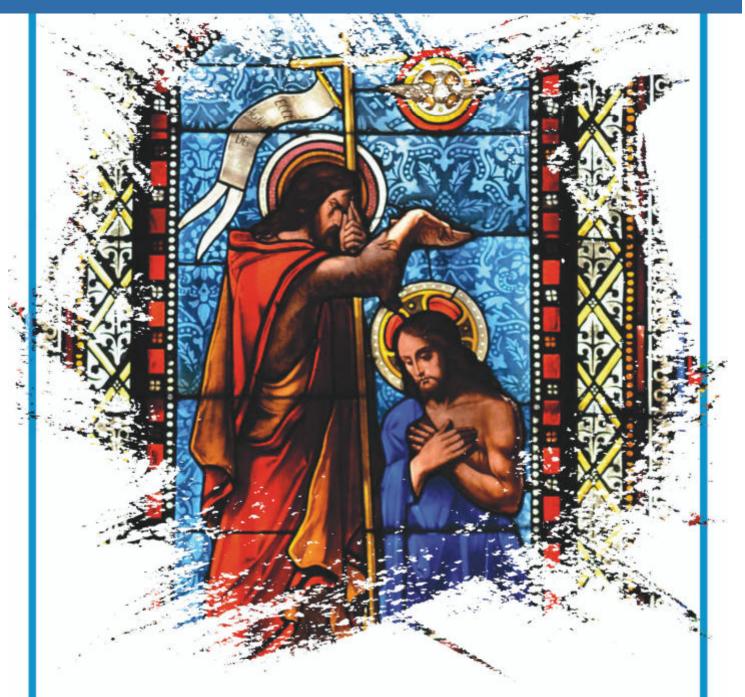
# St. Andrew Catholic Church



## HEAVEN WAS OPENED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT DESCENDED UPON HIM. - LK 3:21

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SE ABRIÓ EL CIELO Y EL ESPÍRITU SANTO BAJÓ SOBRE ÉL EN FORMA SENSIBLE. - LC 3, 21

EL BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR

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## The Baptism of the Lord

#### 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: Friday:** 7-8:30p 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 f<u>or Priests</u>

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

## 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

## 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

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

## Coordinators

Parish Website

#### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Ministers of Holy Communion: Parish Office, 239-574-4545 Min. de la Eucaristía: Parish Office, 239-574-4545 Ministers of the Word (Lectors): Larry Edwards, 575-621-5550 Min. de la Palabra (Lectores): Maggie Taverez, 239-322-2397 Altar Servers: Mary Trobiano, mtrobiano@standrewrcc.org Monaguillos: Ani Vergez, 239-245-4750 Ushers/Greeters: Carmen D'Amore, 239-673-8100 Or Cyndi Willenborg, 239-910-6136 Ushers (Español): Jose Seda, 239-671-5750 Liturgical Arts: Mary Ann Logue, 239-945-7797 Music Ministry (Choirs & Cantors): Tom James, 239-574-4545 Coro Hispano: Ingrid Olivarez, 239-265-8868

#### PRAYER GROUPS / RELIGIOUS MINISTRIES

Blue Army Prayer: Elizabeth Culleton, 239-458-8969 Charismatic (CFC) Prayer Group: Richard Knutson, 651-210-8096 Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Josefa Damisch, 239-549-1594 Cursillo (Español): Maria Santiago, 239-573-8119 Divinia Misericordia Hispano: Belinda Moreno, 954-736-6910 Grupo de Oración: Margarita Gonzalez, 440-396-0280 Cenacle of the Virgin Mary (Spanish): Maripily Cruz, 786-230-4270 Padres y Madres Orantes: Ingrid Plazas, 239-565-1386 Legion of Mary: Josefa Damisch, 239-549-1594 Divine Will: Frauke Micklisch, 239-851-6372 Monday/Friday Adoration: Juan Ortiz-Medina, 239-282-1403 Daily Rosary: Carol Rock, 239-277-1107 Parish Vocation Team: Parish Office. 239-574-4545

#### YOUTH MINISTRY

Coordinator: Jerry Harrington, 239-574-2411 Boy Scout Troop 34: Brian Weller, 239-849-8606 Cub Scout Pack 34: Rafael Varela, 954-868-5735 Girl Scouts: Maris Lebid, 239-850-2101

#### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

RCIA: Jerry Harrington, 239-574-2411 Adult Confirmation: Jerry Harrington, 239-574-2411 Third Thursdays: Jerry Harrington, 239-574-2411 Catholics Returning Home: Parish Office, 239-574-4545

#### SERVICE, SUPPORT, SOCIAL

Welcoming Committee: Ronnie Shamieh, 239-574-4545 St. Vincent de Paul: Mary Bauer, 715-410-8868 Council of Catholic Women: Toni Insolia, 239-945-4623 Respect Life: Julie Casey, 239-699-4461 Knights of Col. 3rd degree: Tommy Rizzo, 239-896-2099 Knights of Col. 4th degree: Jack Marandino, 239-220-4174 Ladies Auxiliary: Dolores Neelon, 239-677-1430 Food Donation: Parish Office, 239-574-4545 Men's Fellowship: Bill Eggers, 239-945-0876 Caballeros de Colón: Ramon Batista, 239-849-4709



# From the Pastor

### HOW GOOD IS TO START 2022 IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

As 2022 begins, the whole world prepares to welcome the new year with parties and fireworks; but many forget to celebrate it with God, owner of life and time. That is why we share this prayer with you to pray together with your family, community or friends.

It is recommended to be around the creche or manger. Together begin by saying: "In the name of the Father ..."

Then pray the following:

"Lord, God, owner of time and eternity, yours is today and tomorrow, the past and the future. At the end of this year, we want to thank you for all that we receive from you.

Thank you for life and love, for the flowers, the air and the sun, for the joy and the pain, for how much is possible and for what could not be. We offer you what we did this year, the work we were able to do, the things that passed through our hands and what we were able to build with them.

We present to you the people that throughout these months we loved, the new friends and the old ones we met, those closest to us and those who are farther away, those who gave us their hand and those we were able to help, with those of us who share life, work, pain and joy.

But also, Lord, today we want to ask your forgiveness, forgiveness for the lost time, for the money wasted badly, for the useless word and the wasted love.

Sorry for the empty works and poor work done, and sorry for living without enthusiasm. Also, for the prayer that little by little was postponed and that until now I have come to offer you. For all the forgetfulness, carelessness and silences, I again ask your forgiveness.

A few minutes before starting a new year, I stop my life before the new calendar still without initiating and I present to you these days that only you know if I will get to live them.

Today I ask you for me and mine peace and joy, strength and prudence, clarity and wisdom. I want to live each day with optimism and kindness, carrying around a heart full of understanding and peace.

Close my ears to all falsehood and my lips to lying, selfish, biting or hurtful words. Instead, open my being to all that is good, may my spirit be filled only with blessings and pour them out in my path. Amen."

(Adaptation from ACIPRENSA.COM)

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a great opportunity to accept the invitation to prayer offered in the above article. St. Andrews offers three chances every week to spend some time with Jesus in adoration:

Mondays, 7 — 8:30 pm Fridays, 2:30 — 4:30 pm (with Divine Mercy chaplet at 3:00 pm) Saturdays, 6:30—8:00 pm (*simultaneous with Saturday evening Confessions*)

Adoration is also extended to 6:30pm on the First Friday of the month, followed by a First Friday Mass in Spanish.



## The Baptism of the Lord



#### 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

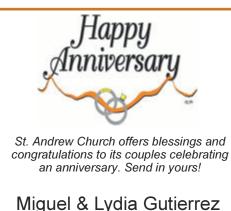
January 27—Fun time in the New Year, at our **Card Party** on Thursday, Jan 27 at Noon in the Parish Hall. You bring your games and your friends...we bring the food. All for only \$10. Proceeds donated to St. Andrew Parish. Call Rose for reservations - 458-4744.



#### 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.



January 9—55 years



## Ave Maria March For Life

Saturday, January 22, 2022 ~ 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM Organized and Sponsored By: Ave Maria Catholic Church Respect Life Ministry Ave Maria University (AMU) Community Pregnancy Clinics, Inc. (CPCI) Featuring Pro-Life Speaker: Pam Stenzel Special Guest: Bishop Frank Dewane, Diocese of Venice

Each year, for forty-nine years, pro-life Americans have steadfastly remained strong in their conviction and commitment to stand up for the protection of the unborn. Their efforts will not waver nor cease. It is our firm conviction as Catholics that, "Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life." (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2270). This conviction has been a part of the Church's constant witness since the Apostolic age and has inspired millions to defend human life at every stage.

On January 22nd, members of the Ave Maria Catholic Church Respect Life Ministry, along with Ave Maria University (AMU) and Community Pregnancy Clinics, Inc. (CPCI), will be organizing a March For Life in recognition of the right to life of every human being from conception to natural death. All faiths are welcome to join us for this first time event in Ave Maria. We encourage both young and old, singles and families, ministry groups, etc., to join us. The march begins from the AMU football field.

For more information on registering small or large groups, gathering area, route, speakers, questions, etc, contact Sharon Levesque at: amprespectlifeministry@gmail.com.



"I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child..." - Mother Teresa

## The Baptism of the Lord

# **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 <u>larryedwards1@gmail.com</u>.



**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 volunteers once per month to help at our 9am and 12noon Mass times getting the food from the vestibules of the Church to the South Entrance. As well, volunteers are needed to carry food from our storage room at the South Entrance of the Church to the Truck that comes to pick up the food after the 12noon Mass. If interested in helping, please call Robin at 239-574-4545 x102. Thank you!



IN MEMORY OF FATHER DOMINIK POLISH AMERICAN CUISINE & MUSIC AT ST. ANDREW PARISH HALL JANUARY 22, 2022 APPETIZER 5:30PM DINNER 6:30PM

# MENU

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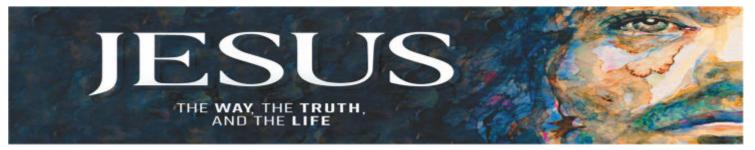
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# Adult Faith Formation Opportunities



#### 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

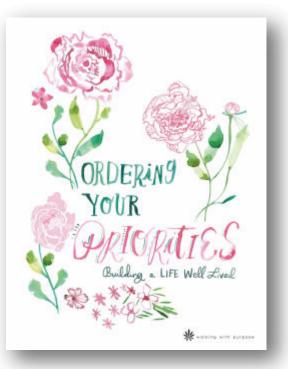
#### **Program Description**

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!

## The Baptism of the Lord



## **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**

https://standrewrcc.weshareonline.org/stationsofthecrossdonation

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	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	_
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Wise Men Seek Him Still

Due to the Holiday Season, we did not receive an update on our figures. Hopefully in the next week or two we will have good news to share!



Se acerca el fin del 2021 y el mundo entero se prepara para recibir el nuevo año con fiestas y fuegos artificiales, pero muchos olvidan de celebrarlo con Dios, dueño de la vida y el tiempo. Por ello te compartimos esta oración para rezarla junto con tu familia, comunidad o amigos antes de la medianoche del 31 de diciembre.

Se recomienda estar alrededor del nacimiento o pesebre. Juntos comienzan diciendo: "En el nombre del Padre..."

"Señor, Dios, dueño del tiempo y de la eternidad, tuyo es el hoy y el mañana, el pasado y el futuro. Al terminar este año queremos darte gracias por todo aquello que recibimos de ti.

Gracias por la vida y el amor, por las flores, el aire y el sol, por la alegría y el dolor, por cuanto fue posible y por lo que no pudo ser. Te ofrecemos cuanto hicimos en este año, el trabajo que pudimos realizar, las cosas que pasaron por nuestras manos y lo que con ellas pudimos construir.

Te presentamos a las personas que a lo largo de estos meses quisimos, las amistades nuevas y los antiguos que conocimos, los más cercanos a nosotros y los que estén más lejos, los que nos dieron su mano y aquellos a los que pudimos ayudar, con los que compartimos la vida, el trabajo, el dolor y la alegría.

Pero también, Señor, hoy queremos pedirte perdón, perdón por el tiempo perdido, por el dinero mal gastado, por la palabra inútil y el amor desperdiciado.

Perdón por las obras vacías y por el trabajo mal hecho, y perdón por vivir sin entusiasmo. También por la oración que poco a poco se fue aplazando y que hasta ahora vengo a presentarte. Por todos los olvidos, descuidos y silencios, nuevamente te pido perdón.

A pocos minutos de iniciar un nuevo año, detengo mi vida ante el nuevo calendario aún sin estrenar y te presento estos días que sólo tú sabes si llegaré a vivirlos.

Hoy te pido para mí y los míos la paz y la alegría, la fuerza y la prudencia, la claridad y la sabiduría. Quiero vivir cada día con optimismo y bondad llevando a todas partes un corazón lleno de comprensión y paz.

Cierra tú mis oídos a toda falsedad y mis labios a palabras mentirosas, egoístas, mordaces o hirientes. Abre en cambio mi ser a todo lo que es bueno, que mi espíritu se llene sólo de bendiciones y las derrame a mi paso. Amén."

(Adaptacion de Aciprensa.com)

#### LA COLECTA PARA LA IGLESIA EN AMÉRICA LATINA

La próxima semana realizaremos la Colecta para la Iglesia en América Latina. Para muchos en América Latina y el Caribe, una creciente cultura secular, terrenos rurales difíciles y una escasez de ministros son obstáculos para practical la fe. Su apoyo a la colecta proporciona capacitación para el liderazgo laico, la catequesis, la formación para sacerdotes y religiosos y otros programas para compartir nuestra fe católica con aquellos que anhelan escuchar la Buena Nueva de Cristo. Para informarse más sobre cómo sus donativos hacen una diferencia, visiten www.usccb.org/latin-ameria.



# 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.

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# 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!!

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

The funds raised promote academic excellence with the integration of our Catholic faith. We repectfully 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

## The Baptism of the Lord

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17 Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

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#### THIS WEEKEND

This weekend, Jan 8 & 9, is our monthly Food Donation Weekend. St. Andrew Church invites everyone to bring in nonperishable food donations on the first Sunday of each month to be left at the entrances to church where they are picked up by the Cape Coral Caring Center, a local food pantry, as well as Catholic Charities.

PLEASE NOTE: the *only* time to bring donated food to church is on the donation weekend as the food is collected <u>that Sunday</u> from the main church.

We can no longer accept donations in the parish office on other days, <u>and if you</u> <u>forget your donations</u>, <u>please wait for the next donation weekend</u> (or) <u>we</u> <u>encourage you to donate directly to the recipient agencies</u>.

Thank you in advance for your generosity to our less fortunate brothers and sisters in this area.

We need volunteers once per month to help at our 9am and 12noon Mass times getting the food from the vestibules of the Church to the South Entrance. As well, volunteers are needed to carry food from our storage room at the South Entrance of the Church to the Truck that comes to pick up the food after the 12noon Mass. If interested in helping, please call Robin at 239-574-4545 x102. Thank you!

#### **MEET DEACON STEVE JAVIE, FORMER NBA REFEREE**

All men are invited to join us on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at St. Cecilia for our Father/Son/Grandson night. Steve Javie worked as an NBA referee for 25 years including officiating 23 Finals games and 2 All-Star games. Following his career in the NBA, Steve felt called to become a Deacon and currently serves at St. Andrew parish in Pennsylvania. Join us and listen to him speak about, "Challenging the Call".

Faith & Ale is a Catholic Men's group. The program begins at 6 PM with pizza and refreshments for a \$10 donation and concludes at 8 PM. Reservations are required – please register online at www.faithandale.com .

## PLANNED PARENTHOOD ROSARY

Join United Prayer Vigils for Life in ending abortion by joining us yearround 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 info email: paulmuri2@gmail.com.

## ULTREYA

All Cursillistas are invited to attend the Cape Coral/ Pine Island Ultreya on Friday, January 28 at St Katharine Drexel, Faith Formation Bldg WEST, 1922 SW 20th Ave. Meeting begins at 7pm. Come join us. Bring a snack to share if you wish.

#### NEXT WEEK: CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA SECOND COLLECTION

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

#### 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. <u>Please contact your local parish office for reservations no later than a week before your chosen date.</u>

## The Baptism of the Lord

## Prayer Requests

## Mass Intentions

## Please pray for:

Fr. Jim Burke Fr. Andrew Malarz Fr. Ed Przygocki Fr. Timothy Murphy Fr. Thobias Ana Maria M de Coll Trudy DeCarolis Ruth Kalinowski **Jimmy Phillips** Katia Cardena Peter Savino Ana Gonzalez Patricia Murray Lourdes Rodriguez Katrina Beralla **Patricia Myers** Larry Moberly Michael Canciglia Miriam M. Franco Bernardino Rogate Joe Mazurkiewicz Walter Eliuk & Family Nancy Flynn **Rita Reinhart Cherry Gonzales** Joseph Beato Carmen & Rose D'Amore **Dolores Neelon** Mary Gross Casey DeSantis Darrel Reidinger Lori Reidinger Saige Reidinger

Esperanza Collazos de Malca Roger Phillips

# Please pray for our beloved deceased:

Felcja Derron Mary Marino Emmanuel Correa Fame Academia Elizabeth Culleton Jorge Frias

- Monday, January 10 7:30 \* 2nd Lt. Matt Hernandez
  - & Family
  - + Kaitlin Michelle Billy
- 9:00 + Raymond Salvacion + John & Marie Lynch

#### Tuesday, January 11

- 7:30 + Andrew Calandriello
- + Ron DelBianco 9:00 + Bill Ulmer
  - + Eligio LaTorre

## Wednesday, January 12

- 7:30 + Jane Longo + Janie Guydosik
- 9:00 + Lois Knott
  - + Lilian Washington

#### Thursday, January 13

- 7:30 + Jean Hamel + Georgina Arnau
- 9:00 +/\* John Hudgens Family + Joseph Campanaro
- Friday, January 14
- 7:30 + Andrew Calandriello
- + George E. Chandler
- 9:00 + Patrick Coniff + Bobby Griffin

#### Saturday, January 15

- 9:00 \* Dr. Larina Gioacchini + Brian Stuart
- 3:30 + James A. Podleski + Jim & Kira Mammoser
- 5:00 Members of St. Andrew

## Sunday, January 16

- 7:30 Santo Niño + Eleanor Lezzi
- 9:00 + Robert L. Schultz + Teresa Dean
- 10:30 + John Butrim Sr.
  - + Edward Baran
- 12:00 + Isais Poveda
  - + Sylvino Martinez

## **FAITH MATTERS**

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#### **RISKING DISAPPOINTMENT**

Happy (secular calendar) New Year! Due to early publisher deadlines this is the first column I'm writing in 2022, still early enough that all those 2's look weird and definitely feel weird to write! The beginning of a year naturally prompts consideration of goals, dreams, and hopes for what's to come (hopefully better than has come before!). I'm reading a book (a Christmas present to myself) titled Atlas of the Heart by Brené Brown. It seeks to articulate a comprehensive vocabulary of emotion and experiences from the premise that having language to describe what we feel helps us better relate to what we feel. I recently read the section titled "Places We God When Things Don't Go As Planned: Boredom, Disappointment, Expectations, Regret, Discouragement, Resignation, Frustration." Sounds cheery, right?! But what most caught my attention was this quote: "There are too many people in the world today who decide to live disappointed rather than risk feeling disappointment." (page 51). The book defines disappointment as unmet expectations (page 42). And many decide to lower expectations rather than risk greater disappointment. Can you relate? Ever think to yourself, 'well, if I don't get my hopes up and things go well then I can be surprised instead of setting myself up.' I think most of us have done that at least sometimes. But the quote points to the tragedy of doing it all the time, since as humans we're wired for hope, created to yearn for an eternity of joy (aka heaven). Jesus reminds us "I came that you might have life, and have it more abundantly." (John 10:10). Today's Gospel begins, "The people were filled with expectation," asking in their hearts if John was their savior, their Messiah. Do you have the courage to risk disappointment by being 'filled with expectation' this new year? Have you spent any time dreaming? Imagining how things could be different, could be better? I'm certainly trying to do so. I wrote a few weeks back about the fact that I'm in a midlife kind of place, transitioning out of having little kids and into having adolescents and soon to be young adults. I continue to wrestle with the question: what are my goals, dreams, hopes, expectations for this next part of my life? My wife and I are having conversations like "what can we realistically (read: financially afford) to accomplish this year, in the next three years, in the next five?" Visions of painting walls, replacing carpet, paying off credit card debt, taking trips dance through these conversations. God calls us to be a people of expectations, of hope, of dreams. What's ahead for you in this new year? Had any good dreams lately?





