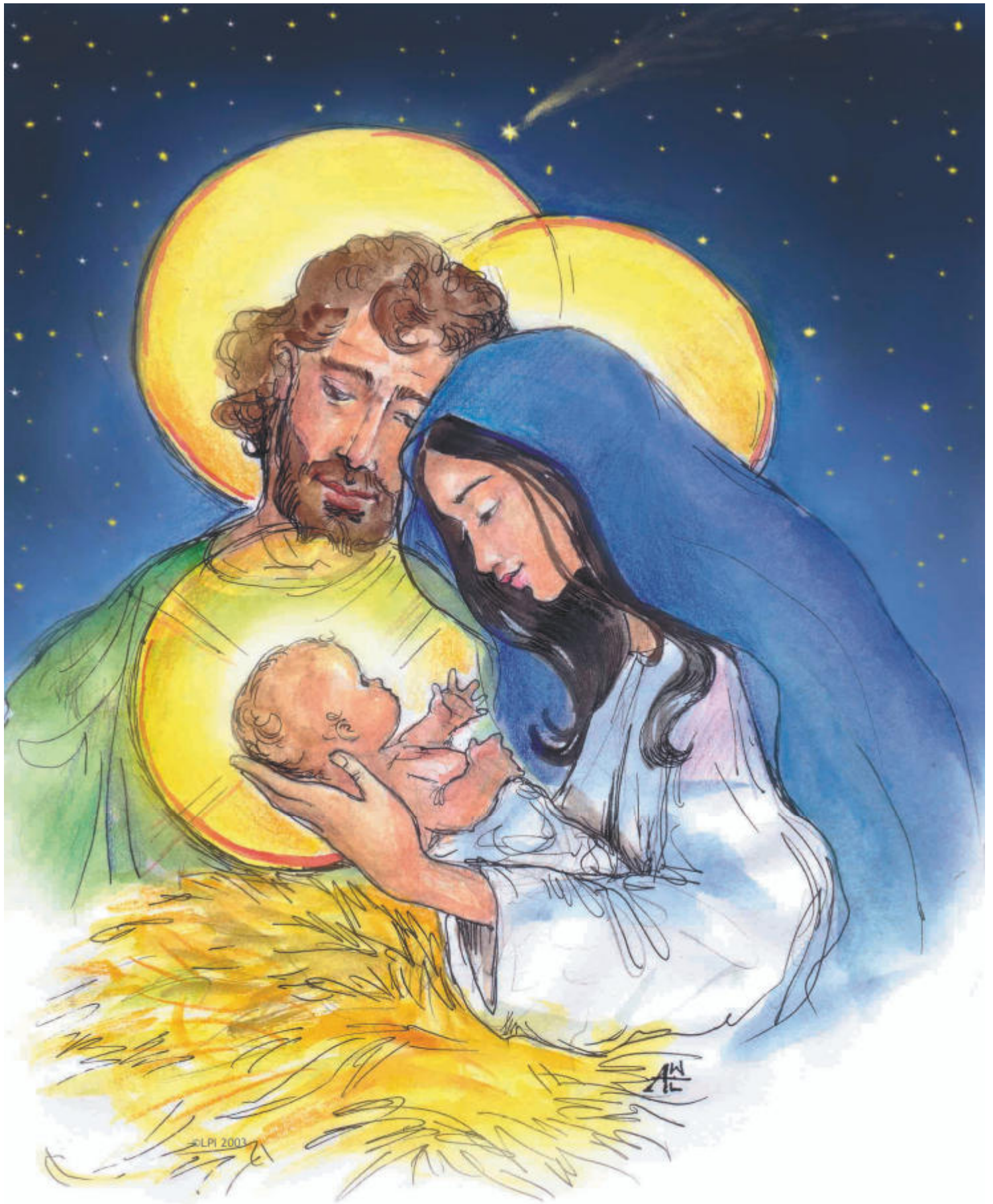


St. Andrew Catholic Church



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Masses

Weekend Masses

Vigils: Saturday
3:30pm & 5:00pm

Sunday:
7:30am, 9:00am,
10:30am,
12noon
(Mass in Spanish)

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday:
7:30 and 9:00am
Saturday: 9:00am

Holy Days

See inside the bulletin for
specific feast days.

Confession

Saturday: 9:30-10:30am
and 7:00-8:00pm

**Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament**

Monday: 7-8:30p Friday:
2:30-4:30p

Saturday: 6:30-8:00p
(Same time as Sat. Confessions).

Holy Hour & Rosary

Saturday: 8:00a

**Daily Rosary &
Divine Mercy**

Mon—Fri: 8:00a
Marian Chapel

Pray for Priests

Thurs: 9:30a
(just after 9am Mass)
Marian Chapel

Church Hours

Monday - Thursday:
7:00am - 2:00pm
Fri: 7:00am - 5:00pm

Parish Office
p 239-574-4545
f 239-574-2450

Mon-Thurs
8am-12pm, 12:30-4pm
Closed 12-12:30p
Fridays (June/July) –
Closed

Faith Formation
239-574-2411

St. Andrew School
239-772-3922
www.standrewcs.org

Parish Website



For news, information,
forms, and more:
www.standrewrcc.org

Coordinators

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Ministers of Holy Communion: Parish Office, 574-4545
Min. de la Eucaristía: Parish Office, 574-4545
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Charismatic (CFC) Prayer Group: Richard Knutson,
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Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Josefa Damisch, 549-1594
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Grupo de Oración: Margarita Gonzalez, 440-396-0280
Cenacle of the Virgin Mary (Spanish): Maripily Cruz,
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Padres y Madres Orantes: Ingrid Plazas, 565-1386
Legion of Mary: Josefa Damisch, 549-1594
Divine Will: Frauke Micklisch, 851-6372
Monday/Friday Adoration: Juan Ortiz-Medina, 282-1403
Daily Rosary: Carol Rock, 297-1107
Parish Vocation Team: Parish Office, 574-4545

YOUTH MINISTRY

Coordinator: Jerry Harrington, 574-2411
Boy Scout Troop 34: Brian Weller, 849-8606
Cub Scout Pack 34: Rafael Varela, 954-868-5735
Girl Scouts: Maris Lebid, 850-2101

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

RCIA: Jerry Harrington, 574-2411
Adult Confirmation: Jerry Harrington, 574-2411
Third Thursdays: Jerry Harrington, 574-2411
Catholics Returning Home: Parish Office, 574-4545

SERVICE, SUPPORT, SOCIAL

Welcoming Committee: Ronnie Shamieh, 201-819-9034
St. Vincent de Paul: Mary Bauer, 715-410-8868
Council of Catholic Women: Toni Insolia, 945-4623
Respect Life: Julie Casey, 699-4461
Knights of Col. 3rd degree: Tommy Rizzo, 896-2099
Knights of Col. 4th degree: Jack Marandino, 220-4174
Ladies Auxiliary: Dolores Neelon, 677-1430
Food Donation: Parish Office, 574-4545
Men's Fellowship: Bill Eggers, 945-0876
Caballeros de Colón: Ramon Batista, 849-4709

Social Media



Parish Facebook Page
facebook.com/
StAndrewCatholicChurchRCC

Clergy & Staff

PARISH CLERGY

Fr. Eduardo Coll, Pastor
Fr. Anand Anki Reddy, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Daniel Flens, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mr. Peter Fullen, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Edison Gibbons, Deacon

PARISH SCHOOL LEADER TEAM

Mr. David Nelson, Principal
Mrs. Bambi Giles, Assistant Principal

PARISH STAFF

Anne Spears, Pastoral Assistant for Liturgy
Robin Green, Administrative Assistant
Mary Ann Nielsen, Business Manager
Maddy Gioielli, Assistant for Business Affairs
Rebecca Columbus – Assistant for Business Affairs
Dr. Tom James, Director of Music
Jerry Harrington, Director of Faith Formation
Jodi Castiglione, Assistant for Faith Formation
Naomi Roberts, Receptionist
Tania Muriel, Receptionist
Bruce Bennett & Bob Friedman, Maintenance

USCCB Prayers

The "O Antiphons" of Advent

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High,
guiding creation with power and love:
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel,
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19

O Root of Jesse's stem,
sign of God's love for all his people:
come to save us without delay!

December 20

O Key of David,
opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21

O Radiant Dawn,
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:
come to save us, Lord our God!

—From [Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers](#)

REFLECTION: THE O ANTIPHONS OF ADVENT

by Rev. Larry Rice, CSP

When I'm out shopping in mid-November, and I hear the strains of "Silver Bells" and "The Little Drummer Boy" wafting from hidden store speakers, I just want to cover my ears. By the middle of December each year, I've usually had it up to here with most Christmas music. The ever-present repetition of Christmas carols often serves to point out that the rest of the world is celebrating Christmas, while we're still in the season of Advent.

For me, the one exception to this audio barrage is a simple chant for Advent, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." This song, with its longing for the coming of the Savior, genuinely belongs to Advent and not to Christmas. Its melody is based on Gregorian Chant, and its verses are all taken from the Church's "O" antiphons. These antiphons introduce the Magnificat, or canticle of Mary, at evening prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours, from December 17th through December 23rd. Each of them begins with a traditional title for Christ. They are: "O Wisdom," "O sacred Lord," "O Flower of Jesse's Stem," "O Key of David," "O Radiant Dawn," "O King of all the nations," and finally, "O Emmanuel" which means "God with us." Each of these traditional titles for the Messiah connects the coming of Christ with the prophetic writings of the Old Testament.

In some Catholic parishes, the Sunday liturgies during Advent feature the tune of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" as the setting for the Holy Holy, the Great Amen, and other sung parts of the Mass. While it's asking a lot for this simple tune to bear so much repetition for four weeks, this setting does anchor us firmly in the longing and anticipation of Advent. But the original hymn, with its pleading for Christ's coming, still serves as a welcome antidote to the onslaught of bad commercial Christmas music that we have to endure every November and December. It also connects us to the evening prayer of the whole Church in the last week of Advent.

Revised ~ Christmas Schedule ~ 2021

Advent Penance Service

Monday, December 13 ~ 5:30pm

Christmas Confessions

Saturday, December 18: 9:30-11:00am, **6:30-8:00pm**

Monday, December 20: 2:00-4:00pm

Tuesday, December 21: 9:45am-11:00am

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve – Friday, December 24

- 4:00pm Mass
- 4:15pm Overflow Mass (Parish Hall)
- 6:00pm Mass for Children
- 8:00pm Mass in Spanish
- 10:00pm Caroling with the Choir
- 11:00pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25

- 7:30am Christmas Mass
- 9:00am Christmas Mass**
- 10:30am Christmas Mass
- 12:00pm Mass in Spanish

4:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

New Year Masses

New Year's Eve - Friday, December 31

- 4:00pm Vigil Mass
- 6:00pm Vigil Mass in Spanish**

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

New Year's Day - Saturday, January 1

- ~~7:30am Mass~~
- 9:00am Mass
- ~~10:30am Mass~~
- ~~12:00pm Mass in Spanish~~

- 3:30pm Vigil Mass for Sunday**
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday**

CHRISTMAS CALENDAR ADJUSTMENTS

In observance of the Christmas Holiday, the Parish Office will be closed Dec. 23, 24, and 27. Also, there be no 7:30am Mass on December 27-31, no confessions on Sat. Dec.25, and no Adoration Fri. Dec. 24, Sat. Dec. 25 or Mon. Dec. 27.

FOOD DRIVE CALENDAR ADJUSTMENT

In observance of the New Years Holiday, the monthly parish food drive will NOT take place on Jan 1 & 2, but instead be held on January 8 & 9. Please donate on that weekend and NOT the first weekend.



Former pastor Father Tim Murphy recently visited the Church and School with his family last week. He wanted to stop by to visit old friends and to see the updates to the Church and School.



COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

January 2 - **CCW Mass** at 7:30, followed by brunch at Anthony's.

January 4 - **General Meeting**, beginning with Rosary at 12:30.

January 25 - **Board Meeting** at 9:30 in St. Michael's Room

January 27—Fun time in the New Year, at our **Card Party** on Thursday, Jan 27 at Noon in the Parish Hall. You bring your games and your friends...we bring the food. All for only \$10. Proceeds donated to St. Andrew Parish. Call Rose for reservations - 458-4744.



LADIES AUXILIARY

The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary of St Andrew Church, would like to invite all women members of the Parish, to come join us at our meetings that are held the first Tuesday of each month, beginning at 6:45 pm in the St. Andrew room. We schedule many fun and interesting events throughout the year that enable us to donate to some wonderful charities. So come and check us out and consider signing up to be a part of our membership.. For more information, call 239-878-6594.



St. Andrew Church offers blessings and congratulations to its couples celebrating an anniversary. Send in yours!

Irving & Denise Corujo
December 27 — 51 years



QR CODES

The bulletin will now feature these kinds of square graphics that can be scanned by pointing your smartphone camera at them to take you directly to places online, as indicated on Page 2. This one will take you to our online donation page called WeShare. Try them out!

COUPLES WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

February 12 & 19, 2022

All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Anniversary Masses will be celebrated in two locations: February 12th at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs at 11am, and February 19th at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, also at 11am. Please contact your local parish office for reservations no later than a week before your chosen date



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Looking for ways to get involved at St. Andrew? Here are a few ways.



Lectors: We are seeking individuals willing to lend their voices and proclaim the Word of God at Mass. No experience is necessary – training will be provided. Contact Larry Edwards at 575-621-5550 or larryedwards1@gmail.com.

Ushers: Consider joining us as the “Face of Jesus” by serving as either a greeter or an usher. Contact Carmen D’Amore, 673-8100 or OR Jose Seda at 239-671-5750 or joseseda@aol.com.

Sacristans: Sacristans prepare the “things that are necessary” for the celebration of the liturgy: the books, vestments, vessels, the bread and wine. Contact Anne Spears at the Parish Office 239-574-4545 ext. 106 or aspears@standrewrcc.org.

Arts & Environment: The Arts & Church Environment Ministry provides organization and leadership in decorating the worship space in order to enhance the Liturgy for the various liturgical seasons. Contact Mary Ann Logue at 239-945-7797 or halsangels@aol.com.

Funeral Mass Preparation Ministry: Funeral Mass Preparation Ministers meet with families who are preparing for funeral and memorial Masses by helping them pick out the readings, hymns, and other parts of the Mass. Training will be provided. Contact Anne Spears at the Parish Office 239-574-4545 ext. 106 or aspears@standrewrcc.org.

Food Drive Ministry: Our Food Drives are held the first full weekend of the month, unless it falls on a Holiday. We need one or two Volunteers to help carry food from our storage room at the South Entrance to the Truck that comes to pick it up. Food Truck pick up times are 9:15am and 1:00pm. If interested please call Robin at the Parish Office at 239-574-4545 ext. 102.



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Questions?

Visit our Facebook Page:

Knights of Columbus Saint Andrew council 7131

A DELICIOUS WAY TO SUPPORT

The Knights of Columbus are a band of Catholic men united for charity - charity for those in desperate need and for our wonderful veterans, who have sacrificed so much for our freedom. 100% - ALL funds raised go to our charities

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Due to widespread shipping delays, we recommend electronic gift cards to ensure delivery before the holiday.

2022 NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

December 31, 2021, 7PM • St. Andrew Parish Hall



Roast Beef Au Jus • Chicken Cacciatore

Garlic mashed potatoes
and vegetables

Salad • Roll and butter

Cranberry Orange Dream
with whipped topping

Gently prepared by Chef John

\$35 per person Cash or Check

Doors Open 7:00pm • Appetizers 7:30pm

Dinner Served 8:00pm • BYOB



For Tickets Call:

John 549-7337 • Mike 800-4629 • Jack 707-9015

Dennis 734-790-4807 • Irving 917-734-3847

BOOK EARLY! Sells Out Fast!

Adult Faith Formation Opportunities



THURSDAY EVENING ADULT FAITH STUDY

Jesus is our savior, our redeemer, our Lord, and our God. Our belief in Jesus is what makes us who we are as Catholics, as Christians, but do we really know him as we should? Is Jesus a part of your life, or is he at the center of your life as he should be? We invite you to make him the center of your life by joining us for *Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life*, a 10-week video study program that explores the entirety of Jesus' life and what he means for us as Catholics today. St. Andrew will begin the Jesus study on Thursday, January 20 at 6:30pm in the St. Andrew Room of the Parish Office Building. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri, followed by a lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information, contact Paula Hellenbrand at 239-770-4722 or paula@encorerealty.com. The Registration Fee is \$20, which includes the workbook for the study. Registration is now open; visit our parish website (www.standrewrcc.org) for the link to register online. We hope you can join us!

WALKING WITH PURPOSE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY MOVES TO WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

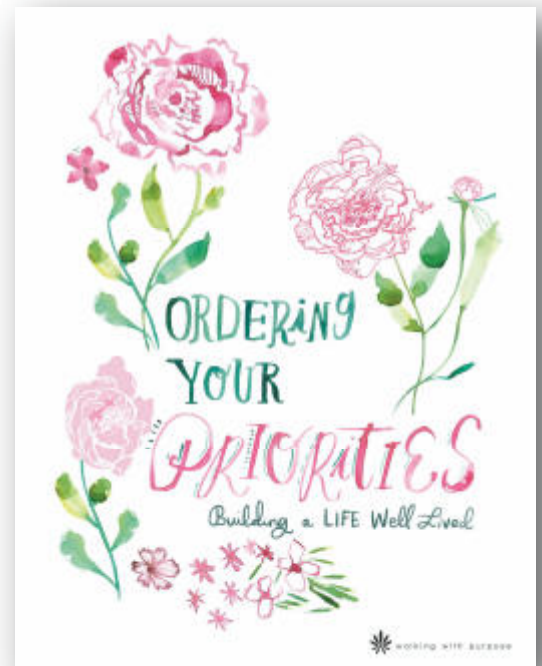
Program Description

Another glass of wine, just one more episode on Netflix, a little more scrolling on Instagram...Women are numbing out at ever-increasing rates. Why? What is it about our lives that makes us feel so overwhelmed? What might change if we figured out how to build lives that we like?

Ordering Your Priorities: Building a Life Well Lived is an immensely practical Bible study that will help you put the most important things first. We'll begin by paying attention to the One who made us, because He can best tell us what we need for our lives to run well.

Program Details

Wednesday mornings, 10—11:30am, beginning on Jan 19, running for 8 sessions, in the St Andrew Parish Hall. While open to all women, a special invitation is offered to mothers of young children as Child Care will be provided. The Program Fee is \$30 and includes a program workbook and hospitality. Registration is required and available online. Visit our parish website (www.standrewrcc.org) for the link. For more information, contact Cyra Badilla at cyracyrill@gmail.com or 239-887-0805. We look forward to welcoming you!



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION FOR ADULTS

If you're an adult who has never received the Sacrament of Confirmation, now is the time to do something about it! If you'd like to qualify to be a godparent or Confirmation sponsor for a young one in your life, you need this Sacrament. Contact Jerry Harrington, St. Andrew's Director of Faith Formation at jharrington@standrewrcc.org or by calling the Faith Formation Office at 239.574.2411 to set up a conversation to determine what you would need to do to prepare for this sacrament. Adults receive Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday at the Cathedral in Venice (June 5 in 2022). Deadline for the initial interview is February 5. You're invited to a conversation!



PEW AND STATION DONATIONS

Now that our new Pews are installed, we will be transferring names that were on our old pews to a plaque on the Living Wall that is located in the Hallway of the Sacristy.

As well, everyone who has donated to the new pews and/or the construction of the Outdoor Stations of the Cross will be listed on a plaque.

Donation amounts for those to be placed on our Living Wall are as follows for both projects

Silver Donor - \$500 - \$1,999

Gold Donor - \$2,000 and above

A big Thank You to those who have already donated to these projects.

Donations will be accepted through March 31, 2022

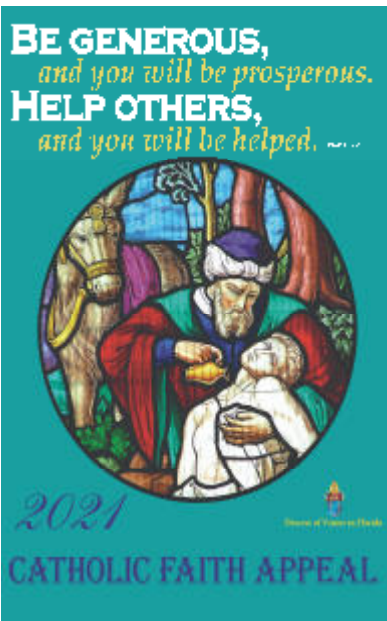
and there are now PINK envelopes in the pews for your convenience

For Pew General Donations

<https://standrewrcc.weshareonline.org/churchpewdonations>

For Station General Donations

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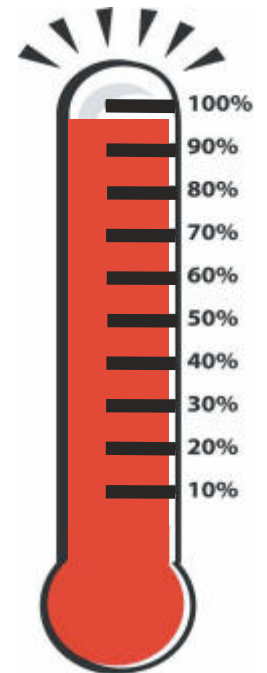


Catholic Faith Appeal - \$305,000

2021	Pledged	Paid to date	Participation %
February	\$50,959	\$28,786	3.49
March	\$132,880	\$88,229	7.36
April	\$184,708	\$137,725	10.55
May	\$206,199	\$161,875	12.03
June	\$225,094	\$188,601	13.31
July	\$237,456	\$207,008	13.81
August	\$245,542	\$220,457	14.17
September	\$250,618	\$232,230	14.39
October	\$271,867	\$258,150	14.68
November	\$278,915	\$271,059	15.33
December	\$292,246	\$286,191	15.71

Level of Household Participation

2020	2019	2018	2017
16.4	17.3	16.9	17.1



OUR PARISH ONCE AGAIN SHOWS HEART!

With all of your efforts, it seems as if we will once again make our 2021 CFA GOAL. The figures above show our support as of December 9th, 2021. So for the remaining weeks of collections for 2021, we most likely will meet our CFA Goal by the end of this year. We are truly blessed as a parish family, and by those who are visitors that give to this appeal, that our hearts are truly compassionate and giving.

We wish to thank everyone who pledged or donated thus far to help with this important cause.



CONSAGRACIÓN A JESÚS POR MARIA



CON EL APOYO DEL PADRE EDUARDO COLL Y ORGANIZADO POR EL CENACULO DE LA VIRGEN MARIA, 88 HERMANOS DE LA COMUNIDAD DE SAN ANDRES, SE CONSAGRARON A JESUS POR MARIA, EL PASADO 8 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2021, EN LA SOLEMNIDAD DE LA INMACULADA CONCEPCION.

DURANTE 8 MESES LOS FELIGRESES HICIERON SU PREPARACION, LA CLAUSURA FUE PRESIDIDA POR EL PADRE CLAUDIO STWART, DIRECTOR DE LA PASTORAL HISPANA DE LA DIOCESIS DE VENICE; QUIEN, EN LA CONFERENCIA, HIZO ENFASIS EN LA IMPORTANCIA DE CONSAGRARSE AL SACRATISIMO CORAZON DE JESUS Y AL INMACULADO CORAZON DE MARIA.

FELICIDADES A TODOS, QUE MARIA SANTISIMA SIGA
LENANDOLOS DE BENDICIONES!



MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

¡Feliz Navidad a todos los hombres y mujeres del mundo, que aún creen a pesar de todo lo que han sufrido por la pandemia, Dios está presente entre nosotros! “Juan dio testimonio de él; dijo muy fuerte: Del yo hablaba al decir: El que ha venido detrás de mí ya está delante de mí, porque era antes que yo” (Juan 1:15). Uno de tantos regalos que la Navidad nos trae es muy peculiar: dar testimonio y ser testigos del amor de Dios en este tiempo que estamos viviendo. Otro regalo es la paz, sí, esa paz que tanto necesitamos en la familia, en la sociedad y en nuestro corazón, para poder cantar como los ángeles y los pastores: “Gloria a Dios en lo más alto del cielo y en la tierra

paz a los hombres; ésta es la hora de su gracia” (Lucas 2:14).

Cada Navidad, Dios nos habla por medio de su Hijo, y esta no es la excepción. Felices todas las personas que de buen agrado y con el corazón abierto aceptan todas sus gracias. Felices todos los que en esta Navidad son mensajeros de la Buena Nueva de Dios, en la familia, en la escuela, en el trabajo y en la sociedad. “Qué hermoso es ver correr sobre los montes al mensajero que anuncia la paz, al mensajero que trae la buena nueva, que pregona la salvación” (Isaías 52:7). ¿Qué gracias y regalos recibiste en esta Navidad? ¿Qué anuncias tú, y a quién se lo anuncias? ¡Feliz Navidad y un abrazo de paz! ©LPi

EL MINISTERIO DE PADRES Y MADRES ORANTES



Les invita a unírnos en oracion por nuestros hijos y los hijos del mundo entero. Frente a Jesus sacramentado. El primer viernes de cada mes apartir de las 4:45pm a las 6:20pm. Los esperamos.

Lugar: Capilla de San Andres



CAMINA POR LOS POBRES

Sábado, 19 de febrero 2022

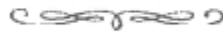
Saint Andrew Catholic Church

School News

Dear St. Andrew Catholic Church Parishioners,

Our annual St. Andrew Catholic School \$10,000 Cash Raffle is fast approaching. We invite you to participate in the excitement of winning a total of \$12,500, with prizes to be awarded on Saturday, February 26.

We have included two books of 10 tickets each for you and a friend to enter the Raffle. If you would like to request more tickets, please email us at mcasagrande@standrewcs.org.



1st Prize - **\$10,000** * 2nd Prize - **\$1,500** * 3rd Prize - **\$1,000**
Donations are: \$3 for one ticket, \$10 for four tickets, or \$20 for the whole book of TEN!!



Remember.... you have to be in it to win it!!

The funds raised promote academic excellence with the integration of our Catholic faith. We respectfully ask that you consider an extra book of raffle tickets either for yourself, a family member or friend. With your very special support, we will continue building faith, hearts and minds in a strong, faith-filled, academic environment where the children are taught good moral values and a strong service ethic.

Please complete the top stub of the tickets, tear them off, and return the completed stubs with your donation in the attached envelope to St. Andrew Catholic School. God bless you, good luck, and thank you for your support!

Sincerely,



David M. Nelson
Principal



Fr. Eduardo Coll
Parish Administrator

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
 Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
 Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
 Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-1

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PLANNED PARENTHOOD ROSARY

Join United Prayer Vigils for Life in ending abortion by joining us year-round Monday to Friday (9:00am–12:00pm) at Planned Parenthood, 6418 Commerce Park Drive in Fort Myers. The Blessed Mother is waiting for you. The Rosary will be said around 9:00 am. For more information email: paulmuri2@gmail.com.



CONGRATULATIONS FR ANAND

We the parish of St. Andrew Catholic Church offer prayers of thanksgiving and praise for December 27 is the anniversary of the Ordination of our own Parochial Vicar Father Anand. We thank him for his service to us and wish him the best in his ministry.



LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE

If you have a medical need to avoid gluten, please see our sacristan at least 10 minutes prior to Mass to request a low-gluten host.



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

December 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Diocese of Venice in Florida has been blessed with dedicated Priests and Religious, and together we pray for the Lord to continue to send holy workers for His vineyard. With this letter, I once again kindly invite you to support the Diocese's efforts to provide for the Seminary Formation and discernment of those called to the Priesthood.

Each year, the Annual Seminary Collection plays an important role in providing the funds needed to assist the Diocese's seminarians with tuition, room and board, health care, transportation, and other expenses. Funding from the Collection also helps in the recruitment of potential seminarians. By means of your generous donations and steadfast spiritual support, you journey together on the path of Faith with the future Priests of the Diocese.

Parishes in the Diocese of Venice will hold the Annual Seminary Collection at the Vigil Masses on January 1 and Sunday Masses on January 2, 2022. Thank you for your continuing support for the Seminary Formation and discernment of Diocesan Seminarians, and for your prayers for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

I take this opportunity to extend to each of you the assurances of my prayers for the New Year. Have a Blessed and Healthy New Year!

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

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 Fr. Thobias
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Please pray for our
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 Josephine Casabene

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 27

9:00 +/* John Hudgens Family
 + Sal & Livia Daria

Tuesday, December 28

9:00 * Viviana Howard
 + Kenneth George

Wednesday, December 29

9:00 + Sylvia Ortiz-Montes
 + Eileen McGlynn

Thursday, December 30

9:00 + Annamma Thomas
 + Leroy Hurley

Friday, December 31

9:00 * Will Swiggum
 * Viviana Howard
 4:00p Members of St. Andrew
 6:00p +/* Luis & Marco Olivares

Saturday, January 1

9:00 * Xiomara Perez & Family
 3:30 +/* Conning & Pokorny Families
 5:00 * Fr. Eduardo Coll

Sunday, January 2

7:30 + Joseph & Vincencia Gogola
 & Family
 + Marco Esposito
 9:00 + Miriam Garin
 + Patricia O'Conor
 10:30 + Edward Baran
 + Maria Fuentes
 12:00 + Mercedes Manzur
 + David Delgado
 +/* Luis y Marco Olivares

FAITH MATTERS

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CHRISTMAS POSSIBILITIES

To write this column, I begin by reading the Gospel of the weekend, seeing what word or phrase the Holy Spirit prompts me to reflect upon. But for this weekend, there are 5 different Gospels! Christmas Vigil Mass aka Christmas Eve, Mass during the Night aka Midnight Mass, Mass at Dawn aka 7:30 am Mass, Mass during the Day (9, 10:30, and noon), and the one for the Feast of Holy Family (4pm on Christmas and Sunday Masses). All of the Christmas Masses share different parts of the Christmas Story (Joseph's dream to marry Mary, the angels announcing to the shepherds, the shepherds coming to the baby, John's poetic "and the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us") and Holy Family this year is the Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple. And reading all these, I began to ponder this question: "why do we make such a fuss about a baby born over 2000 years ago?!" In other words, before age 33 when he began his public ministry of miracles and teaching, Jesus was a baby, anonymous. Some shepherds made a fuss. A trio of astrologers came to visit. Mary kept it all in her heart (Luke 2:19). Why do we need to print more than double our usual bulletins for these Masses? What's so special about this particular little infant? Why does he inspire such devotion, such attention, such hope? What's your answer? Mine came during a recent Family Faith Formation session in which families were working together to do activities that taught them about their faith. But one dad was on his own with 3 boys, one of which was a toddler 2-year old who only wanted to run around, keeping his dad from working with his elder boys. I offered to take the child with me on an errand across the parking lot to retrieve a book from my office. The child agreed, leaning into my arms, and letting me carry him to and from my office. As I looked into his beautiful face, full of innocence and wonder, I was once again taken by the fact that children, by their nature alone, can cause such hope and joy to well within us because of their own childish nature. In them we see so much potential. And by knowing the end of Jesus' story (spoiler alert: he triumphs over death after being crucified), knowing that he perfectly fulfilled his potential to become the Savior of the World, the beginning of His story resonates with that ending, at which we can imagine the beautiful face of the baby Jesus and feel the hope and joy we know can be fulfilled because of Him. Christmas is a time to consider possibilities, potentiality. What might come into your life in 2022? What hope, wish, dream, aspiration, or goal might come to fruition? What beautiful possibility might be born and do some growing in your life?



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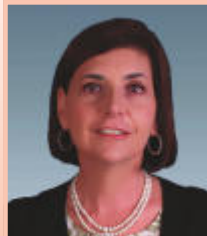
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