

# SAINT ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 10, 2021  
The Baptism of the Lord



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

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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*

### 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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### Parish Staff

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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, January 9

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

Sunday, January 10

8:30 AM Resti Duya

10:00 AM † Dorothy Duplessis

11:30 AM Bogie and Margie Lorenzo

Monday, January 11

5:15 PM † Jane Bleuel

Tuesday, January 12

5:15 PM Angela Malvar

Wednesday, January 13

5:15 PM Special Intention for Family

Thursday, January 14

5:15 PM † Beth Hudson Legette

Friday, January 15

5:15 PM Our Parish Family

Saturday, January 16

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

Sunday, January 17

8:30 AM Our Parish Family

10:00 AM Special Intention

11:30 AM † Francis Thu

To schedule a Mass Intention, contact the office.

## Weekly Scripture Readings

### Psalter 1

Sunday, January 10

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/

Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/

Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3])/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Monday, January 11

Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9

[cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 12

Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/

Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 13

Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/

Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 14

Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/

Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 15

Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8

[cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 16

Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/

Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, January 17

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

[8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

## A Note From the Pastor

Today's feast – the Baptism of the Lord – is one of those liminal occasions when we find ourselves on the threshold – going in the door – to something new. Which means we're also on the threshold – going out the door – from something old.

We've already gone out the door of worship centered around our old church. And we'll be at Madren until the new church opens. But no date is certain. Uncertainty is also the name of the game with almost everything else until the threat of COVID subsides. So, this is a different new year.

We're starting off the year unable to make the most of things like Sunday fellowship – greeting and meeting before and after Masses – Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, visiting the sick, Masses at the Downs and the prison, Adult Faith Formation, and Tuesday Night Dinners. We're uncertain about how we'll be able to celebrate Easter, First Communion, and graduations. Baptisms and weddings are subdued affairs in the Chapel. And while we've been blessed with few funerals, even burying our dead is done absent a reception and often a funeral Mass.

So, the "new" that 2021 brings – at least from today's vantage point – seems a lot like the old.

But maybe there are some things I'm overlooking ...

What's happening in families where faith formation is no longer outsourced? Are kids more familiar with the faith of their parents? Not simply what parents might know, but what it means to them? Have the smaller gatherings made the most of opportunities for our middle and high schoolers to get to know others better than they would if everything was a large group experience?

Has our experience of Sunday acquired a new appreciation? Scroll through many of the comments after each Sunday Mass posting in Facebook. There's no lack of appreciation for being able to worship together even if virtually. And there's a recognition of the efforts made each week by Deacon John and Jamie Dean to unload, set up, and take down all the things necessary to livestream and provide a proper musical program.

Many of us don't have the opportunity to see the groceries for Clemson Community Care brought each Sunday to Madren and left during the week in the Chapel. We're still going out of our way to provide for those in need.

Support of the parish is still on our minds. I mentioned our shortfall in envelope giving only once, and the deficit was cut in half that week. There's been no pause in the fulfillment of pledges for the new church, and – thus far, \$376,000 has been committed to moving ahead with the parish center.

And while there has been a thinning of Sunday Mass attendance, I know much of it is due to people taking the right precautions to keep themselves healthy. And to dampen the spread of the virus – a desperate need given the 33% positivity rate in our area.

All of which reminds me that, while we've lost a lot on one level since last March, we have likely benefited on another level. So maybe, things are not as they seem – there really is something new about the year just beginning.

And if we see this, we've gotten something of the lesson in this weekend's feast. For many early Christians, Jesus' baptism by John was an embarrassment. It made it seem that Jesus was subservient to John. And yet, what seemed to be a deprivation was really a new and necessary step forward in God's work of redemption.

Perhaps that where we are as the calendar flips.

*Fr. Dan*

## Prison Ministry Update

Deacon John received numerous cards and letters from inmates at Perry Correctional asking him to thank the parishioners at Saint Andrew for the food care packages they received in December. It is evident they experienced the love of God through your kindness.

In addition, there is more good news to share. In the past several months, the inmates at almost every state institution in South Carolina now have use of a tablet with access to information made available through SC Department of Correction's *intranet*. And we are pleased to share just prior to Christmas, Deacon John was given permission to upload weekly recordings of Catholic Masses being said by the priests who had been offering Masses in the prisons prior to the COVID 19 restrictions. This weekend will be the fifth Mass available to inmates (Catholic and non-Catholic, men and women) across the state. Fr. Dan presided at the first two Masses recorded for the inmates from our Chapel. To date, Deacon John has commitments from six priests moving forward.

If you would like more information, email Deacon John at [john@saclemson.org](mailto:john@saclemson.org).



## Faith Formation

Faith Formation will be returning to our Home Study program for the remainder of the year. We wish you a safe and Happy New Year.

Laura Witt • [laura@saclemson.org](mailto:laura@saclemson.org)

## (Not So) Old Dogs Learning New Tricks

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

As the feast of the Baptism of the Lord closes out the liturgical season of Christmas, a shout-out goes to those choir members who took extra time for a labor of love: preparing musical offerings during Advent and Christmas to post on the parish's Facebook page. Nothing can substitute for the sound of a live choir – our own adult and youth choirs! – blending their voices in wondrous harmony to uplift and inspire our prayer during Mass. For now, these small Brady Bunch (or Hollywood Squares?) boxes of singers serve to remind parishioners that music is still being made, on a smaller scale (pun intended) but with big hearts. You can access all of these videos on Facebook (search there for Saint Andrew Catholic Church, Clemson, SC).

Each person in our simple version of a virtual choir downloaded the Acapella app and spent time teaching themselves how to use the technology, through written and video tutorials. Next, they practiced their part, waited for the “Acapella” project to arrive in their inbox, and then set up their headphone/earbuds/microphone so that they could listen and record simultaneously. The first person in this daisy chain of recordings has the toughest part,

because they're singing solo to an accompaniment track begun by the director. Each subsequent singer hears all that has previously been added until up to nine tracks have been created. Everyone is therefore singing by themselves but the later singers in the chain have a sense of ensemble singing.

The responses from those folks who have listened and enjoyed the offerings are heartwarming. We began in November with the spiritual “Steal Away” and will continue to create these little prayer-song offerings beyond Christmas. So, **thank you** to those who have participated so far: Ella, Virginia, Cheryl, Morgan, Desiree, Danielle, Lynn, Karel, Joe, Mandy, Annette, and Mary.



## Peace and Justice

Bob Fennell • [rsfennell43@gmail.com](mailto:rsfennell43@gmail.com)

This week's tithe goes to **Family Promise of Pickens County**, whose mission is to meet the immediate needs of homeless families in crisis. Working together with community and local congregations, they provide shelter, meals and support for families to achieve self-sufficiency. While the shelter program at congregations has been shut down due to the pandemic, Family Promise has expanded its services to support families and individuals facing homelessness by helping them to retain or regain their housing and maintain their dignity. A new Prevention Program is helping people facing eviction. Qualified participants are getting help with rent, deposits, moving costs, and utilities. Saint Andrew is a Family Promise support congregation. To learn more about our parish support efforts, contact Pat Marcondes at 864-650-5830, [patm@clemson.edu](mailto:patm@clemson.edu) or Judi Nicks at 864-637-8154, [judi@alumni.clemson.edu](mailto:judi@alumni.clemson.edu). For more about FPPC, go to [www.familypromisepickens.org](http://www.familypromisepickens.org).

*For I was hungry, and you gave me something eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, and I was a stranger and you invited me in. – Matthew 25:35*

## 2020 Contribution Statements

We expect to have 2020 Contribution Statements available by January 19. With the office staff still working virtually and the uncertainties surrounding Mass attendance – at least in the short term – we will distribute them differently this year. The most cost-effective means being to send your statement electronically as a PDF email attachment. If you require hard copy, arrangements can be made for you to pick that up or it can be mailed.

If you would like your statement emailed to you, just email your request to [nancy@saclemson.org](mailto:nancy@saclemson.org) and she will simply reply to that email with the attachment.

If you prefer to pick up your statement at the office or need it mailed to you, please call Nancy at 864-654-1757.

We appreciate the generous spirit of the parishioners, guests, and visitors at Saint Andrew and ask for your continued support in service to God and one another.

## Engaged Encounter 2021 Schedule

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**St. Mary Magdalene, Simpsonville:** February 27–28; April 24–25; August 21–22; Nov. 13–14.  
**St. Michael, Murrells Inlet:** October 9–10.

The cost of the weekend is \$160.00 and lodging is not provided. You do not need to be a member of the parish to attend a weekend. For additional information, please call Bob and Mary Reimer at 864-420-2633. COVID-19 guidelines will be followed.



## 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®

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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**  
**PO Box 112**  
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