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in Service to God and One Another

February 21, 2021
First Sunday of Lent

Creation Care in the Season of Lent

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



If you do not already have a copy of the calendar from our last bulletin, visit <https://saclemson.org/creation-care/>; and while you are there, take a minute to read over the information about our Saint Andrew Creation Care Ministry. To join this effort, contact Erin Rockenaus at erinrockenaus@gmail.com or Beckie Hylkema at bahylkema@bellsouth.net.



Healing Prayer Ministry Prayer

Lord Jesus, heal me. Heal in me whatever You need to see healing. Heal me of whatever might separate me from you. Heal my memory, heal my heart, heal my emotions, heal my spirit, heal my body, heal my soul. Lay Your hands gently upon me and heal me through Your love for me. Amen. (Family-prayer.org)

Virtual Lenten Series on the Sacraments Continues

TUESDAYS THROUGH MARCH 23 • 7:00–8:00PM

If you would like handouts sent to you ahead of the weekly meetings, please email Deacon John at 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 sessions.** The session dates are February 16, February 23, March 2, March 9, March 16, and March 23.



GIVE BLOOD Donors Needed on Monday, March 8

COVID-19 has caused each of us to appreciate our health care providers as perhaps never before. While you may not be employed as a health care hero, you can still answer Christ's call to care for the sick...by giving blood!

The Bloodmobile will be at the church office, 200 Edgewood Ave. from Noon until 5:00PM on Monday, March 8. Please sign up to give at <https://thebloodconnection.org/contact/south-carolina-centers/seneca-center/> or contact Verna Howell (864-650-4755; vernaghowell@gmail.com)

The Blood Connection staff follows all COVID-19 precautions and guidelines to ensure the safety of its donors. Masks are required while donating. All donors will be screened for COVID-19 antibodies after each completed donation. Please give if you can!

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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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www.flocknote.com/saclemson

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, 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

Monday, February 22

5:15 PM † Albert Segouin

Tuesday, February 23

5:15 PM † Jim Fischer

Ash Wednesday, February 24

5:15 PM † Jim Inebnit

Thursday, February 25

5:15 PM † Paul Seketa

Friday, February 26

5:15 PM † James Fitzgerald

Saturday, February 27

5:15 PM No Mass due to construction

Sunday, February 28

8:30 AM † Mark Akridge

10:00 AM † Raymond Bolger

11:30 AM † John Mittelstaedt

To schedule a Mass Intention, contact the office.

Weekly Scripture Readings

Psalter 1

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

Monday, February 22

1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday, February 23

Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19

[18b]/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, February 24

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/

Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, February 25

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3,

7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12

Friday, February 26

Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/

Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, February 27

Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/

Mt 5:43-48

Sunday, February 28

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15,

16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

A Note From the Pastor

While members of the Senate were at odds as to responsibility for the January 6 attempted coup, almost all agreed that "1/6" will live in infamy. That the Capitol could be breached to upend the certification of an election was a mortifying as well as frightening experience.

Since the trial originated with the House impeachment, it was up to the House managers to convince their Senate colleagues that Trump deserved to be convicted. In assessing how the managers organized and presented their case, I was struck that they did not do more with something Rep. Madeline Dean said in concluding one of her interventions (she may have made more than one, but I missed those). Having noted that January's raid on the Capitol was the second time this ignominy was perpetrated, Dean ended with what I thought were words to make both Representatives and Senators cringe: "*And it happened on our watch.*"

The House case was a broad argument that January 6 was born years ago. And it was Congress's "watch" of these several years of behaviors alleged by the House managers that the mind-set was created that legitimated so many hundreds of demonstrators to attempt to do what it seemed clear that the Congress itself would not do. I took Ms. Dean's comment to suggest that members of Congress aided and abetted the infamy of that day. What the Congress will do going forward, the Senate having acquitted Trump, is for them to decide.

But there's something in this for us to ponder.

Just as we look back at infamous moments of history – slavery and the "Jim Crow" era; the days when workers had long hours, no benefits, and no bargaining power; when women were judged unfit to vote; when our worship was the work of the priest and railings kept the rest of us in our place – people will look back on this moment – our moment – in history. What will they shake their heads at, wondering how we could have let what saddens them happen on *our watch*?

Will they wonder how we tolerated millions of neighbors who had to live without health care? How we tried to "respect life" with coercion but failed to erase the reasons why abortion was an option? Will they wonder what possessed us to solve mass killings of school kids by teaching them to "lock down" but permitted easy access to weapons of war? Will they wonder why we were content with a church concerned about the rubrics and language of worship but not so much about the rubrics and language of our mission?

Gaudium et Spes ("The Joys and Hopes") was one of Vatican Council II's great documents. The document's opening line – from which the document gets its title – teaches that *The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ.* While modern Catholic social teaching traces its roots to Pope Leo XIII's 1891 efforts to address the issues of the industrial revolution, most of the 16th century's Catholic reform was circling the wagons around the Church, eschewing dialog with modernity. *Gaudium et Spes* broke that circle by reminding us that our faith can't be separated from secular life. Our mission is to work with other members of the human family so that every human endeavor is structured in such a way that it radiates the love of God in Christ.

Before his election as pope, Giovanni Battista Montini (now Saint Paul VI), as a participant in Vatican II stated, *The Church is nothing by itself. It is not so much that the Church has Christ, but that Christ has the Church to carry on his work of bringing salvation to all.*

In these days, we are the Church. This is our watch as we "*wait in joyful hope.*"

Fr. Dan

Charity Versus Social Justice

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During this Lenten season, can we teach our children the difference between charity and social justice? Neither would be regarded as better than the other, but as our children age we can teach them that charity can go beyond acts of kindness through acts of social justice. We can explain charity is meeting people's immediate individual needs, on a short-term basis. Donating food to a food bank, serving at a homeless shelter, tutoring children, or assisting a refugee family are examples of charity. Social justice is getting to the root, structural causes of issues like homelessness, poverty, or the refugee crisis. Rather than just looking at the individual who has needs, social justice takes a step back to look at the social, political, or economic factors affecting whole groups of people in crisis. Examples of acts of social justice are lobbying lawmakers to provide more affordable housing, calling on employers to pay a living wage, or working to improve your local school system. Our faith formation children may be young to understand these concepts of social justice, but we can plant the seeds by explaining that we want to give help, but the people in need also want to help themselves. Explain how Fair Trade can help global artisans; explain the reasons for a march, vigil, or rally. Let's teach fairness and how your children can speak up for those who cannot.



REMINDER: COVID testing at Nettles Park requires pre-registration. Visit www.cityofclemson.org and click on the blue "Community COVID-19 Testing Registration" button on the top left of the page.

Taizé Prayer Services

Jamie Dean • jamie@saclemson.org

MORNING AND EVENING THIS MONTH • THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

We will offer our monthly morning and evening services of contemplative prayer with chants, Scripture, and intercessory prayer. Beginning at **10:00 AM** and again at **7:00 PM**, the services will last approximately 35 minutes. Participation is limited to 20, masks are required, and soft singing or humming is encouraged.



We fervently hope to revive our prayer services, which have been on hold since last October due to holidays and illness. To check about last-minute cancellations, please email jamie@saclemson.org.

Peace and Justice

Bob Fennell • rsfennell43@gmail.com

This week's title goes to the **Ripple of One**, serving disadvantaged families who are battling generational poverty and receiving government assistance. Ripple of One has a multi-step incentive program designed to empower families to move beyond government assistance. The program has a team approach supported by family mentors who proudly help families succeed long term in education, employment, housing, transportation, and a healthy lifestyle. Ripple currently helps families in Oconee and Pickens Counties and also accepts walk-in families from Anderson and Greenville. Volunteer mentors are needed; call 710-9565 or see <http://www.rippleofone.org/>

We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. – 1 Thessalonians 1:3

Youth Ministry

Christopher Kerfoot • christopher@saclemson.org

THE ROOTS OF AMERICAN YOUTH MINISTRY CONTINUED

At the beginning of the 20th century, child labor laws were becoming more strict and young people were being put into schools with the help of truancy laws. The Church responded by increasing the number of Catholic primary and high schools. This increase in education led to a massive cultural shift after World War 1 – we saw the “dawn of the adolescent.” Adolescents no longer had jobs and were, in a sense, secluded from larger society in their high school settings – cut off from adult culture and isolated in the bubbles that are high schools. Thus, teenage culture began to be formed. Teenagers began to define themselves by the clothes they wore and the media they consumed in music and movies. We see this culture and what it values perpetuated in today's modern teenage world.



CSA Small Groups

Stephanie Manasa • stephanie@saclemson.org

Small Group Ministry has been ongoing for many years at CSA and is a central part of community building and faith development for our students. The support of a small group of faithful peers can have a positive impact on one's college experience, especially at a university the size of Clemson. Small groups typically consist of six to ten students who meet for about an hour each week to pursue Christian discipleship together. They build relationships with one another centered on Christ and discuss Scripture or other topics of faith relevant to their lives as college students. Each group is facilitated by two student leaders who attend a training at the beginning of each semester where they learn ways to form a cohesive and welcoming space for their peers.

COVID-19 has made it more difficult for these small communities to form, but our students have persevered! Many groups are meeting virtually and doing whatever they can to continue to form strong lasting friendships even in the midst of the pandemic.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

You are invited to join other Christians throughout the Upstate to take part in the local 40 Days for Life prayer campaign to end abortion which continues through March 28.

To find out more and sign up to help, please visit www.40daysforlife.com/greenville and www.facebook.com/40daysgreenville or contact Judy at 864-329-0044, or Valerie at 864-297-8838. Help to spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort.

Stewardship of Treasure*

Offertory

	January 31	Budgeted	Difference
	\$77,198	\$69,835	\$7,363
	Year-To-Date	YTD Budgeted	YTD Difference
	\$426,024	\$440,977	-\$14,953

* as of January 31, 2021

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.

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.

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.

This subscription includes “The Search” a seven-session journey to ask life's big questions and find answers about the meaning of life and faith.

Free login at: www.saclemson.formed.org

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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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.

NOTE: If on your mobile phone, be sure to click “view full site” for best results. Any questions, please feel free to contact Christy Hébert at christy@saclemson.org or call 864-356-2406.

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