



Saint Andrew Parish

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“As they were looking on, he was lifted up,
and a cloud took him from their sight.”

Acts 1:9

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 (reprinted from previous week, minor changes)



“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 school shooting in Texas and the week before the mass shootings in Buffalo, New York and Laguna Woods, California. The former tragedy is egregious for the attack on innocent children and the former tragedies are 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 last week’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.



Scripture Reflection by Deacon Mark



“The story of Saint Stephen is a beacon of light for us in this crazy and frustrating world.”

In Chicago, we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension today, so we miss out on the readings chosen for the Seventh Sunday of Easter which feature Saint Stephen. Stephen was one of the first deacons chosen by the apostles to “serve at table”, although the sixth and seventh chapters of the Acts of the Apostles don’t feature Stephen in his role of serving widows and orphans. Rather, the first deacons are shown to be out preaching the Word of God in the community. Stephen is shown to be a powerful and fearless preacher, standing up to the authorities and, according to Acts 6:10, “they could not withstand the wisdom and the spirit with which he spoke.” So they accused him of blasphemy, drove him from the city, and stoned him, making him the first Christian martyr.

It is interesting to contemplate the story of Stephen, because there’s not much of a market for prophets and martyrs in our current world. Being a follower of Christ isn’t always taking the safe road. Do we realize what we’re getting ourselves into when we so readily celebrate Christ’s Paschal mystery?

After all, Jesus was branded as revolutionary. He preached a radical form of love – to love our enemies, not just our friends. And his inclusiveness really pushed the boundaries since he associated with sinners and tax collectors. When the early Christians put his words into actions, they were met with resistance, with prison, and with torture.

As Fr. John Kavanaugh wrote, the faith of Saint Stephen should be a real challenge to us because we have erected a wall of separation between faith and public life:

- Christ’s teachings about money and power are gently and graciously ignored when real power and good money are at stake.
- His teachings about forgiveness and love dissolve away when we are confronted with a real enemy.
- His warnings about priestly privilege somehow do not apply to the powerful in the Church.
- His concern for the alien and homeless is presumed to be directed to some other group than the poor in our midst or the immigrant and refugee.

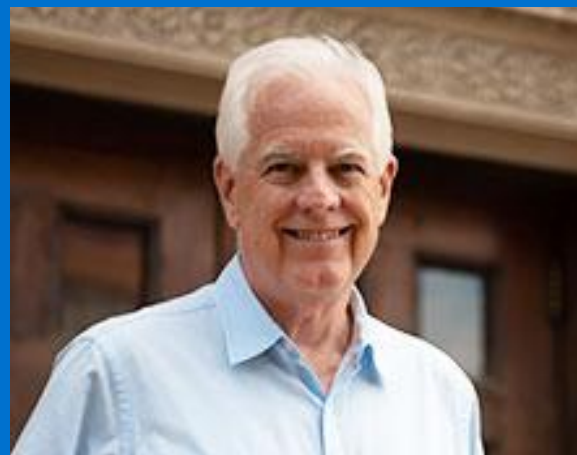
The story of Saint Stephen is a beacon of light for us in this crazy and frustrating world. He was willing to work to truly implement the teachings of Jesus, and live life in a way that allowed Jesus’ love to flow out into the world. Even in the midst of torture, Stephen cried out in prayer for his enemies: “Lord do not hold this sin against them.”

Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr, your zeal for the Kingdom was demonstrated in your compassion for your persecutors and your courage in following Jesus Christ. Intercede for us that we, too, may live lives that are compassionate and just. Amen.



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.



Kairos Retreat for High School Students

Saint Andrew Parish is pleased to support our younger parishioners by partnering with the North Side Kairos which will take place from **Friday, August 19, 2022 at 9:00am to Sunday, August 21, 2022** in the afternoon. We are now accepting registrations for participants and leaders. Participants must be entering their Junior or Senior year of high school or exiting their Senior year. For more information, [read more....](#)



CHILDREN'S GARAGE SALE

Thank you to all that volunteered, donated, and shopped at this year's Children's Garage Sale! To all the middle and high school students who helped with set up and clean up, thank you!

A very special thank you to Gretchen Kren and Katie Kelly for their leadership in chairing the event!

A profit of over \$4,000 was raised for Saint Andrew Parish and School! The Salvation Army and Books4Cause gladly took any and all unsold items/books so the event was a win win!



FALL FLING

Call for volunteers!

Are you looking to get involved? You don't have to play golf or know anything about the game! Join a great committee and meet new people!

First committee meeting before summer break!

June 8, 2022 @ 7:30pm at Bitter Pops (3357 North Lincoln)

SAVE THE DATE:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2022

SAINT ANDREW PARISH FALL FLING EVENT

Email Julie Richards for more information - julie@standrew.org

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 Ascension of the Lord 29	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 1: 1-11 Eph 1: 17-23 Lk 24: 46-53 +Joan Marie Johnson, Francis and Lineth Fernandez +Millot, Lavinia and Eutropio Pinto and +Patrick Walsh, Jr.
Monday 30	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 19: 1-8 Jn 16: 2+9-33 +Marietia Castillo Cavanez
Tuesday Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary 31	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Zep 3: 14-18a Lk 1: 39-56 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 01	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 20: 28-38 Jn 17: 11b-19 Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 02	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 22:30, 23: 6-11 Jn 16: 16-20 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 03	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 25: 13b-21 Jn 21: 15-19 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday Pentecost Sunday 05	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Gen 11: 1-9 Ex 19: 3-8a. 16-20b Ez 37: 1-14 +Dagmar Alvarez

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 **+Joan Marie Joshnson, +Marietta Castillo Cavanez, +Francis & Lineth Fernandez, + Millot, Lavinia and Eutropip Pinto and + Patrick Walsh, Jr**

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



Litany in the Wake of a Mass Shooting

When our prayer is shattered by immense ubiquity of any sort and the number of challenges we face are too numerous to bear, praying in the form a litany can be helpful. The repetition of a short refrain over several invocations heightens our acclamation to God and helps to deepen a prayer's movement upon our hearts.

The litany composed below is sobering to complete, but it is our honest starting point to move beyond "thoughts and prayers" into the action required of us as Christians in response to the deep travesty of gun violence. Please pray it with an open and sincere heart.

God of peace, we remember all those who have died in incidents of mass gun violence in this nation's public and private spaces.

Six dead at the Wisconsin Sikh Temple.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Twelve dead at an Aurora, Colorado movie theater.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Twenty-eight dead at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Six dead at Santa Monica College, California.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Seven dead at a Hialeah, Florida apartment complex.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Thirteen dead at the Washington Navy Yard.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Four dead at Fort Hood, Texas.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Seven dead in Isla Vista, near UC Santa Barbara.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Five dead at Marysville Pilchuck High School in Washington.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Six dead in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Nine dead at Emanuel AME in Charleston, South Carolina.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Sixteen dead at a San Bernardino, California office.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Ten dead at Umpqua Community College, Oregon.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Six dead in Kalamazoo, Michigan.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Four dead at a Hesston, Kansas office.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Five dead at a Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania backyard party.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Fifty dead at Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, Florida.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Five dead at Cascade Mall in Burlington, Washington.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Five dead at Fort Lauderdale Airport.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Four dead in Fresno, California.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Eight dead in Lincoln County, Mississippi.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Four dead at an Eaton Township, Pennsylvania supermarket.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Nine dead at a Plano, Texas football-watching party.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Fifty-nine dead at a Las Vegas, Nevada concert.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Twenty-seven dead at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Seventeen dead at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Five dead at the Veterans Home in Yountville, California.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Four dead at a Nashville, Tennessee Waffle House.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Ten dead at Santa Fe High School, Texas.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Five dead at the Capital Gazette Newspaper in Annapolis, Maryland.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Four dead at the Fifth Third Center in Cincinnati, Ohio.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Four dead at a Rite Aid distribution center in Aberdeen, Maryland.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Eleven dead at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Thirteen dead at a bar in Thousand Oaks, California.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Five dead at a bank in Sebring, Florida.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Five dead at their homes in Ascension and Livingston parishes, Louisiana.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Six dead at an industrial park in Aurora, Illinois.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Four dead at a home in Clinton, Mississippi.
Give to the departed eternal rest
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Four dead in Solon Township, Michigan.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Thirteen dead at a municipal building in Virginia Beach, Virginia.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Four dead at the Gilroy Garlic Festival in Gilroy, California.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Twenty-two dead at a Walmart in El Paso, Texas.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Ten dead in the Oregon District of downtown Dayton, Ohio.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Eight dead on the road between the cities of Odessa and Midland, Texas.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Five dead in their home in Elkmont, Alabama.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Four dead at a bar in Kansas City, Kansas.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Four dead at a backyard football watch party in Fresno, California
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Six dead in a cemetery and kosher market in Jersey City, New Jersey.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Six dead at the Molson Coors complex in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Five dead at a convenience store in Springfield, Missouri.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Five dead in the northeast side of Indianapolis, Indiana.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Eight dead at three spas in Atlanta, Georgia.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Ten dead at a grocery store in Boulder, Colorado.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Four dead at an office complex in Orange, California.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Five dead at a home in Rock Hill, South Carolina.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Nine dead at a FedEx facility in Indianapolis, Indiana.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Seven dead at a birthday party in Colorado Springs, Colorado.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Ten dead at a rail yard in San Jose, California.
Give to the departed eternal rest
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Four dead at Oxford High School in Oxford Township, Michigan.
Give to the departed eternal rest
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Five dead in Lakewood and Denver, Colorado.
Give to the departed eternal rest
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Five dead at The Church in Sacramento, California.
Give to the departed eternal rest
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Six dead in downtown Sacramento, California.
Give to the departed eternal rest
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Ten dead at a supermarket in Buffalo, New York.
Give to the departed eternal rest
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Twenty-two dead at Robb Elementary in Uvalde, Texas.
Give to the departed eternal rest
Let light perpetual shine upon them

All those who have died in any incident of gun violence.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

For survivors of gun violence.
Grant them comfort and healing.
Hear us, Lord.

For those who have lost loved ones to gun violence.
Grant them peace.
Hear us, Lord.

For those first responders who care for victims of gun violence.
Protect and strengthen them.
Hear us, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.