



# Saint Andrew Parish

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## THE HOPE OF EASTER

EASTER 2022

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.”

Psalm 118

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# Parish Information

## Parish Office Hours:

The parish office is open seven days a week. 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 773-525-3016 and leave a message.*

## Mass Schedule & Confessions:

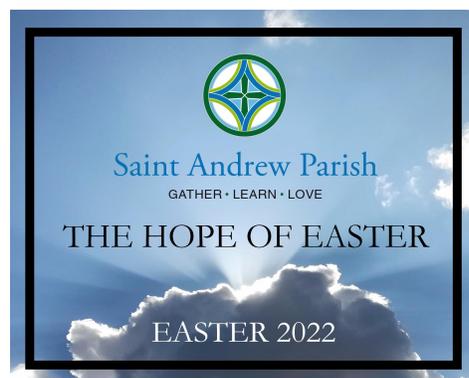
All are welcome to join us for Mass at the following times:

**Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm (except April 16) , Sunday Morning - 9:00am and 11:00am.**

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

## Happy Easter!

Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate  
Christ is Risen: The spirits of evil are fallen  
Christ is Risen: The angels of God are rejoicing  
Christ is Risen: The tombs of the dead are empty  
Christ is Risen indeed from the dead, the first of the sleepers,  
Glory and power are his forever and ever.  
— St. Hippolytus of Rome



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# Pastoral Letter

by Fr. Sergio Romo



*“Everyday God showers us, unsuspecting believers, not with confetti, but with divine love and joy.”*

Growing up, the last few weeks of Lent were always filled with a quiet joy and anticipation. Like every good Catholic family, we followed the traditional practices of Lent, but once Lent had reached the halfway mark, my mother would begin preparing the “cascarones,” a traditional Mexican custom celebrated on Easter Sunday. Every morning, as my mother made eggs for breakfast, she would create a small hole in the egg shells, hollow them out, and wash them. The hollowed out eggs were decorated, filled with confetti, and the hole was covered with tissue paper. They would then be hidden throughout the house. On Easter Sunday morning, the tradition is to find as many cascarones as possible and surprise unsuspecting family and friends throughout the day by crushing the cascarones on their head, and showering them with confetti. Much laughter and joy was had by all with this custom.

Although the details of Jesus’ resurrection differ amongst the four evangelists, they all share this significant detail: the disciples were surprised to encounter an empty tomb, hollowed out by God crushing sin and death, which then led them to experience the joy of Jesus’ resurrection from the dead. As we celebrate Easter today, I can’t help but think about the Resurrection as God’s ultimate cascaron. As people of faith, we too can expect to be surprised by God’s cascarones in our lives. These are the moments when we realize a loss has given way to something new and we find joy once again.

Over the last two years we have all experienced much loss and suffering. A very tangible sense of emptiness has been felt as our world has been turned upside down by this pandemic. And yet, there have also been many surprises along the way that have led to joyful experiences; more time spent with family, opportunities to pursue a hobby or interest, a rest from our fast paced world, and a deepening of faith in God. All of these examples, and many more, are the handiwork of God crushing the emptiness that sin and death bring, and leading us to new-found joys.

My dear friends, as we gather today with our loved ones may we all be mindful of the many ways that God continually transforms our lives and surprises us with new-found joy. God’s cascarones are not limited to Easter Sunday. Everyday God showers us, unsuspecting believers, not with confetti, but with divine love and joy.

May you have a most blessed and joyous Easter!

God bless!

Fr. Sergio



## REBOOT: Update Your Spirituality

Our popular spirituality program for adults returns this Spring. **REBOOT: Update Your Spirituality** will be held on Thursday nights for 6 weeks starting **Thursday, April 21, 2022**. If you need to start learning, need a booster, or just a refresher on the Catholic Church's trove of spiritual treasure, join us for this 6 weeks faith-enrichment program. To find out more and to register visit [www.standrew.org/reboot](http://www.standrew.org/reboot)

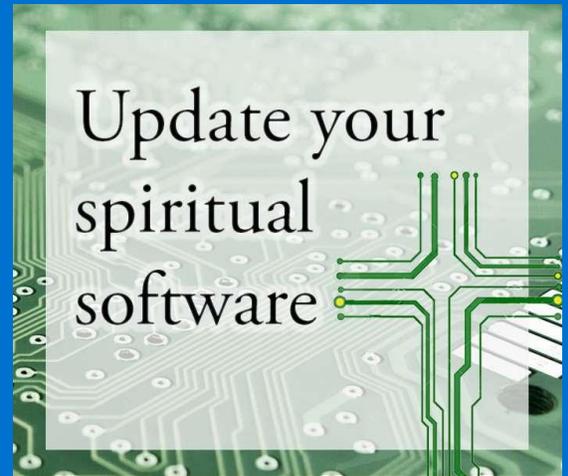
## Join us for Wearin' the Green

Saint Andrew's annual fundraiser "Wearin' the Green" will be **Saturday, April 30, 2022**. The proceeds from the evening go to ensuring that Saint Andrew's mission continues in the Lake View neighborhood. There will be fun, open bar, dining, and our live and silent auction. Don't miss this chance to be a part of and support Saint Andrew!

To purchase tickets, [click here](#) (if viewing online) or visit [www.standrew.org](http://www.standrew.org)

## Share with Those In Need - Volunteer

Join volunteers from Saint Andrew on **Saturday, April 30, 2022** from **8:0a3m 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](mailto:neh213@gmail.com) to express interest. Volunteers must be 11 years of age and up. 11 - 15 year-olds must be accompanied by and parent.





## Easter: Our Homecoming

It is quite remarkable that none of the stories of the resurrection of Jesus actually recount his coming out of the tomb and how he was raised by God from the dead. But, we do have stories about what happened to his disciples. Easter created in them a sense of belonging and the awareness that instead of living for themselves, they were being called to a mission that would be nothing less than changing the course of history. This is a story we need in our time. Today, many people question the meaning and purpose of life and their identity as human beings. They live with the feeling of alienation, being disconnected from others, a community or past traditions. They feel abandoned in a world of hostile challenges and aimless pursuits.

Easter offers an antidote to these feelings of malaise. It provides a resounding answer to the questions about our meaning and purpose in life by drawing us out of our isolation and inviting us to live within the story of God's love for us – a love that knows no bounds. The message of Easter is simply this: Even though we killed the Son of God, God has not abandoned us. On the contrary. God raised Jesus so that he could come back from the dead to be with us, reminding us that we too are God's sons and daughters. God never abandons us and we should never abandon one another. Easter is our coming home to be God's family.

As we celebrate Christ coming back from the dead to be with us, there is a special joy in being able to return to our parish communities this year after two years of separation due to the pandemic. I urge you to experience that joy. It is the joy the first disciples experienced in being reunited with each other after being scattered in fear and division with the death of Jesus. It was a homecoming in which Christ, who first brought them together along the shores of Galilee, was now calling them to be with him and with each other in a new way.

I invite you to look upon this Easter as new homecoming after being separated by the pandemic. This Easter, discover once again the presence of Christ as your parish community gathers for the Eucharist. Let Easter be a new opportunity to share with your fellow parishioners the experience of having a common purpose, identity and call to leave behind fear and death and make a difference in the world. Take up with fresh energy the task of making disciples, building community and inspiring witness through service in a Church that acts as a field hospital in a suffering world. We need to come together to encounter Christ anew and to rediscover who we are as an Easter People who make a difference in the world. It is in making a difference in the world that we find the answers to the questions about the meaning and purpose of life and our identity. And we do this together, as the disciples of Christ who are raised from the death of fear and isolation to live in relationship with each other, in community. Our parishes depend on each of us to make the personal commitment to form that community of disciples that acts as field hospital for one another and the world. So, as I urge you to return to your parish for in-person worship beginning this Easter, think of it as a homecoming, in which we gather to celebrate Christ rising from the dead because we too have risen from the dead. Happy Easter.

*Most Rev. Cardinal Cury*

Archbishop of Chicago



# Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

## The Easter Season

Pop quiz! Which season is longer: Lent or Easter? Most of us are familiar with the 40 days of Lent, and might think that Easter only lasts one day. But the Easter season officially lasts 50 days!

When we are gathered for mass, we see and hear these changes in the liturgy: the deep purple vestments give way to bright white, the Gloria is sung again, and the bareness of the altar would be covered in beautiful flowers. These signs tell us Jesus is risen!

The Easter season does not end with Jesus' return to heaven, on the Ascension of our Lord. He promised his disciples that he would send an "advocate," which is sometimes translated to "helper." This promise was the gift of the Holy Spirit, which instructs and guides us individually and as a church to grow in love and knowledge of God. We celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, which officially concludes the season. (That's this weekend!)

But if the Holy Spirit is still with us, does Easter really end? Maybe not. Saint Augustine once said, "We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!"

### At Home with Emmaus ([Luke 24:13-35](#))

The gospel story of the Road to Emmaus provides us with ways to celebrate the Easter season. We can...

... read the Old Testament, and discover the scripture Jesus "opened" to the disciples. Try [Dt 18:15](#), [Psalm 22:1-18](#), and [Isaiah 53](#)

... go for a walk. Invite Jesus to meet you on the road, especially if your heart feels heavy.

... bake bread; Jesus revealed himself in the breaking of it. [Here are 50 quick breads](#). Hey! That's one for every day of Easter!

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

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

### April 2022

Sunday <b>17</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Acts 10: 34a, 37-43</b> <b>Col 3: 1-4</b> <b>Jn 20: 1-9</b>  <b>+The Stailey Family, +The Ryan Family and +James and Elizabeth Cassidy</b>
Monday <b>18</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Acts 2: 14, 22-33</b> <b>Mt 28: 8-15</b>  <b>Our departed Parishioners.</b>
Tuesday <b>19</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Acts 2: 36-41</b> <b>Jn 8: 21-30</b>  Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday <b>20</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Acts 3: 1-10</b> <b>Lk 24: 13-35</b>  <b>Our departed Parishioners</b>
Thursday <b>21</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Acts 3: 11-26</b> <b>Lk 24: 35-48</b>  <b>Our departed Parishioners</b>
Friday <b>22</b>	First Reading Second Reading  Mass Intentions	<b>Acts 4: 1-12</b> <b>Jn 21: 1-14</b>  <b>Our departed Parishioners</b>
Sunday <b>24</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Acts 5: 12-16</b> <b>1rev 1: 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19</b> <b>Jn 20: 19-31</b>  <b>+Cecilia Vinzons, +Richard Coster, +Timothy McDonald, +Clarence Solar and +James Sturm</b>

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





# Highlights of Wearin' the Green



**Saint Andrew Foy School of Irish Dance**

**Chicago Fire Department Bag Pipers**

**Dinner by Chef Giuseppe Tentori & Boka Catering**

**Champagne Bar and Lounge Area**

**Bourbon Bar and Lounge Area**

**Faces of Saint Andrew 2022**

**Photo Booth**

**Live Auction, Silent Auction, & Paddle Raise**

**Sign-up Parties & Teacher Experiences**

**Golden Getaway Raffle**

**Winner's Choice Raffle**

**Live Music by Hello Weekend**

**Don't Miss Out!!! Buy your tickets now at**

**[www.WearinTheGreen.com](http://www.WearinTheGreen.com)**

**APRIL 30TH 5PM-11:30PM**

# CHILDREN'S GARAGE SALE

Mark Your Calendars for the  
***Saint Andrew Children's Garage Sale***  
**Saint Andrew Gymnasium**  
**1658 West Addison, Chicago, IL 60613**  
Saturday, May 14, 2022  
8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m

**DONATIONS NEEDED!!!!**

## Donation Drop Off Dates and Times

(Drop off location at 1658 West Addison  
Saint Andrew Gymnasium)

Sunday, May 8 from 10:00am – 12:00pm

Monday, May 9 from 2:45pm - 4:00pm

Tuesday, May 10 from 2:45pm – 4:00pm

Wednesday, May 11 from 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Thursday, May 12 from 11:45 – 1:00pm

Friday, May 13 from 2:45 – 4:00pm

\*Please note: First donation date is the week of  
the sale!

## Donations can include:

- Gently used clothing (except underwear), shoes, coats for infants to pre-teens
- Maternity wear
- Baby gear (except car seats)
- Toys, games, puzzles and books
- Nursery and children's furniture (except drop-side cribs)
- Halloween costumes and holiday outfits
- No car seats of any kind
- No drop-side cribs

We are looking for volunteers for donation collection, set-up and the sale. Times are flexible and children are welcome. Please contact Julie Richards at [julie@standrew.org](mailto:julie@standrew.org).

Admission to the sale is \$1 donation and sales are cash or credit card.  
All proceeds benefit Saint Andrew Parish. Unsold items will be donated to charity.

## 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
- 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 +The Stailey Family, + The Ryan Family, and James and Elizabeth Cassidy

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Enrich – Expand - Grow	
Income	1,881,117
Interest on Income	35,663
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,916,780</b>
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)	148,560
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>943,477</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>973,303</b>

### PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

February 2022 Offering	
Envelopes Collection	7,613
Automated Giving	21,133
Loose Cash	2,180
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>33,926</b>
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	<b>38,500</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS 2021</b>	
Envelopes	11,449
Loose Cash	3,270
Automated Giving	13,090
<b>Total Christmas Giving</b>	<b>27,809</b>



# Saint Andrew School

**Preschool to 8th Grade  
Admission Sessions  
9am**

**May 10th**



**(773) 248-2500  
www.GoSaintAndrew.com**



## Spirit. Study. Service.

- **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.**
- **Catholic values for life: Spirit. Study. Service.**
- **Before + After school care**
- **A vibrant family community**

