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September 19, 2021
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Season of Creation: A Just Home for All

The entire material universe speaks of God's love, His boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains – everything is, as it were, a caress of God. – **Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*** (35)
“An awareness of the gravity of today's cultural and ecological crisis must be translated into new habits.” (209) In these times, when society is facing countless challenges, we must respond to “the cry of the poor” and “the cry of the earth.” “What is needed is a conversion whereby the effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in our relationship with the world around us. Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue, it is not optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience. We need to experience a conversion or a change of heart.” (217, 218) “The sense of awe and reverence for creation modeled by Saint Francis is a vital aspect of an ecological conversion. We discover “a loving awareness that we are not disconnected from the rest of creatures but joined in a splendid universal communion.” (220)

Let us pray: Prayer for our Common Home

Father of all, Creator and ruler of the universe, You entrusted your world to us as a gift. Help us to care for it and all people, that we may live in right relationship with You, with ourselves, with one another, and with creation. Christ our Lord, both divine and human, You lived among us and died for our sins. Help us to imitate your love for the human family by recognizing that we are all connected—to our brothers and sisters around the world, to those in poverty impacted by environmental devastation, and to future generations. Holy Spirit, giver of wisdom and love, You breathe life in us and guide us. Help us to live according to your vision, stirring to action the hearts of all—individuals and families, communities of faith, and civil and political leaders. Triune God, help us to hear the cry of those in poverty, and the cry of the earth, so that we may together care for our common home. Amen. – USCCB



Campus Ministry Fall Welcome Retreat Stephanie Manasa • stephanie@saclemson.org

The CSA fall retreat is a great opportunity to get to know some of your fellow Catholic Tigers and celebrate the joy of having a strong faith community in college. It's free and geared towards freshmen, transfer students, or anyone new to the CSA community, but all are welcome!

When: September 24–26

Where: Clemson Youth Learning Institute

For questions or to sign up, email our campus minister Stephanie (stephanie@saclemson.org).



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The academic year of Youth Ministry has officially begun. I never liked casually calling our Sunday gatherings “Youth Ministry Sessions” as that does not describe that our Sunday evening gathering is an event within a broader ministry. That said, we decided to give the event a name that describes its. The name we landed on was “Encounter.” Coming off of a year and a half of a pandemic that has caused great pain and splintered community, we aim to come back together to encounter each other in community – and through community, encounter the Lord. We look forward to seeing our middle and high school youth this Sunday, 5:30–7:00 PM.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday

(Except when Clemson football plays at home) 5:15 PM

Sunday

8:30 AM, 11:00 AM,

(During Fall and Spring Semesters) 7:30 PM

(11:00 AM also livestreamed on Facebook)

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

Sundays, 9:45–10:45 AM

Youth Ministry

Sundays, 5:30–7:00 PM

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Sunday Mass at Saint Andrew

Beginning this Sunday, we are moving back home to our NEW church building on Sloan Street for weekend Masses! While some of the finishes are still being completed (stained glass windows, Stations of the Cross, etc.) – it's time for us to say farewell to the Madren Center. Please note the new Mass schedule, and remember masks are required for all indoor gatherings.

The livestream Mass continues at 11:00 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, September 18

5:15 PM (No Mass – Clemson Football)

Sunday, September 19

New Sunday Schedule in the NEW Church

8:30 AM "In Thanksgiving"

11:00 AM † Ed Skrocki

7:30 PM † Richard Brown

Monday, September 20

5:15 PM † Rose Curtsinger

Tuesday, September 21

5:15 PM † Bob Galuski

Wednesday, September 22

5:15 PM CRHP Women's Team

Thursday, September 23

5:15 PM † William and † Ella Kelty

Friday, September 24

5:15 PM † Donley Freshwater

Saturday, September 25

5:15 PM † Ken Anderson

Sunday, September 26

8:30 AM † Hazel and † William Adams

11:00 AM † Iris (Bette) Scherrep

7:30 PM † Mike Anderson

To schedule a Mass Intention, contact the office.

Weekly Scripture Readings

Psalter 1

Sunday, September 19

Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/

Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Monday, September 20

Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/

Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 21

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/

Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday, September 22

Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/

Lk 9:1-6

Thursday, September 23

Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b

[cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday, September 24

Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday, September 25

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13

[cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday, September 26

Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/

Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

A Note From the Pastor

All the talk this weekend will be about the new church. At least I hope it is! And not because there's nothing else going on in the world. But because our recent commemoration of 9/11 shed light on what's always been a truth about life. It's what "Tip" O'Neil, a former speaker of the US House, said of politics, "It's all local."

Whatever else it defines or describes, "local" is where the rubber meets the road in life for all of us. It doesn't mean that none of us isn't widely read, or versed in the ways of a global community, nor does it mean an inability to see beyond the end of our noses. It means, I'd suggest, that "local" is the close-in, skin-to-skin description of how we experience life. And this experience of the "local" is what, in turn, most powerfully shapes our engagement with the world-at-large. I think we saw this in our observance of the 9/11 anniversary.

The observance was an occasion to remember the thousands of lives lost. And yet such numbers can be mind-numbing. It's when the individual names and stories of those who died are called to mind that the enormity of the tragedy is revealed. It was a tragedy that invaded the lives of wives and husbands, moms and dads, brothers and sisters, co-workers, and folks next door. 9/11, for whatever its real geo-political impact, was a tragedy because it hit "home." It was about specific people, known and loved, in special ways. It was an attack on the US, but more so on an Uncle Harry, Jim Smith, my cousin Sally, the guy in the next cubicle, the busboy clearing breakfast dishes in the restaurant at the top of one of the towers.

There's a lot of building going on in and around Clemson. In a sense, our new church is just one more project. Except it's not. It's *our* project. And it's more than a solution to a space problem. It's about 80+ years of friends and neighbors, members of our families, and thousands of students now scattered all over the world. It's about the story – 80+ years old – of people who have sought out one another to lean on each other and support each other in the everyday Cross-carrying that last Sunday's Gospel told us is discipleship. Insofar as a building personifies the perception of discipleship held by those who use it, it's our Simon of Cyrene.

Brick and mortar is just that – brick and mortar. What makes it more is its why and wherefore. And that's what I hope we think about as we gather for Mass this weekend. We'll be coming together in what is really a "house of God's people." It's a memorial to generations who have handed down local customs and traditions. It's an investment of sacrifice and generosity beyond our wildest dreams.

Given how pastor's obituaries are often written, my own might likely say, "During his years in Clemson, he built the new church." I never built anything. (And my hand will reach out of the grave to scrub such an allegation!) The church was built by generosity, the generosity of those whom fundraisers would say gave a "major gift," and the generosity of the two young girls who used to hand me a small envelope of coins from their weekly allowance. And the sacrifices of everyone. To say nothing of the many whose gift could only be their prayer. Building the new church is wonderfully local. ***Its foundation is who we are; its reach is who we hope to be.***

Which is why you'll see some familiar furniture in the new church. All refurbished, and some adapted for the new space. Years ago, Edie Smoak wrote a brief history of our life and called it "Roots and Visions." The new church attempts to honor both.

As one parishioner who has seen the inside of the church remarked, the stone walls that rise on each side of the sanctuary are emblematic of the "living stones" with which, Saint Paul said, the church is built. The stones are not smooth, and no two seem to be the same. And each one, taken by itself, can seem unremarkable. Just like us. But placed together, with what each one brings to that togetherness, the wall is a thing of beauty. Just like us. So, looking into the sanctuary from what I'm sure will become "your" seat, see what you are, and in Communion, become what you see.

Congratulations on a task well done!

Fr. Dan

Special Collection NEXT Weekend for Hurricane Relief

At the request of the diocese, collection boxes will be available at all Masses next weekend, September 25 and 26, to aid those affected by Hurricane Ida. Check should be made **payable to Catholic Charities with Hurricane Ida on the memo line.**

Faith Formation

Laura Witt • laura@saclemson.org

We welcome back our students and catechists. We pray for a safe and enlightening year.

Our catechists are one avenue to your child's faith formation – with one aspect of formation being the development of a healthy prayer life. Catechists understand the importance of children learning the traditional prayers of the Catholic faith. In addition to these traditional memorized prayers, it is also beneficial to encourage children to pray from their hearts. These conversations with God can be encouraged at home by creating conversational topics to discuss at the dinner table. Each evening the family chooses a question or topic. The idea is for the family to model how easy discussions can be with the people you love. God loves us and enjoys hearing from us. With time and practice, children will find that both traditional and spontaneous prayer have become a very natural part of their lives.



Hymn for the Holy Year of Mercy

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On March 13, 2015, Pope Francis made the following announcement:

“Dear brothers and sisters, I have often thought of how the Church may render more clear her mission to be a witness to mercy; and we have to make this journey. It is a journey which begins with spiritual conversion. Therefore, I have decided to announce an *Extraordinary Jubilee* which has at its centre the mercy of God. It will be a *Holy Year of Mercy*. We want to live in the light of the word of the Lord: ‘Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful’ (cf. Lk 6:36).”

Paul Inwood, an internationally acclaimed liturgist, composer, and author, submitted a composition that was chosen from twenty other submissions by the Pontifical Council as the official setting of the *Hymn for the Holy Year of Mercy* in 2015. This is the music that we sing today at Communion.

Inwood decided that of the text (written by Jesuit priest Fr. Eugenio Costa), the Latin refrain and litany responses would be best remaining in Latin, as a unifying component for use all around the world. He composed the musical refrain *Misericordes sicut Pater* [Merciful like the Father] in the style of Taizé music, further stating that in the litany responses, “I deliberately lengthened the *ter* of in *aeternum* [for ever] to emphasize the idea of God’s mercy being everlasting.”

The composer and author donated their work to the Holy See, and it was made available free of charge to parishes worldwide. Inwood wrote that all his work “was amply compensated by the great sense I had of the whole world praying through this Holy Year, basking in an awareness of the mercifulness of God...The most amazing and gratifying aspect of the whole experience for me, however, was the realization that literally millions of people all over the world were praying ‘in unison,’ a symbol of God at work in the Universal Church.”

As we continue to sing this litany in a new decade during a most challenging time of global pandemic and partisanship, let us remember the core beliefs that unite us, via the Holy Trinity, through the mercy of the Father.

Peace and Justice

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Our tithes throughout September address food insecurities. We began the month with tithes to Clemson Community Care and Golden Corner Food Bank. Last week’s tithe went to **Clemson Meals on Wheels** – a non-denominational group providing meals to Clemson residents confined to home due to age or disability, and **Pickens County Meals on Wheels** – operating many home-delivered meals routes and serving all communities in Pickens County. Many clients live alone and the visit from a Meals on Wheels volunteer is the only interaction they receive regularly. Volunteers monitor the welfare of clients on their routes and serve as a link to other community-based services, such as transportation, home health services, financial services, and even home repair and handicap accessible modifications.

This week our tithe goes to **Feed a Hungry Child – Pickens County**. The mission is to provide any identified undernourished students, in the Pickens County School District, grades K3-12, with nutritious food on weekends during the school year. Chronic hunger continues to be a growing problem in Pickens County Schools. One out of every seventeen children, hundreds, go home and do not receive adequate nutrition until they return to school on Monday. No child deserves to be hungry and can thrive on an empty stomach. Feed a Hungry Child Pickens County strives to alleviate symptoms of chronic hunger and help hungry students arrive at school ready to learn. The program is a simple, effective answer to the problem of child hunger. For further information, see www.pickenschildren.com.

*If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted,
then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.*

– Isaiah 58:10

Christ Renews His Parish – Men’s Weekend

NOVEMBER 6 AND 7 • NEWMAN HALL

Are you looking for a way to revitalize your faith and make new friends in the parish? Save the date for the upcoming men’s Christ Renews His Parish Weekend to be held on-site at Saint Andrew.

Step back from the busyness and demands of your everyday life and spend some time with Jesus. We will share scripture together, pray together, sing together, and celebrate the sacraments together. A past recipient has shared, “The weekend gave me time for both personal reflection and fellowship – not to mention delicious food...”

Don’t miss out on this wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth and fellowship. Ask the Lord if this year is the time for you to set aside a Saturday/Sunday with the men of the parish to further enhance your relationship with Christ.

For a registration form, email Deacon John at john@saclemson.org.

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

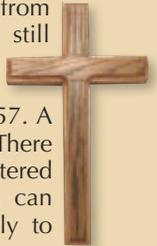
For prayer support, please contact Sandra Harbin at sandra_terry.harbin@yahoo.com or 864-885-9527 and leave a detailed message with your prayer request.

Healing Prayer Ministry Prayer

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen. (St. Augustine)

Commemorative Crosses

A few of the 12” crosses made from the former church pews are still available by contacting Nancy at the church office, nancy@saclemson.org or 864-654-1757. A donation of \$35 is suggested. There is some variation in the routed edge and grain/color. Checks can now be made payable directly to Saint Andrew Catholic Church.



Parish Giving

Thank you to all those who have continued to support our parish during this time of limited Mass attendance. 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:

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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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