonderful Christmas decorations, sit down and write a letter to yourself. Be thoughtful as you write it. Accept that there is much still unknown about 2021, but that there is no limit to how you can hope the year 2021 will unfold. Maybe you could remind yourself what you have done well during this past year. Maybe you have wishes and hopes for friends and family members. Maybe you have plans or dreams that you would like to accomplish. Remember, this is your letter to yourself and it is about your desires for the coming year. Seal the envelope and pack it away with the Christmas decorations. Next year, when you take those decorations out again, you will be able to read it again but now with a new appreciation and a totally different perspective. You may decide that you enjoyed this so much that it will become a new tradition.

**No Faith Formation Classes this week. Please enjoy your Christmas break with loved ones. Classes will resume January 3. Please have a safe and Happy New Year!**



## Music Ministry

2020 – SO MANY CHALLENGES – AND YET MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR.

I want to thank everyone involved in music ministry for their flexibility and patience over the past nine months. This includes singers, instrumentalists, choir parents, and chimer. My hardest choice was to put the ChoirChimes program on hold so that times and locations were available for the safe return of the Little Saints and Youth Choir programs. The ability to see the children in person (outdoors) for much of the fall and into December made a huge difference in their musical experiences and connections with each other. We even gained seven brand new young Saint Andrew choristers!

The Adult Choir continues to meet virtually on a weekly basis. At these “rehearsals,” we have much more time to learn about everybody’s individual backgrounds and stories. In live rehearsals, a certain tyrannical choir director insisted on spending most of the time rehearsing and was even known to occasionally “hush” a section that was losing focus of the “work.” Perhaps she has learned the value of more break time for sharing and conversation when in-person rehearsals resume! One thing that has never gone away is the group’s prayerful support of each other.

What remains is an expression of gratitude to those cantors and instrumentalists who have been able to lead our liturgical music in person. Equally important is the support of all the music ministers from choirs as well as from the general congregation, who join us every Sunday from home. You may notice that I occasionally sneak a peek at your comments during Mass at Saint Madren (please don’t tell Father). They mean a lot to us. I can “hear” your voices joining in the singing – maskless! – from home every week. I so look forward to the resumption of full-throated singing of favorite songs and hymns when the safety protocols allow.

In the meantime, please stay safe, sing gently when worshipping in person, and remember that God accepts our praise by whatever is the best form we can offer.

*“Hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring... And whether our tomorrows are filled with good or ill, we’ll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still... And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.”*

## Healing Prayer Ministry's Petition

*Jesus, as the beginning of a new year approaches, help us to face the future by having absolute faith in YOU! We pray for a more loving world, we pray for our friends and family, and we pray for those who have no one else to pray for them. Renew our hearts, minds, and souls with strength for the journey ahead of us. No matter what we may face, we know that you walk beside us, holding our hand. Amen!*

## Finding Your Sunny Disposition Again

Alive and Thriving Ministry

Did you know that having a “sunny disposition” is more than just a nice expression to describe someone who seems to have a positive outlook? Did you know that exposure to sunshine is actually associated with better mental health? Getting some exposure to the sun increases your serotonin, which is sometimes called one of the “happy hormones.” Sunlight cues special areas in the retina of your eye, which then trigger the increase and release of serotonin in your body. Serotonin sends messages throughout your body, particularly between the receptors in your brain. This can actually help improve your mood. With higher serotonin levels, you may find yourself more calm and alert and having more vitality. On average, Clemson has 222 sunny days a year. So, even though you are feeling a little “cooped up” from all the COVID precautions you are practicing, remind yourself to take advantage of those “sunny” winter days to help yourself feel better. Take a walk or go outside and sit in your garden and soak up that breath of fresh air and sunshine. You may find your “sunny disposition” coming back!

## CARES Act of 2020 Provides Additional Tax Relief

For individual taxpayers who **do not itemize and therefore use the standard deduction**, the Act creates a \$300 deduction per individual taxpayer.

For individual taxpayers who **do itemize deductions**, the Act modifies the deductibility of charitable contributions from 60% of Adjusted Gross Income to 100% of Adjusted Gross Income.

For corporations, the deductibility of contributions moves from 10% to 25% of Adjusted Gross Income.

Some, or all of these modifications may continue beyond tax year 2020, but at this point all are due to end with tax year 2020 on December 31. As always, please discuss with your tax professional.

**A note from parish office staff** – A final year-end deposit will be made Wednesday, December 30. Online donations dated on or before December 31 will be credited to 2020 tax year.

Jamie Dean • [Jamie@saclemson.org](mailto:Jamie@saclemson.org)



## Baptism Preparation

Contact Deacon John Leininger,  
864-903-0050 or [john@saclemson.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sandra.terry.harbin@yahoo.com) or 864-885-9527 and leave a detailed message with your prayer request.

## Friday Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is in the Chapel on Fridays beginning at 9:00 AM and concludes with Benediction at 5:00 PM. Daily Mass follows at 5:15 PM. Masks are required. There will be no Adoration on December 25 or January 1.

## Take This Opportunity to Try Out the Parish Subscription to FORMED®

Everyone is reminded that parishioners at Saint Andrew have full access, through our parish subscription, to all media resources for the ENTIRE FAMILY provided by FORMED® to strengthen and enrich our Catholic Faith.

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## Parish Giving

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**  
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