



Saint Andrew Parish

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“Let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body.” Colossians 3:15

Parish Information

Parish Office Hours:

The parish office will continue its normal business hours during the holidays with the following exceptions. **The office will be closed on December 23, 24, 25, and 26. The office will be closed on December 31 and January 1.** While the office is closed, messages will be checked periodically. Please leave a message on our phone or on the website if you have a need from the parish staff.

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 (No Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 26, 2021)
Sunday Morning - 9:00am and 11:00am.

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

Celebrating the Solemnity of Mary

The Solemnity of Mary is **Saturday, January 1, 2022**. Saint Andrew Parish will celebrate Mass on this feast day at 9:00am in the main church.

The evening Mass on Saturday, January 1 at 4:00pm will be said to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, not the Solemnity of Mary.

In 2022, the Solemnity of Mary is a day of holy opportunity in our liturgical year. The obligation to attend Mass has been abrogated this year both because of the pandemic and day of the week of the solemnity.



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Pastoral Letter

by Fr. Sergio Romo



“The good news of God-becoming-human is that we, the human race, are God’s family of choice.”

Dear Friends,

I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Blessed Feast of the Holy Family! Every few years, we are blessed to have three consecutive days of celebrations, between Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and the Solemnity of the Holy Family with a common theme between all three days - **FAMILY**.

A project that I have worked on for many years has been researching my family’s genealogy. Researching my ancestors and where my family came from has been a personally rewarding process. At the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve, we hear Jesus’s genealogy from Saint Matthew. It may seem an odd intrusion to us, having to get through the long recitation of names but recalling his ancestral line can be as rewarding as researching our own personal genealogies.

The genealogy of Jesus helps believers discover Jesus’ importance through his ancestral line. Whereas I had to work backwards, researching my parent’s parents, and their parents to know my genealogy, the genealogy of Jesus works forward, beginning with Abraham, the father of faith. From Abraham, to Isaac, to Jacob, and so on. The genealogy shows us that God vision is looking forward, not backward. In Jesus, God was born into a family that has a destination. Through Baptism, we are brought into that family lineage and we too have a destination, eternal life with God. It is important to remember that God’s choice to enter into a family and to invite us into that same family originates in God, not us.

In recent years, the idea of a “family of choice” has become rather prevalent. Some believers witness a grace-filled presence of God’s love radiating in their biological family. For others, the concept of a loving family may be harder to grasp, especially if the experiences of their own biological families were filled with tensions, hurt, estrangement, addiction, and even abuse. In such situations, people often seek out “families of choice” where they will be assured intimacy, care and support.

The good news of God-becoming-human is that we, the human race, are God’s “family of choice.” God came as a human not because God wanted to find intimacy, care and support, but rather God did this to ensure WE would find intimacy, care and support!

Parishes are also “families of choice.” It used to be that people were just born into a geographical parish and that was that. Nowadays, people choose the parish they feel best addresses their spiritual needs. It is my prayer and hope that everyone who comes to Saint Andrew Parish, whether it be via an in-person Mass, or live-streamed Mass, or by way of a click on our e-bulletin, website or Facebook page, may experience the intimacy, care and support of our loving God born into the human family, as well as the love of the Saint Andrew Parish family.

However and with whomever you will celebrate these holy days, may they be warm and joyous filled with much love and peace. Merry Christmas!

Fr. Sergio Romo



Support the Christmas Appeal

During the Christmas season, Saint Andrew depends on the extraordinary generosity of people like you to make a significant financial gift. This generosity enables Saint Andrew to continue its mission to care for the spiritual needs of the people of Lake View through our school, religious education, worship, outreach, pastoral care, weddings, baptisms, funerals, and more.

Your contribution is vital to our mission! Please contribute to the Christmas Appeal at www.standrew.org/gift

Thank you for your generosity and have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!



Help Feed the Hungry - Volunteer for GCFD

Join volunteers from Saint Andrew on **Saturday, January 22, 2022 from 8:30am to 11:15am** at the Greater Chicago Food Depository to sort food items that will be distributed to food pantries serving the hungry throughout Chicagoland. Your volunteer time and help feed hundreds of people! Contact Nancy Holland at neh213@gmail.com to express interest. Volunteers must be 11 years of age and up. 11 - 15 year-olds must be accompanied by a parent.



Save the Date - Parish Mission

Stress and anxiety are enormous challenges in our world today. Thankfully, God has given us spiritual resources to assist in the management of stress and anxiety.

We'll explore these spiritual resources under the guidance of licensed therapist Mike McCauley (*pictured to the right*) at our joint Parish Mission with Saint Benedict Parish in the evenings on **Sunday, March 20, Monday, March 21, and Tuesday, March 22** in the main church at Saint Andrew. Please make plans to join us in person or via live stream.





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Biddy Basketball (K-3) is Back for 2022!

Sunday afternoons January 9 through February 20, 2022

Starts at 12:30pm - no games 01/30/22

Open to all girls and boys Kindergarten through 3rd Grade—
beginners or experienced!

Biddy basketball includes instruction, games, and a ton of fun for
all. T-shirts and awards are included.

Register today at <http://standrew.org/gather/upcoming-events/biddy-basketball/>
(Fee is \$50 for one child, \$75 for two, or \$100 for three or more)

For more information: standrewbiddy@gmail.com

Fully-vaccinated volunteers wanted

Masks required for all – Spectators limited to parents only





Season's Greetings!!

Thank You - Thank You - Thank You Saint Andrew!

Another Giving Tree project is in the books! The time between Thanksgiving and Christmas break is not long and it feels like it gets shorter and shorter each year. But Saint Andrew families came through once again and made 400 kids Christmas's a little brighter and warmer!

The Giving Tree elves delivered all the hats, scarves, mittens and socks to both Saint Mary of the Lake and St. Thomas of Canterbury schools last week Tuesday!

It's always a heartwarming experience to see the joy our community brings to theirs with the simplest of gifts.

We are already looking forward to next year. God Bless and thank you for all your support!



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

The Twelve Days of Christmas

Imagine this: A close friend or family member has been waiting nine months for the birth of their first child, and in the weeks leading up to the birth, songs about the child are played on the radio, images of the newborn baby and their parents are put up in homes, people greet strangers with a merry word regarding the coming day, and on December 25th, the whole town erupts in joy!... but then everything is forgotten in 24 hours.

Decorations come down. Trees are thrown out. The music stops. What happened? The child has been born! That's what we have been waiting for! This year, challenge yourself to realize an epiphany ("a new understanding") of the Christmas season.

Perhaps you have been following our wise men on Instagram and Facebook, who are visiting special places around Chicago. If you have three wise men of your own (or perhaps you can make some!), set them off on a journey around your house and place them in a special location each day leading up to Epiphany (January 6).

The wise men can visit our kitchens where we make nourishing food. Perhaps they will take up a position in the entryway where we come safely home each night. And yes - you may even discover them in the bathroom where we have access to clean water for bathing. We can give thanks for these blessings that many people around the world go without on a daily basis.

Celebrate the birth of the Christ Child by marking in a special way those simple gifts we take for granted. These gifts are not wrapped in colorful paper and placed under the tree, but their presence in our lives are beautiful reminders of God's love for us.

Merry Christmas!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

DECEMBER, 2021

JANUARY, 2022

Sunday 26	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Col 3: 12-21 Lk 2: 41-52 +Deceased members of the Vinzons Family, +Marion Brown, +Renato Tajeron Hallera, +Charles Nicholas, and +Vera Krall
Monday 27	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Jn 1: 1-4 Jn 20: 1a, 2-8 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 28	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Jn 1: 5 - 2:22 Mt 2: 13-18 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 29	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Jn 2: 3-11 Lk 2: 22-35 Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 30	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Jn 2: 12-17 Lk 2: 36-40 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 31	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Jn 2: 18-21 Jn 1: 1-18 +Catherine Walsh
Sunday January 02	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 60: 1-6 Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2: 1-12: +Thomas Cooney Family and +The Dockery Family

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 +Deceased Members of the Vinzons Family, + Marion Brown, + Renato Tajjeron Hallera, +Vera Krall and +Charles Nicholas

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

November, 2021 Offering	
Envelopes Collection	6,886
Automated Giving	22,989
Loose Cash	2,759
Total Offertory	32,634
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021	
Goal	33,945
Amount Pledged	50,955
Amount Paid	49,050
Balance Due	1,905



Saint Andrew School



Preschool to 8th Grade Admission Sessions

9am

January 11th March 8th
February 8th April 12th

May 10th

Join us for an
Open House on
November 18th at 6pm!
(773) 248-2500
www.GoSaintAndrew.com



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- 2013 & 2020 National Blue Ribbon School
- 3 & 4 year old Full Day Preschool programs
- Full Day Kindergarten program
- A rigorous curriculum tailored to each student
- Art, Music, Spanish, Technology and Phys. Ed.
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