



Saint Andrew Parish

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“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.”
John 14:27

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.

Easter Continues! 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



“This may be our most challenging prayer, for in it we may learn that the will of God is that we drastically change our ways of thinking, and acting.”

Thanks to the generosity of our parish’s founding families, Saint Andrew Church is blessed to have beautiful stained glass windows. One window in particular, the Agony in the Garden, is a personal source of comfort and assurance to me during troubling times. I am confident that many others also find comfort in this window’s image.

This past week our country once again witnessed tragic mass shootings in Buffalo, New York and Laguna Woods, California. These tragedies are especially egregious since the shooters were clearly motivated by intense racial hatred. And the fact that the Laguna Woods shooting was yet another incident that occurred in a church rocks our sense of sanctuary that all places of worship provide. As always, we find ourselves wondering, “when will it ever end?”

In today’s gospel Jesus offers his disciples, and us the gift of peace, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” Now more than ever our world needs peace. But Jesus is quick to clarify that the peace he gives is not like the peace that the world offers: “Not as the world gives do I give it to you.”

So how is the peace that Jesus gives different from the world’s peace? And how can we attain it? As Jesus carried out his ministry he frequently took time away from the daily routine of life to connect with his Father in prayer, after which he continued on his journey, intensely focused on doing the will of the Father. This was Jesus’ anchor in troubling times. As Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, he struggled with the knowledge of his imminent death. In his prayer we hear him say, “Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done.”

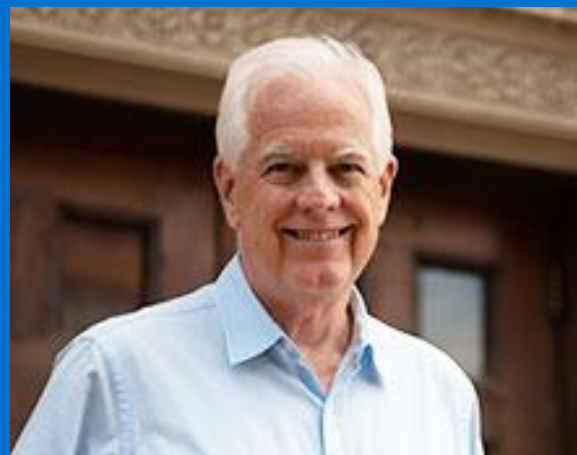
Too many previous mass shootings have resulted in countless discussions, but no progress on getting control of the problem. We frequently say in these situations, “thoughts and prayers.” But, do we really pray, or do we just say that because other words fail us? It is obvious that our previous attempts to address hatred and violence in our country have been unsuccessful and they will likely continue to be unsuccessful if we do not truly pray, but pray as Jesus did; by connecting with God and earnestly praying, “not my will but yours be done.”

This may be our most challenging prayer, for in it we may learn that the will of God is that we drastically change our ways of thinking, and acting. We may find that we have been complicit to some degree, and the change needs to begin with us by turning away from all forms of violence, hatred and discrimination. We may discover that no form of violence or hatred is every justifiable, such as our road rage, or our contempt for our neighbor. Perhaps then if we all went through a personal agony in the garden, where we each confronted our own sinfulness, and asked God that His will be done and not our own will to exact justice on the road, or harbor grudges, we may finally find the peace that Jesus found, and gave to us.



Celebrating Mr. Allen Ackermann

For nineteen years in total and for thirteen years as principal, Mr. Allen Ackermann has served Saint Andrew School. He has lent his administrative expertise and leadership to enable the school grow significantly during that time. This year he is retiring and the Saint Andrew community will honor his service at Mass on **Sunday, June 5, 2022** at 9:00am with a reception in the gymnasium to follow. Please join us!



Vacation Bible School - July 18-22

This Summer, Saint Benedict and Saint Andrew will host a 5-day Vacation Bible School from July 18-22, 2022. Vacation Bible School is for rising kindergarteners thru rising 4th graders. the Program will take place in-person on the campus of Saint Benedict Parish Monday through Friday and participants will sing, learn about scripture stories, talk about the saints and grow in faith. Participants will be in small groups, led by our parish youth ministry volunteers. This 3.5 hour day will run from 9:00am-12:30pm. The fee is \$80. per child and \$150. for a family. [Click here](#) to register.



School Board Elections

Saint Andrew is conducting elections this weekend for the School Advisory Board. Elections will run through **Thursday, May 26, 2022** at noon. There are four positions available each year on the Board. Please take the time to review the candidates backgrounds/experience and help select your representatives. Voting is through electronic ballot. To learn more and to vote go to <https://forms.gle/NRkKEbJsiL37DWuH6>



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.

May 2022

Sunday 22	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29 Rev 21: 10-14, 22-23 Jn 14: 23-29 +Elda Collela
Monday 23	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 16: 11-15 Jn 15z; 26-16z; 4s Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 24	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 16: 22-34 Jn 16: 5-11 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 25	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 17: 15, 22- 18:1 Jn 16: 12-15 Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 26	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 18: 1-8 Jn 16: 16-20 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 27	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 18: 9-18 Jn 16: 20-23 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 29	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 7: 55-60 Rev 22: 12-16-17, 20 Jn 17: 20-26 +Joan Marie Johnson, Francis and Lineth Fernandez and +Millot, Lavinia and Eutropio Pinto

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
- 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 **+Elda Colella**

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Enrich – Expand - Grow	
Income	1,883,220
Interest on Income	36,004
Total Income	1,919,224
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)	149,310
Total Expense	944,227
Balance	974,997

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

April 2022 Offering 3 Weeks	
Envelopes Collection	8,140
Automated Giving	16,408
Loose Cash	2,227
Total Offertory	26,775
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
EASTER, 2022 April 17, 2022	
Envelopes	9,535
Loose Cash	3,129
Automated Giving	7,832
Total Easter Giving	20,496

