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March 14, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Christ Renews His Parish

A WEEKEND FOR THE WOMEN OF SAINT ANDREW • MAY 15–16

Step away from the challenges of the last year and join a team of Saint Andrew women for the 2021 renewal weekend. Due to our parish construction project, this year's renewal weekend will be held at Clemson's Youth Learning Center, 698 Concord Church Road, Pickens. In this peaceful setting you will have the opportunity to make new friends, share your faith, and renew your soul. All COVID 19 precautions will be observed.

For information, contact Marti Selby at 601-686-0023 or CRHP-16@yahoo.com. The registration form is available as the insert in this bulletin, or find it on the parish website at www.saclemson.org/christ-renews-his-parish/.

Commemorative Crosses

Many will remember last October when the pews were removed in preparation for the construction of our new church. Most were taken by parishioners, some were taken for the new chapel at Pery Correctional, and others were used by the Knights of Columbus to create commemorative crosses to be used as a fundraiser to benefit Saint Andrew and other charitable endeavors of the Knights.

While supplies last, these crosses will be available starting this weekend at the Madren Center. The suggested donation is \$25 for a 9 inch cross and \$35 for a 12 inch cross. There is some variation in the routed edge and grain/color. Referring to the sample images as an insert in this bulletin, crosses can also be reserved by contacting Nancy at the church office, nancy@saclemson.org or 864-654-1757. Checks are to be made payable to the Knights of Columbus Council 6884, and half of the total raised will go to the Saint Andrew Building Fund.

Sincere thanks to the many Knights who worked on the cutting, assembly, sanding, and finishing of these crosses. Additional wood from the pews has been set aside to make the 14 crosses to be hung with the stations in the new church. It will be another way that our history will continue on with us in our new church building.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

There is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **every Friday, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM, in the Chapel**. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Madren Center on Sundays and in the Chapel weekdays. If you are able to commit to one or more 30-minute time blocks, please sign up. If you are unable to sign up, you are still welcome to stop in the Chapel for whatever length of time you can. Adoration closes with Benediction at 5:00 PM, and daily Mass follows at 5:15 PM.

Special Collection

The special collection this week goes to **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**, an official agency of the Catholic Church. Moved by the Gospel, CRS assists the poorest of the poor, responding to the Church's challenge to act in solidarity with the most vulnerable and leading the Catholic faithful in the United States in doing the same. CRS serves people based on need, not on creed, offering life-saving assistance to people of all faiths, and people of no faith.

***But let our people, too, learn to devote themselves to good works
to supply urgent needs, so that they may not be unproductive. – Titus 3:14***

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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
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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, March 13

5:15 PM No Mass due to construction

Sunday, March 14

— Daylight Savings Time Begins —

8:30 AM † Pat Wilcox

10:00 AM † Marilyn Ward

11:30 AM † Beverly & † Gunvars Dumpis

Monday, March 15

5:15 PM † Vic Leviste

Tuesday, March 16

5:15 PM † Tony Galan

Wednesday, March 17

5:15 PM Special Intention for Family

Thursday, March 18

5:15 PM † Bob Galuski

Friday, March 19

5:15 PM Fr. Steve Bossi (birthday)

Saturday, March 20

5:15 PM No Mass due to construction

Sunday, March 21

8:30 AM Annie Molina

10:00 AM † Rob Bittner

11:30 AM † Mike Smalley

To schedule a Mass Intention, contact the office.

Weekly Scripture Readings

Psalter 4

Sunday, March 14

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6
[6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Monday, March 15

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and
13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 16

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 17

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, March 18

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/
Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 19

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27,
29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/

Saturday, March 20

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/
Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, March 21

Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/
Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

A Note From the Pastor

We've all heard the expression, "God works in mysterious ways." This weekend's first reading is often cited as proof. The pagan king, Cyrus, frees Israel from exile by allowing them to their own land to rebuild the house of God.

In our own day, Christians have used this biblical reference to explain their embrace of politicians whom they judge friendly to gospel interests but are otherwise known to live sketchy lives.

But there is some question as to Cyrus' motivation. Was he a precursor of Roman emperors who created the "pax romana" by, in part, tolerating the ancient religions of peoples they conquered, or did he sincerely believe, for example, Jewish texts that flattered him by describing him as a favored one of God?

Christians might see this as a difference without a distinction. Whether his/her motivation be flattery or sincerity, a leader who supports a Christian agenda can't be all bad.

Anyone or any group promoting what they think is a righteous cause is likely to become a bedfellow of the Cyruses of the world. But danger lurks.

While I know of no reference citing a later change in Cyrus's policies, there are plenty that support the change in Rome's approach. But, in the end, emperors of whatever stripe are interested in holding on to power. The early church proved that benevolence had a shelf life commensurable to the church's willingness to support the person of the emperor and his vision for the integrity of his rule. A classic example was Germany's National Socialists in the 1930s. They signed a "concordat" (aka, "treaty") with the Holy See that was meant to protect the interests of the church. It later turned into Dachau when Catholics spoke against other elements of the Nazi program.

We Catholics have a role to play in public life. Our "platform" is the Gospel, especially as it's articulated in a social teaching, robust in the days of the early church fathers and revived in modern times beginning with Pope Leo XIII's 1891 critique of industrialization in his letter, *Rerum Novarum*. Almost every pope since Leo has enriched that teaching. It helps us to "see, judge, act" in addressing the pressing issues of our particular moment and history. And how to insinuate Gospel values into the practical approaches to those issues.

What none of our social teaching does is canonize a leader or a party. We're never encouraged to conform ourselves to a personality or program, but to use the leverage of citizenship through advocacy and voting to see that principles are addressed. Public service is just that, "service," carried out by those – citizens and officials – who are always servants of the public good.

Doctor of the Church, Saint Peter Chrysologus, puts all of this – and more – in a Lenten perspective in his words read last Tuesday in the Church's Liturgy of the Hours (aka, "the breviary"). He writes, *"Prayer knocks at the door, fasting obtains, mercy receives. Prayer, mercy and fasting: these three are one, and they give life to each other. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God's ear to yourself. When you fast, see the fasting of others. If you want God to know that you are hungry, know that another is hungry. If you hope for mercy, show mercy. If you want to receive, give."* **Fr. Dan**

Virtual Lenten Series on the Sacraments Continues

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

For handouts sent to you ahead of the weekly meetings, please email Deacon John at john@saclemson.org.

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.**



Lent and Saint Patrick

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It seems this feast day contradicts the whole Lenten atmosphere with its parades and corned beef. We must come to appreciate that Lent and Saint Patrick's Day are complementary rather than conflicting. Originally, "Lent" meant "the lengthening of days" or, more literally, "spring." And what says "spring" in a greener or more hopeful way than the feast of Saint Patrick? As long dark nights give way to warmer, longer, brighter days and the promise of a season of new life, it is a fitting acknowledgment that the feast of the man who brought Christianity to Ireland can be celebrated. Everyone is Irish on March 17. This is reminiscent of the Catholic Church at its best. Jesus reminds us that – through his death and resurrection – we're all forgiven. We all have a place in heaven. And, in the end, we're all children of God, no matter our background nor the day of the year. We ask mercy for our sins, and then we celebrate madly when we receive it.



NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES THIS WEEKEND – Our home-study classes will resume next weekend.

A “-able” Anniversary

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One year ago, we celebrated our last “normal” Sunday Masses in the main church building that used to be the site for Saint Andrew Parish’s larger Masses. (Thankfully, the chapel on the corner still exists.) Even the Masses on March 15, 2020, were not quite normal – there was no common cup at Communion, we refrained from shaking hands at the sign of peace – but we sang all the usual songs and responses and sat together in the pews, having much less information about the primary means of the spread of the mysterious coronavirus through respiratory droplets. Little did we imagine for how long our lives would be disrupted and our worship style upended.

By the following Sunday, March 22, our bishop had required all of the churches to shut down to save lives. According to my “covid journal,” I worked in my office in Clemson that same day, then came home and baked bread. That week, the staff put our heads together to organize the first live-streamed Mass for the following Sunday. What an outpouring of gratitude we received from our parishioners! Thanks to Christopher Kerfoot, John Leininger, and Mike Grobusky, each week the technology for sound and video improved by leaps and bounds, and the pastoral staff and liturgical ministers were able to offer virtual Mass in a familiar setting to our faithful flock for months to come.

Of course, since March 2020, many changes have occurred in how we’ve been able to worship, and the changes to all our lives have been profound, even tragic in so many cases. But, as we look ahead with hope, we might also look back at any silver linings in the past dark, dark year. Regarding the ministry of music: Children and adults have gotten to know each other more deeply through virtual choir meetings where chatting and praying together are more fulfilling than singing into a computer screen. Conversations are shared among people who normally would be seated far away from each other in a live rehearsal setting. And yet, all choirs have also learned beautiful new anthems that they are anxious to share with congregations later this year. A subset of the choirs has mastered new technology enabling them to share ensemble singing with the congregation through video performances posted on Facebook.

As our latest “Acapella” project proclaims, “How can I keep from singing?” Open this link to listen: <https://mixcord.co/acapella/p/3aendo-DMhVeO6nPbbNlvQ/>

Youth Ministry

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AMERICAN YOUTH MINISTRY IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM –

After the visit of Pope John Paul II to America for World Youth Day in 1993, youth ministry in this country continued to grow in passion and influence. It started to become more and more rare to find a parish without a full time youth minister on the parish staff. Excitement for youth ministry, and Catholic ministry in general, was growing.



However, in 2001 we were rocked by the 9/11 attacks and the revelation of the sexual abuse scandal. These were a huge moral blow to the country and the Church. While still wrestling with these painful realities, social media came onto the scene and drew huge crowds of teenagers. The Church, however, was not quick to respond to this new form of internet communication out of safety concerns in light of the recent scandals.

So here we are now – two decades into the new millennium. In next week’s bulletin update, I will discuss what the American Church has learned about youth ministry and youth culture from the past and how we are moving forward – especially how we are responding through our youth ministry here at Saint Andrew Parish.

Our Lady’s Praying Tigers

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Campus ministry is, of course, mainly focused on ministering to the current university student population, but none of us in the Church exist in a silo. Our community relies on the support and encouragement of parents, friends, and other community members in order to provide the best for our students. This year a group of parents have partnered with the campus ministry staff to create Our Lady’s Praying Tigers, an intercessory prayer group made up of alumni, family, and friends of students in the Clemson Catholic Student Association and staff at Saint Andrew Parish. We believe wholeheartedly in the power of prayer and the impact it can have on the lives of our students as they move through their time in college. Members of this group receive monthly emails with updates on upcoming CSA events and prayer intentions specific to our community. Our hope is that through the Praying Tigers, our prayers will meet the needs of the student body, professors, and university and parish staff and bring inner peace, comfort, and love especially during this difficult year. Our Lady’s Praying Tigers is open to anyone who wants to pray for the staff and students of Clemson University. If you (or anyone you may know) are interested, please reach out to Sally Bernard at clemsonprayingtigers@gmail.com.

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 Prayer

Lord, sometimes I forget to say “Thank You” when you have answered one of my prayers. Instead, I jump in with a new request. This isn’t a lack of gratitude, but because a new catastrophe has already occurred. So today, I want to thank you for all the times you responded to my call for help. Thank you for the ability to breathe, think, and write today. Thank you for the lives of my family and friends. Thank you for the gift of faith in you! Finally, thank you for giving up your life for me on the cross. Because of your sacrifice, I know that you will love me until the end of my days. Amen.

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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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