



# Saint Andrew Parish

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“When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.” *Acts 1:9*

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# Parish Information

*If you need to make contact with the parish staff, please call 773-255-3016 and leave a message.*

## Parish-wide Closures:

All Saint Andrew Parish buildings are **closed to the public**. The Archdiocese has established protocols for limited reopenings and a Reopening Team has been assembled to begin the process of limited church services. The team has determined that the soonest Saint Andrew parish might be able to offer a service such as a baptism, funeral, or time for private prayer might be May 31, 2020. The entire announcement can be viewed at [www.standrew.org/reopeningannouncement](http://www.standrew.org/reopeningannouncement)

Please visit the parish website at [www.standrew.org](http://www.standrew.org) for up to date information. Meanwhile, the parish staff is working remotely with periodic check-ins. If you need to make contact with the parish staff, please call 773-525-3016 and leave a message. Someone on staff will check voicemails every half hour from M-F 8:00am to 8:00pm and on Saturday and Sunday from 8:00am to 2:00pm.

## Saint Andrew Parish Happy Hour Zoom Call

Friday, May 29, 2020 at 7:00pm

Join us on Zoom for Friday night cocktail and conversations with Fr. Sergio Romo and friends from Saint Andrew.

Log into Zoom and use the following meeting ID and password to join the call.

Meeting ID: 847 0560 5206  
Password: 070290



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# Pastoral Letter

by David Heimann, Pastoral Associate



*"The literal meaning of 'quarantine' is 40 days."*

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of Jesus. Many older Catholics may remember that this feast was usually celebrated on a Thursday. The change from Thursday to Sunday came a few years back when the bishops wanted to make the celebration more accessible to the faithful. The move from Thursday to Sunday may not be on the thoughts of many people these days but I find it important to recall why the feast was originally on Thursday.

Ascension Thursday is exactly 40 days after Easter which is itself preceded by a 40-day period of Lent. Here is why that is important given our recent experience as a society.

We all know that we have been living under a stay-at-home order for the last several weeks. Sometimes people slip and say that we've been under "quarantine." According to Merriam dictionary, the first definition offered for "quarantine" is "a period of 40 days" (from the Latin root for "four" and/or "forty") The word was co-opted by the medical profession when doctors ordered that anyone with severe sickness needed to spend 40 days in isolation. Over time, the use of the word for medical purposes became dominant and we generally forgot that the literal meaning of "quarantine" is 40 days.

The next question a religious educator such as myself asks whenever a number like "40" pops up within cult or culture is "What else in the Christian tradition has the number 40 attached to it?" Answers should quickly populate our memory. There are 40 days and nights of rain in the great flood of Noah's Ark (which was also followed by 40 days of sailing before Noah and the animals got off the boat). That is echoed by the Israelites spending 40 years wandering in the desert before arriving in the promise land. And important to Christians especially, we hear the story of Jesus spending 40 days in the desert before starting his own ministry. Finally, there are the 40 days of Easter leading to Ascension Thursday.

It is gratifying for me when people can recall the details of Biblical history, but it is thrilling to me when someone can tell me what it means. I often spend time in our religious education programs demonstrating that the signs in our faith tradition are not arbitrary. We didn't just gravitate toward numbers like "twelve" just because there were in fact 12 tribes of Israel or because there were 12 Apostles. The number twelve has cosmic meaning. Recall that the moon (generally) has twelve full cycles in a single year. Twelve means that everything is coming together as a unified whole. *(continued on page 4)*



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## (Pastoral Letter Continued...)

The same is true of the number 40. It wasn't just picked randomly. The number 40 was significant because it is the number of weeks (generally) that a child develops in the womb. Knowing this, it is easier to see the meaning ascribed to 40 in the stories of the Bible. The 40 days of rain in the story of Noah and the Ark represent a rebirth of the people of God, especially as they hold onto everything that is dear and good to them (their kin and the animals of the Earth). The 40 years of wandering in the desert is the time in which the people of Israel came to know their relationship with God through the commandments and ultimately birthed their identity as a people. The 40 days of walking with Jesus after his Resurrection incubated Apostle's insight that Jesus was not just a participant in the things of Earth, but his very being belongs to the heavens as well. These are all stories and experiences of... quarantine. They are stories of rebirth and formation, the discovery of something new. And what about now? What about our most recent quarantine?

As there is budding enthusiasm toward opening up churches and restaurants and parks, the religious insight we can harvest from our own quarantine is to ask "What did I discover during the stay-at-home order that leads me to into new life?" The question remaining is, "How will that new life change me going forward?" Like the Apostles looking up to heaven and realizing that Jesus was Lord of Heaven and Earth, may the changes that come from our prescribed quarantine these last few weeks bring us to newness of life.

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## Support the (slow) Reopening of the Church

To complete the requirements needed for reopening the church, we are in need of several volunteers. Volunteers must meet the following criteria and their efforts will make it possible for families in need of important liturgies (funerals, baptisms, weddings, etc) to receive these Sacraments.

- Must be between the ages of 18 and 65
- Not have any underlying health conditions. (ex. diabetes, cancer treatments, etc)
- the ability to participate in online training through webinars
- the ability to attend and participate in liturgical gatherings of less than 10 people intermittently over the next few weeks.

Volunteers will be divided into the following teams: Set-up team, Greeting team, Clean-up team.

To express interest in volunteering, please contact us at [info@standrew.org](mailto:info@standrew.org) or call 773-525-3016.



# Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

## Catholic Social Teaching

Over the past several months, the Learn At Home section has been introducing our parish to the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching (CST). We'd like to take this opportunity to review! Perhaps you can devote one day a week to each theme, learn how to take action, promote awareness, and enact change.

*Life and Dignity of the Human Person* - God made each person, so every life is important and should be protected.

*Call to Family, Community, and Participation* - God made us to be part of communities, families, and countries, so all people can share and help each other.

*Rights and Responsibilities* - God wants us to help make sure everyone is safe and healthy and can have a good life.

*Option for the Poor and Vulnerable* - God wants us to help people who are poor, who don't have enough food, a safe place to live, or a community.

*Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers* - Work is important in God's plan for adults and their families, so jobs and pay should be fair.

*Solidarity* - God made everyone, so we are all brothers and sisters in God's family wherever we live.

*Care for God's Creation* - The world was made by God, so we take care of all creation.

To learn more, check out these [prayer resources and informational videos](#) from Catholic Relief Services. Click on the blue text to access a link to the website.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

### MAY

Saturday Vigil <b>23</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	<b>Acts 1:1-1</b> <b>Eph 1:17-23</b> <b>Mt 28:16-20</b>
Sunday <b>24</b>		+Elaine Laueta +Judith Heimann. +Emma Hlinetzky and +Melvin Sout
Monday Memorial Day <b>25</b>	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	<b>Acts 19:1-8</b> <b>Jn 16:29-33</b> <b>Our departed Parishioners</b>
Tuesday <b>26</b>	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	<b>Acts 20:17-27</b> <b>Jn 17:1-11a</b> <b>Our departed Parishioners</b>
Wednesday <b>27</b>	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	<b>Acts 20:28-38</b> <b>Jn 17:11b-19</b> <b>Our departed Parishioners</b>
Thursday <b>28</b>	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	<b>Acts 22:30; 23:6-11</b> <b>Jn 17:20-26</b> Our departed Parishioners
Friday <b>29</b>	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	<b>Acts 25:13b-21</b> <b>Jn 21:15-19</b> <b>+Patrick Walsh, Jr.</b>
Saturday Pentecost Sunday <b>30</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	<b>Acts 2:1-11</b> <b>1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13</b> <b>Jn 20:19-23</b> Our departed Parishioners
Sunday <b>31</b>		

For daily readings, please visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We would ask you to keep the following people and intentions in your prayers.

For the health and wellbeing of: Katie Lenord, Phyllis, and for all who are recovering from the effects of COVID-19.

For the graduates of schools as they transition and celebrate their accomplishment in the midsts of social distancing.

For the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed including Bernadette McAleenan, Judith Heimann, Marissa Marin, Dick Kopecky, Jean and Edward Daugherty, Petra Romo, Ramon Romo

If you would like us to keep a particular intention in the prayers of the parish, please submit your request to [www.standrew.org/prayers](http://www.standrew.org/prayers) You can also submit a request for the pastoral staff to light a candle in the church using this link. We will include your intentions in this bulletin when possible and the pastoral staff will personally pray for these intentions before the Blessed Sacrament.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Enrich – Expand - Grow	
Income	1,658,292
Interest on Income	23,867
Total Income	1,682,159
Consulting Operating Expense	180,000
Archdiocesan Contribution	196,800
Church Lighting (Actual)	250,517
Church Lighting (Consultant)	10,480
Church Windows (Actual)	156,520
School Addition (Actual)	17,030
Total Expense	811,347
Balance	870,812

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

April, 2020 Offering	
Envelopes Collection	3875
Automated Giving	16,528
Loose Cash	85
Total Offertory	<b>20,488</b>
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	<b>38,500</b>
Easter, 2020	
Envelopes	5,323
Electronic	12,085
Loose	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,483</b>

