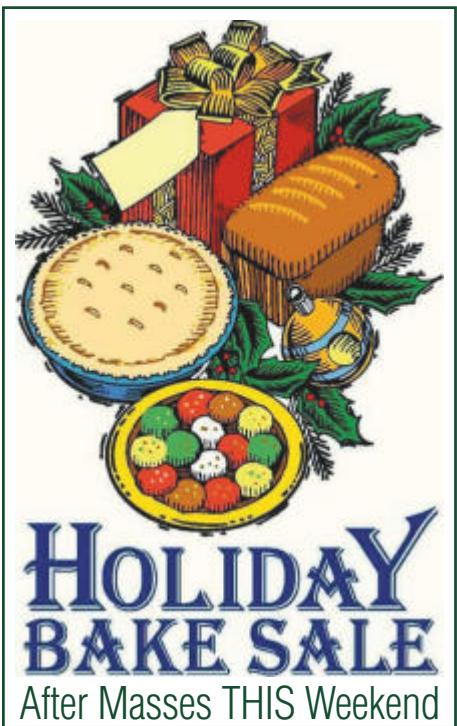


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December 5, 2021  
Second Sunday of Advent



### In the Spirit of Christmas

SAINT ANDREW GIVING TREE PROGRAM • THROUGH DECEMBER 12

 For decades, our parish has decorated trees with Giving Tags as ornaments. This year's Giving Trees are located in the vestibule. Please consider showing your love and support for families and children who live right in our own backyard by pulling **Red Ribbon Gift Tags** or **Green Ribbon Donation Tags**. **All gifts** need to be returned (UNWRAPPED with the tag securely attached) by December 12. Gifts can be dropped off at the church throughout the week before and after Masses, or they can be left at the office during regular office hours. **All donations** should be sent directly to the respective agency using the address on the tag.

### Youth Ministry Retreat

Please keep in your prayers our middle and high school students and their leaders on retreat this weekend.

### Parish Staff

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### Mass Schedule

Saturday  
5:15PM

Sunday  
8:30AM, 11:00AM,  
(During Fall and Spring Semesters) 7:30PM  
(11:00AM also livestreamed on Facebook)

Weekdays  
5:15 PM in the Church

Eucharistic Adoration  
Fridays 9:00 AM–5:00 PM in the Church

### Confessions

Saturdays 10:00–11:00 AM in the Chapel  
Tuesdays 5:45–6:45 PM in the Church  
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

We have moved 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....) – it was time to say farewell to the Madren Center.

The livestream Mass continues at 11:00AM 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, December 4

5:15 PM † Grace Mezzela

Sunday, December 5

8:30 AM † Peggy Leininger

11:00 AM † Mary Bolger and

† Margaret Drennan

7:30 PM † Betty Holland

Monday, December 6

5:15 PM The Living and † Deceased  
Members of the Brown Family

Tuesday, December 7 (**Holy Day Vigil Mass**)

5:15 PM † David Summer

Wednesday, December 8 – **Office Closed** –

**Immaculate Conception – Holy Day of Obligation**

12:15 PM † Sr. Mary Joan Phillips

5:15 PM † Patricia Cannin

7:00 PM † John and † Jim Kelly

Thursday, December 9

5:15 PM † Gerald Doherty

Friday, December 10

5:15 PM † Fr. Aubrey McNeill, OFM

Saturday, December 11

5:15 PM † Tom Bulwith

Sunday, December 12

8:30 AM The Blessing of Grandchildren

11:00 AM † Sr. Diane Marie Duprey

7:30 PM No Mass – Christmas Break

To schedule a Mass Intention, contact the office.

## Weekly Scripture Readings

**Psalter 2**

Sunday, December 5

Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Monday, December 6

Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14

[cf. Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 7

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13

[cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 8

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday, December 9

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11,

12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 10

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/

Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 11

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16,  
18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

## A Note From the Pastor

Yet another calendar year is winding down. Which gives us some time to review the year ending and lay out our hopes for the year to come. Our new "year of grace" is already a week old. And this year, we'll be hearing from the Gospel of Luke each Sunday. Luke's account of the serving life and saving death of Jesus is sometimes known as the gospel of prayer, of God's mercy, and of the Holy Spirit. Some high points to consider for a new year.

I often wonder what words Jesus used when praying. His preaching evidenced a grasp of the Scriptures, but I find it hard to believe that he'd need a script to talk to the one he called "Father." Which challenges us, sons and daughters of the same Father, to think about how we pray (aka, "talk to God"). Most of us have been brought up on formal prayers and devotions, words crafted by someone else. And expressing what was in the heart and mind of that someone else. Scripted prayer is fine for our public worship. But I can imagine God scratching His head when He hears us using someone else's words to express our own praise, needs, anger, frustration, and thanks. Come the new year, we might challenge ourselves to talk to God as we would anyone else. Do away with the middleman.

Forgiving can be hard, especially when the one who gave offense hasn't – and maybe won't – apologize. But forgiveness is not a reward we give for someone's apology. It's a refusal to let the offense eat away at us, burden us not only with the offense, but with the hurt and anger within us that leaks into our life with others who are clueless as to why we seem to live with an edge. "Reconciliation," putting a relationship back on an even keel, takes two; "forgiveness" takes one. Luke's classic remembrance of the parable of the prodigal son with the father whose forgiveness comes before the errant son's confession is a challenge for us. It enabled an old and offended man to welcome the errant son and to deal with that son's self-righteous brother. Without the father's forgiveness, that family would have had no future. One way of building a 2022 absent the anger, hurt, and fear that is corroding our lives today is seeking to have the old man's capacity to forgive. It remains now as it was then, the key to building a better future.

Finally, the Holy Spirit overshadows the church to finish the teaching Jesus said we still needed. The Old Testament charts the evolution of God's ongoing work of perfecting His already "very good" creation. From worship involving the blood of sheep and cows to the worship expressed in justice and mercy, from an "eye for an eye" to the prodigal son (and other examples), from a reliance on military power and economic wealth to a common good modeled by a "suffering servant," from a religion based on rites and rubrics to one dependent on washing one another's feet, moral evolution has continued. And so it does today. Gifted with intellects, wills, and curiosity, we were set free to grow in our understanding of ourselves and the universe we call home. The life and gospel of Jesus was a significant moment in that quest of understanding. Jesus fulfilled the Law by insisting that the "do's and don'ts" are not enough. Moral living requires acquiring the attitudes spelled out in the Sermon on the Mount. Moral living requires imitation of Jesus. As our science, medicine, psychology, politics, and economies evolve, to say nothing of our own minds and hearts, the Holy Spirit guides us to weave those attitudes into that evolution. So that our imitation of Christ is deeper and richer than the saints who've gone before us.

Every new year is a fresh opportunity to be better than we were in the year ended. Luke can give us both the yardstick to measure that improvement and the means to increase the measure.

**Fr. Dan**

## SA Women's Christmas Luncheon

DECEMBER 9 • 12:00 NOON • LIGHTHOUSE RESTAURANT

Along with our Dutch treat luncheon, we are having a gift exchange – \$10 gift limit please.

Reservations required by contacting [stephsh1948@gmail.com](mailto:stephsh1948@gmail.com), by Wednesday, December 8.



## Faith Formation

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

DECEMBER 5, The Second Sunday of Advent – The second candle is lit on this day along with the first candle. It is the Bethlehem candle, reminding that Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

DECEMBER 12, The Story of the Jesse Tree – If your child wishes to participate, please have them join me in the vestibule prior to the 11:00 AM Mass.

Please contact [Laura@saclemson.org](mailto:Laura@saclemson.org) for any questions regarding Faith Formation.

**Wednesday, December 8, is a Holy Day of Obligation. See Mass times in the sidebar above to the left. The Parish Office will be closed.**

## Advent Thoughts

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

Borrowing from Pastor Bruce Benson in St. Olaf College's "Sing for Joy" newsletter...

"Consider the word 'mark' – not Mark, as in Luke and John, but just plain mark. It's a good word for Advent time, now appearing like a welcome moonrise in winter. 'Mark' is a good Advent word, especially if one allows for King James or Shakespearean usage of the word as a verb..."

To mark something, in Shakespeare's plays and poems, is to take serious notice of it. It is more than a passing glance, more than a vague general awareness; it is attentiveness, full consciousness. The King James Bible has God instructing the prophet Ezekiel to 'mark well' with both eyes and ears. Good advice also for anyone entering the season of Advent, because attentiveness enriches a season that might otherwise be mostly busyness and bright lights.

Consider... or should I say, mark... how attentiveness to the simple carol 'Silent Night' is rewarded. You've likely heard the story of the Sunday School child whose drawing of the manger scene included one nicely rounded character. 'And who is that?' asked the teacher. 'Round John Virgin!' came the reply. Learning to read would eventually clear up that misunderstanding. But stanza three of the carol, 'Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from Thy holy face,' also has an easy to garble message because the rhyme scheme and melodic phrasing can make 'radiant beams' feel like an adjective and noun. But no. There are no radiant beams like some sort of mystical glitter coming from 'Thy holy face.' Rather, it is love – let's make that Love – that beams radiantly on the face of Christ. A Love that beams. In the original German it even laughs! Don't miss that Love this season."

## Peace and Justice

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

This week's tithe goes to **Safe Harbor**, a non-profit organization assisting survivors of domestic violence in Anderson, Greenville, Pickens, and Oconee Counties. Services include emergency shelter, counseling, and legal assistance. The Covid-19 pandemic has increased stress on families needing to spend more time in their homes. This has resulted in an upswing in domestic violence, making the services provided by Safe Harbor more necessary than ever. Learn more at [safeharbor.org](http://safeharbor.org).

*"Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge. You will show me the path of life, fullness of joys in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever." – Ps. 16:1,11*

## Collection for Retired Religious Next Weekend

Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week's special collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous. See the bulletin insert for more information.

## Families with Young Children

If you've got young kids and are interested in joining with other such families in a ministry together aimed at fostering friendships and faith, please join us on **Sunday, December 5 at 9:45 AM** in Newman Hall (far end of the parking lot). We'll be meeting to reorganize for the year ahead. In years past, this ministry to one another and the parish has organized Sunday roller skating, Halloween "Trunk or Treat," and a monthly Liturgy of the Word for Children (stepping out of Sunday Mass with the kids during the readings to offer them age-appropriate readings of the day's Bible texts and a lesson to ponder). If you can't make the meeting but are interested in being a part of this effort, please contact Fr. Dan at [mclellan@saclemson.org](mailto:mclellan@saclemson.org)

## Gift Card Fundraiser to Benefit Our Building Project

Working with UnitedScrip, Inc. in Seneca, Saint Andrew parishioners have added more than \$3,000 to the building fund in the past year through the purchase of gift cards. With holiday shopping in full swing, please consider supporting this effort by purchasing gift cards to use as gifts themselves or to pay for gifts of your choice.

The purchase of the gift cards (including grocery cards) at the full face value will yield the full face value use of the cards while a small percentage is given back, in this case, to Saint Andrew. The amount awarded Saint Andrew will vary depending on the vendor, but typically ranges from 1% to 15%. Again, **each card's value is for the full amount paid**. Those familiar with this program consider this to be "free money," very similar to Amazon Smile, but yielding a higher percentage. Actually, with Amazon cards among those available through this program, Saint Andrew benefits twice when buying through Amazon Smile with a gift card!

The remaining deadline for orders before Christmas is **December 13**. We will also continue to place monthly orders year-round.

To learn more about how to get started, please contact:

Sheila Hogan at 864-207-1132 or [hogan\\_family@bellsouth.net](mailto:hogan_family@bellsouth.net) or  
Nancy Leininger at 864-903-0021 or [nancy@saclemson.org](mailto:nancy@saclemson.org)

## 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 [gjssnyder@charter.net](mailto:gjssnyder@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.

## Weekly Intentions

To schedule a Weekly Intention (altar flowers, Chapel and/or Church sanctuary candles, Communion bread and wine) to remember a loved one or celebrate a special event, contact Nancy in the office.

## Take This Opportunity to Try Out the Parish Subscription to FORMED®

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## Bulletin Articles

Submit bulletin articles to the office by noon on Thursday of the week prior (10 days) to [bulletin@saclemson.org](mailto:bulletin@saclemson.org).

## 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:

**Saint Andrew Catholic Church**  
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**Clemson, SC 29633**

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