

# SAINT ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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February 14, 2021  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Consider Creation Care As We Enter the Season of Lent

In his encyclical *Laudato Si – On Care for Our Common Home*, Pope Francis presents a call for personal and communal conversion away from consumerism and selfishness and toward lifestyles animated by sound ecological principles. “An awareness of the gravity of today’s cultural and ecological crisis must be translated into new habits” (209).

**On a personal level**, Pope Francis describes the need for an “ecological conversion” whereby the effects of [our] encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in [our] relationship with the world around [us]” (217). It becomes ever clearer that “living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience”(217). The sense of awe and reverence for creation modeled by Saint Francis is a vital aspect of an ecological conversion, where we discover “a loving awareness that we are not disconnected from the rest of creatures but joined in a splendid universal communion” (220).

*What changes have you made in your life to tread more lightly on Earth? What more could you do?*

**On the common good**, Pope Francis is clear that individual actions are not enough. “Self-improvement on the part of individuals will not by itself remedy the extremely complex situation facing our world today. Social problems must be addressed by community networks and not simply by the sum of individual good deeds” (219). “Disinterested concern for others, and the rejection of every form of self-centeredness and self-absorption, are essential if we truly wish to care for our brothers and sisters and for the natural environment”(208).

*How can we work for the common good? What local organizations work to promote the common good and defend the environment?*

Our Saint Andrew **Creation Care Calendar** provides a variety of ways for us to change our lifestyles in ways that protect the environment and the common good.

**Let us pray:** Creator God, help us to experience ecological conversion in our lives. Help us put into practice individual ways that we can tread more lightly on this earth. Walk with us as we continue to work for collective actions that can change the structures of society. Instill in our hearts a passion to preserve the great Earth that You have given us. Amen.

Saint Andrew’s Creation Care Ministry, [saclemson.org/creation-care/](http://saclemson.org/creation-care/), seeks to nurture in ourselves and in those around us an emotional and ethical connection with the earth, our common home.

## Schedule for Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday services will be held **outdoors at the Pavilion at the Madren Center. Bring a lawn chair for seating.** To park, enter the property and continue straight past the Madren Center and Martin Inn and park in the far parking lot closest to the pavilion.

**7:00 AM** Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes  
**12:15 PM, 5:15 PM, 7:00 PM** Masses with Distribution of Ashes



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## Mass Schedule

Saturday *(None at this time)*

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

Weekdays

5:15 PM in the Chapel

## Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays 9:00 AM–5:00 PM in the Chapel

## Confessions – Chapel

Saturdays 10:00–11:00 AM  
*Or by appointment*

## Religious Education

K4–Grade 5

Catechist-guided Home Study

## Youth Ministry

HS Bible Study Thursdays 7:00 PM  
MS & HS weekly Discipleship Groups

## (Virtual) Office Hours

200 Edgewood Avenue  
Monday–Thursday 10:00 AM–5:00 PM  
Friday – 10:00 AM–Noon

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**REMINDER:** COVID testing has been moved to Nettles Park and requires pre-registration. To do this, visit [www.cityofclemson.org](http://www.cityofclemson.org) and click on the blue “Community COVID-19 Testing Registration” button on the top left of the page.

## 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

Sunday, February 14

8:30 AM † Cynthia Marie Theriot Galbraith

10:00 AM † Nick DiTommaso

11:30 AM † Steve Stocks

Monday, February 15 – **OFFICE CLOSED** –

5:15 PM Special Intention

Tuesday, February 16

5:15 PM To End Abortion

Ash Wednesday, February 17

Madren Center Outdoor Pavilion

(In addition to the three Masses listed below, ashes will also be distributed at a 7:00AM Prayer Service)

12:15 PM † Ed Skrocki

5:15 PM Connie Martinez

7:00 PM Special Intention of Family

Thursday, February 18

5:15 PM Elizabeth Woodruff (birthday)

Friday, February 19

5:15 PM † Peter Szmurlo

Saturday, February 20

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

Sunday, February 21

8:30 AM † Marie Aholt

10:00 AM † John Adams

11:30 AM † Ed Skrocki

To schedule a Mass Intention, contact the office.

## Weekly Scripture Readings

**Psalter 2**

Sunday, February 14

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/

1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday, February 15

Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21

[14a]/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 16

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 17

Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, February 18

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/ Lk 9:22-25

Friday, February 19

Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/ Mt 9:14-15

Saturday, February 20

Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/ Lk 5:27-32

Sunday, February 21

Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/ 1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

## A Note From the Pastor

It was right about this time a year ago that COVID reared its ugly head and soon discombobulated most of life. At least the routines of life.

Schools and churches closed. We began to mask-up and keep our distance. We abandoned our old haunts and put ZOOM between friends and neighbors. At first, it was a novelty. Then a bore. And now, somewhat routine. Habits of work, study, and play take long to form, and when broken, are hard to reestablish. Which leaves a lot of us wondering if the old normal will ever return.

We've learned a lot during this past year about ourselves. Parents who've welcomed adult children back to the nest have learned to parent in a new way. Many like it! Many bosses have found their work force working from home. More profoundly, we've found that virtual schooling shouldn't have a long shelf life, that minimum wage workers are more essential than we thought, that your color and bank account can be the deal breakers when it comes to living or dying. (It's always been that way – in the last year, it just became more obvious.)

If there's ever going to be a return to the old normal, we should probably hang on to some of these learnings. But there's something about the way our minds and bodies are hard-wired that suggests we might easily slip back into the old normal.

Research into what makes "white supremacist" groups tick suggests that *'any kind of powerful identity will leave traces on the remainder of a person's life.'* *Change is possible, but past identities may linger 'while continuing to shape future selves.'*

Some religious websites have castigated bishops for allowing churches to either close or limit attendance. Through the lenses of pessimism, they see the bishops' capitulation to public health rules as a huge step in the wrong direction of how our faith should be lived. But while the research cited above is scary when applied to racists, it may be a good thing for folks like us.

Whenever the COVID numbers reach appropriate lows, vaccinations increase, and past habits are able to take hold again, those of us who had strong identities as Sunday worshippers and active parish members, are likely to pick up where we left off. The "traces" of our "powerful identity" will work to "rebound" the best of the old normal. Hopefully, we'll find a place in our thinking and spirituality for the best of COVID era learnings, and we'll bring those learnings into the new normal.

I'd like to think that necessity of our worship and our return to it will stimulate a re-commitment to those elements of our Church's social teaching that we've had a chance to see so essential to our vocation as disciples.

There'll be no magic moment when the new normal dawns. Like each new calendar day, it'll gradually come upon us as we slowly take stock of COVID's impact on our lives. A stock-taking that might make for a unique Lent 2021. *Fr. Dan*

## Virtual Lenten Series—The Seven Sacraments of the Church

**Beginning this Tuesday, February 16, 7:00–8:00 PM,**

Deacon John Leininger will present a six-week series via Zoom as a Lenten reflection to strengthen your faith as we approach Easter. The scope will be to understand the scriptural foundation for the Sacraments and the visual signs and effect of each.



If you would like handouts sent to you ahead of the weekly meetings, please email Deacon John at [john@saclemson.org](mailto:john@saclemson.org) and he will put you on the list to be sent handouts.

The link is <https://clemson.zoom.us/j/96873466815>. There is no passcode or waiting room; you can sign in 5–10 minutes early. **It is the same link for all six sessions.** The session dates are February 16, February 23, March 2, March 9, March 16, and March 23.

## Lent for Kids

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

We adults sometimes think that children can't understand spiritual concepts, but children have an innate spirituality and curiosity about God and spiritual things. To help children to understand what Lent is, you can tell them that it is a special time in the church year when we focus on spiritual things and do things that bring us closer to God. As adults, we focus on the practice of sacrifice and fasting. Our children may adopt these practices and give up sweets or toys. We adults can teach them to learn a positive gain throughout the Lenten season. For instance, if they've given up candy for Lent, then they could take the money they would have spent on the candy and put it in a jar to be used for an organization that helps children in need. If they've decided to give up watching television one day a week, then they could use the time they would have spent watching TV helping someone or praying. Research shows that the most important factor in a child's faith formation is the family. It's important for children to not only learn about Lent but to see how adults celebrate Lent.



**NO FAITH FORMATION THIS WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 14** – Happy Saint Valentine's Day. Home study classes resume on February 21.

## Peace and Justice

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

This week's title goes to the **OMH Dental Clinic**. The Oconee Memorial Hospital Dental Clinic helps close the gap in access to dental care for the underserved in our community. As the first hospital-based free dental clinic in the state, the Clinic offers quality care in a convenient setting, is reducing emergency department utilization for dental-related problems, and is providing an equitable way for community dentists to share in the delivery of care to this population. Services are free of charge to uninsured adults who are living below the federal poverty level. In 2020 (despite being closed for nearly three months due to the pandemic), the clinic has served 290 uninsured patients, performed 662 extractions, and provided over \$148,000 dollars in free dental services. The Dental Clinic is solely supported by philanthropic contributions.

*Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well. – John 3 1:2*

## More on the History of YM

Christopher Kerfoot • [christopher@saclemson.org](mailto:christopher@saclemson.org)

The dawn of Catholicism in the United States came through a large influx of Catholic immigrants. Those immigrants were met with a difficult mixture of anti-immigration and anti-Catholicism. As Bishop John Carroll noted, formation of the young Catholics entering the country was a top priority. Many of you may remember the Baltimore Catechism. Although you probably remember a popular revised version, the original Baltimore Catechism was an effort to combine catechesis and faith formation material for the early American Catholic community. Early on in the 20th century, youth-focused outreach efforts like Chicago's "Catholic Youth Organization" were being formed. CYO actually began as a boxing club and eventually turned into a basketball league. It provided socialization and faith formation, and it also provided for basic needs of young people in the city. At the same time, the rural solution was called the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD). (Oddly enough, my home parish still called our faith formation "CCD" when I was growing up and I never even asked what it meant.) These two ministries still live on today, though at a much lower scale and in a barely recognizable way.



## Clemson Awakening

Stephanie Manasa • [stephanie@saclemson.org](mailto:stephanie@saclemson.org)

For the past several years, one of our campus ministry's most popular events has been the annual Awakening Retreat. This retreat program, designed to be organized and led almost exclusively by the students themselves, provides all who attend with opportunities to "awaken" their faith through inspiring talks, small group sharing, prayer experiences, personal reflection, and the Sacraments over the course of a weekend. It is truly meant to be just the beginning, a jumping off point for students to explore their faith and relationship with God in a deeper way throughout their time in college.

The format of the Awakening Retreat has been the same since 1974 when it began at McNeese State University in Louisiana. It has since spread to Catholic campus ministries across the country, currently running at over 40 universities and dioceses in the United States. Each new location adopts the retreat from students who have previously attended the retreat at another school, and then introduces it to their campus. In this way, Awakening also provides a unique opportunity to connect students across multiple campuses and to experience the universal Church in a much bigger way. Our fourth Clemson Awakening is coming up in just a couple of weeks, and we hope to continue providing this kind of experience to our students for many years to come. We ask for your prayers for all those participating in this upcoming retreat.

## Special Thanks for Helping Neighbors Help Themselves

Clemson Community Care is extremely thankful for all that our parish does to support their mission—contributing through volunteer hours, regular financial donations, and weekly food donations. Thanks to the community's generous support, CCC has remained stable and open throughout these difficult times. Saint Andrew has been a part of CCC from its inception. Those who haven't lived here long, might like to know some of the history...

Formed in 1988 by pastors and community members who saw the need for an agency able to offer more comprehensive assistance to residents of Clemson, Central, and Pendleton who found themselves in emergency situations. The Board includes representatives from churches in these same three cities.

CCC, first housed in the basement of First Baptist Church, then the Oak Street library, and the old Central Post Office move their own building on Hwy 76 in 2004. Services range from basic needs assistance with food, utilities (water, heat, cooling) and rent, to supplemental programs such as holiday food and assistance, back to school help with supplies, senior food boxes, and a home repair program.

CCC can always use shelf stable products (canned goods, dry good, toiletries, etc.). Our parish continues to collect food in the Chapel and at the Madren Center, so please continue to bring in your donations.

## 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.

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**Saint Andrew Catholic Church**  
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