



Saint Andrew Parish

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Halloween - All Saint Day
All Souls Day - Dia De Los Muertos
October 31 - November - 1 & 2

Parish Information

Parish Office New Hours:

The parish office has now returned to being open seven days a week. The new hours are Monday through Friday 8:00am to 7:00 pm and Saturdays from 9:00am to 3pm and Sundays from 9:00 am to noon. Parishioners may stop by to make prayer requests, pay Mass stipends, or seek assistance. Please wear masks when entering the office and remain socially distanced.

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

Mass Schedule & Confessions:

All are welcome to join us for Mass at the following times:

Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm, Sunday Morning - 9:00am and 11:00am.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturdays at 3:00pm in the main church.

All Saints Day and All Souls Day

As with all Solemnities in the Church we are called to celebrate as a community the **Solemnity of All Saints**. **Mass will be said on Monday, November 1, 2021 at 7:00pm.** Everyone is encouraged to attend.

On **All Souls Day**, **Mass will be said on Tuesday, November 2 at 7:00pm** for all the faithful departed. Parishioners will be invited to bring photos to place on our altar of remembrance and to light a candle for them in their honor. This Mass will be live streamed at <http://standrew.org/post/all-souls-day-2021/>

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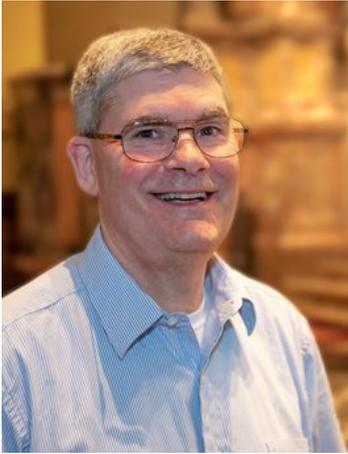
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Pastoral Letter

by Deacon Eric Sorensen



*“Halloween or
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We have all seen the Halloween decorations on sale, even before school started this year. Neighborhoods have been transformed with ghosts, witches, jack-o’-lanterns, lights and eerie sounds. There has been the prevalence of haunted houses, corn mazes, and Halloween costume parties. Halloween has definitely been celebrated, and now, with its conclusion this evening, with children of ‘all ages’ trick-or-treating door to door. But is this prolonged celebration rooted in faith?

Today, October 31, is Halloween. But today is Sunday, the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, the *pinnacle of our faith* in the celebration of mass. So, which are we celebrating - or which should we be celebrating? Actually, in faith we should celebrate both. But first, let us look at a bit of history to understand the faith behind Halloween.

We all know that All Saints Day is on November 1 and All Souls Day is on the second, always following Halloween. Perhaps influence by ancient Celtic customs and beliefs, Nov 1 begins the month in the natural cycle for harvest and dying. These customs brought a natural reflection on the cycle of life, our lives. In our faith the Church memorializes the dead and recognizes Jesus as the Lord of the living and the dead. Thus, we celebrate a memorial month recognizing all the saints, who pray for us from heaven, and all the souls that we pray for, as our faithful departed, undergoing that journey through death to eternal life. This memorial month of November has its historical beginnings on the eve of Oct 31, Halloween.

Halloween or Hallowe’en is of Christian origin, the word meaning “Saints’ evening.” It is a contraction from a Scottish term for *All Hallows’ Eve* or *All Saints’ Eve*. Over time, *(All) Hallow(s) E(v)en* evolved into Hallowe’en. So, All Hallows’ Eve is the Vigil of All Saints Day. In many parts of the world the Vigil is still celebrated with church services and lightning candles on the graves of the dead. Although elsewhere, it is more of a commercial and secular celebration with the Christian origin being lost.

So, this Sunday, Oct 31, we should be celebrating “the source and summit of Christian life,” in our participation in the Eucharistic celebration of Christ. By his Eucharistic sacrifice, we are not only united with the members of Christ’s body on earth, but also with those already in the glory of heaven *-all the saints*. Through his Eucharistic sacrifice, an offering is made for *the faithful departed*, so that they may enter into the light and peace of Christ. And as members of the Body of Christ, we are united with his intercessions with the Father, interceding for all God’s children. (CCC 1368-71)

So, renewed in our unity with Christ’s earthly and divine body by our celebration of mass, let us with confidence intercede during this *All Hallows’ Eve* celebration. Hopefully, we will encourage a few costumed witches to screech out a thanksgiving to the Lord. Perhaps, we meet an earth-bound ghost and guide this one to the light and peace of Christ. And may we offer a treat of candy - and a trick of a holy card of Mother Mary to all the children of ‘all ages!’



Virtual Veterans Day 5K/10K

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Virtual 5k/10k Fun Run/Walk . With the event being virtual, you can choose your own course of either 5k (3.1m) or 10 k (6.2m), walk or run anytime you choose, at your own pace, between the dates of Nov 1st thru Nov 30th. Proceeds will go towards the Gary Sinise Foundation and the Hines VA Hospital Outreach program. Entry fee is \$20.00. Participants will receive a Certificate of Completion in your name or in 'Memory of' or in 'Honor of' someone in the service. Also, you can choose to receive a Medal and/or a commemorative T-shirt at no extra cost. Even if you choose not to walk/run, you can make a donation on our site. Register at www.tinyurl.com/2021KnightsV5K10K . Contact Tom Kaiser at tjkaiser@sprynet.com for more info.



Remember Our Beloved Dead

There will be a Mass of Remembrance to remember all of our beloved dead on the Feast of All Souls, **Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 7:00pm**. In this year when so many people have died, there hasn't always been the space to mourn the loss of our loved ones. Parishioners may bring photos of friends and family who have died in the past year to place on our Altar of Remembrance. During the Mass there will be a chance to light a candle in their honor. If you cannot attend, you are encouraged to send photos those recently deceased to info@standrew.org so they may be included in this year's Altar of Remembrance.



Filling Shoes That Are Hard to Fill

It is difficult to find enough platitudes to describe the extraordinary impact that Mr. Allen Ackermann has had on Saint Andrew while serving as Assistant Principal and now Principal at Saint Andrew School. At the end of last school year, he indicated that this would be his final year of service as principal. While we continue to enjoy his leadership, vision, and enthusiasm, we have begun the search for a new principal at Saint Andrew School for the 2022-23 academic school year. A search committee has been formed and is working with our School Board to find the best candidate. Please pray for this process and the committee's work. We also ask that you help advise individuals to apply when we begin accepting applications.



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

God our Creator

For thousands of years, people have given God different names and attributes. In our Catholic tradition, the triune (three in one) God, exists in a beautiful, mysterious relationship between Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We participate in this relationship too! Our connection to God as part of creation not only compels us to rely on God's love for our very existence, but also calls us to participate as stewards of the earth, in caring for the gift of our planet - the earth, the skies, the water, and all living creatures who live among us.

In Genesis 1:28, God instructs humanity to "Have dominion over [...] all the living things that crawl on the earth." Dominion in this sense does not mean domination - we are not to use and abuse the earth purely for our own pleasure and profit. If we are made in the image and likeness of God, we are also made to reflect God's mercy, grace, love, and respect for all living things.

God places humanity in creation as part of a larger plan, both as members of creation and as trusted guardians.

Do At Home

Watch: Swap your TV shows for a documentary on God's creation.

Read: Writings of Gerard Manley Hopkins, Jesuit priest and poet. Try "God's Grandeur" or "Pied Beauty."

Do: Put on gloves and take a trash bag out to clean up your neighborhood with your family or a couple of friends.

Pray: There are two beautiful prayers at the conclusion of Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si: Care for Our Common Home*. Scroll to the bottom of [this website](#) to find the prayers.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER, 2021

Sunday 31	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Dt 6: 2-6 Heb 7: 23-28 Mk 12: 28b-34 +Thomas Cooney Family+ Dockery Family +Joseph Nguyen Loc and +Alejandro Gagoring
Monday All Saints November 01	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	RV 7: 2-4, 9-14 1 Jn 3: 1-3 Mt 5: 1-12a Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday All Souls 02	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Wis 3: 1-9 Rom 6: 3-9 Jn 6: 37-40 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 03	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Rom 13: 8-10 Lk 14: 35-43 +Sergio Romo, Sr.
Thursday 04	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Rom 14: 7-12 Lk 15: 1-10 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 05	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Rom 15: 14-21 1 Jn 2: 5 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 07	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Kgs 17: 10-16 Heb 9: 24-28 Mk 12: 38-44 +Ann Baker, +Ed Galvin, +Julio Ramirez and +Charles Kraszewich

For daily readings, please visit 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 all who are recovering from the effects of COVID-19 including the ill, the deceased, and those suffering job loss.
- That government leaders find the wisdom and strength to lead our country, states, and municipalities to overcome racial discrimination and injustice. .
- For the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed including +Thomas Cooney Family, +The Dockery Family, +Joseph Nguyen Loc, +Alejandro Gagoring, + Amanda Fildes, + Jazmine Hart and +Sergio Romo, Sr.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Enrich – Expand - Grow	
Income	1,855,847
Interest on Income	32,764
Total Income	1,888,980
Consulting Operating Expense	180,000
Archdiocesan Contribution	196,800
Church Lighting (Actual)	250,517
Church Lighting (Consultant)	10,480
Church Windows (Actual)	157,120
School Addition (Actual)	17,030
Total Expense	811,947
Balance	1,077,033

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

September 2021 Offering	
Envelopes Collection	9,663
Automated Giving	23,163
Loose Cash	1,583
Total Offertory	34,409
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021	
Goal	33,945
Amount Pledged	49,855
Amount Paid	47,685
Balance Due	2,170





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Proceeds raised will help support our sister Parish in Uganda and Saint Andrew's health and wellness programs!



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9am

November 9th March 8th

December 14th April 12th

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November 18th at 6pm!
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