



Saint Andrew Parish

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First Sunday of Advent

The image shows four purple candles in the foreground, with the rightmost one lit. The background is dark and filled with out-of-focus lights, suggesting a festive or church setting.

“The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah.”

Jeremiah 33:14

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday (Vigil) 4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, & 5:30pm

DAILY MASSES

Monday through Friday
9:00am in the chapel.

RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard in the Church on Saturday from 3:00pm to 3:45pm or by appointment. Call the rectory. 773-525-3016.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Hospitals no longer inform parishes about a patient's religious preferences. Please call the rectory directly for the Anointing of the Sick or Communion for the homebound. 773-525-3016.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are held on the first and third Sunday of the month after the 10:00am Mass. Call the rectory to schedule your child's baptism. 773-525-3016.

WEDDINGS

Wedding planning should begin more than 6 months prior to the proposed date. Call the rectory to begin the process. 773-525-3016.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for the living and the dead can be offered at your request. Please come to the rectory to offer a Mass stipend.



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Love

Our mission is fulfilled when we enter the world and in the presence of our families, friends, co-workers, and communities we are more capable of loving one another, as we have been loved.



Pastoral Letter

by Fr. Sergio Romo, Pastor



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Dear Parish Family,

Every year my brothers and sisters and I eagerly awaited the start of summer vacation. Of course it meant no more school, no more homework, no more tests to study for. But summer vacation meant so much more than these things. It also meant that my parents would take us to Mexico to visit with our extended family there. This was the highlight of our vacation time and what we really looked forward to every year.

My parents would load us up into the family station wagon, and it would not be long before one of us kids would ask, “Are we there yet?” We wanted to get to see our grandmother and cousins as quickly as possible. So, the three day road trip seemed like an eternity for us. Eventually, we learned that we couldn’t make the time on the road go by faster, and the waiting actually made the reunion with family all the more enjoyable.

Today we begin the journey of Advent. It would be easy for us to rush through these weeks before Christmas as we busy ourselves with shopping, preparations and parties. Like a road trip however, we can’t make the days of Advent go any faster. Rather, for people of faith, Advent is a grace-filled time of longing and anticipation, not just for the celebration of Christmas, but for the coming of Christ as well.

This Advent let us resist the temptation to say, “Are we there yet?” and instead enjoy the journey that takes us to our reunion with the Lord. This might make the difference between a Christmas that leaves us tired and empty and a Christmas that we find enjoyable.

In Christ,
Fr. Sergio

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St. Andrew invites you to a place where you can feel at home and take the next step on your spiritual journey with friends who are enjoying the journey with you.



Advent Speaker Series

Who: All Parishioners

When: Wednesday's in Advent at 7:00pm starting on Wednesday, December 5, 2018

What: Lenten talks to inspire and prepare you for the spiritual gifts of Christmas.

Where: Main Church.



GO FORTH! Morning Retreat

Who: Liturgical Ministers or those interested in ministering during liturgy.

When: Saturday, January 12, 8:15am - 12:00pm

What: Day of Reflection, Prayer, and Workshops

Where: Saint Benedict Parish, 2115 W Irving Park

Join us for a spiritual refresher, specifically geared toward liturgical ministers. Keynote by Graziano and Nancy Marchesi. In collaboration with local parishes, this event is free; donations accepted.

Young Adults 20s & 30s

Young adults in their 20s & 30s are invited to our weekly hangouts after the 5:30pm Mass on Sundays. An announcement will be made at Mass; gather in the Social Hall for refreshments!

Upcoming Event: Join other Young Adults at the **Greater Chicago Food Depository** on Saturday, December 8 from 8:30am-11:15am. Carpooling is available! Check out the "Recent Messages" at www.standrew.org/love/volunteer-at-gcfd/ for more information and to register. Space is limited!

Teens & High School

Teens in grades 8-12 are encouraged to gather with our Youth Group from 4:00-5:15pm on the first and third Sundays of the month. We gather in the Social Hall. Join us for fun, friendship and faith.

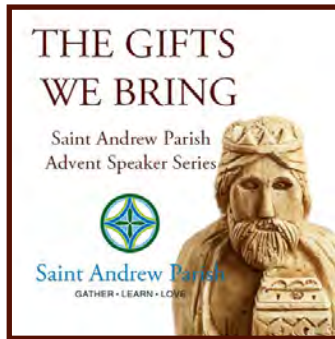
Upcoming Event: Save the date for "That's a Wrap!" **Party**, on Saturday, December 8. We'll head downtown for the Christkindlmarket, attend mass at Holy Name, and then return to the Social Hall for pizza, Christmas tunes, and present wrapping. Event details at www.standrew.org/gather/join-our-youth-group/



You're Invited...

Advent Speaker Series -
Wednesday nights in Advent!

Our annual *Advent Speaker Series* entitled "*The Gifts We Bring*" will be on Wednesday nights in Advent from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. This includes a spiritual talk for adults and children's program for children.



The talks will focus on the three gifts given by the Magi to Jesus - Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh.

And just as we did last year, we're giving away the gifts to every participant (adult and child) who attends the talk. Participants each night will walk away with a small gift memento of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh.

Come learn about the meaning behind these gifts and take home your own keepsake of these sacred stories.

December 5 Gold Tested: A New King & A New Model of Discipleship (Gold)

Presented by Fr. Sergio Romo

December 12 Let Our Prayer Rise Up Like Incense Before You! (Frankincense) - Presented by Deacon Eric Sorensen

December 19 There is Myrrh to the Story: Hidden Messages in Jesus' Birth (Myrrh)

Presented by Deacon Mark Purdome

BIRTHDAYS

Elinor Arndt
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William Carroll
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Connor Hurley
Jaxon Jensen

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Connor Martin
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Lucas Morales
Sylvia Pasquesi

Ronald Pawelko
Mark Purdome
Lloyd Sachs
Aaron Sanders
Isabella Santiago
Katherine Simmons
Jeff Smith
Jill Spingola
Alysia Tan
Nicolas Trautman
Kate Voss
Sarah Ward
Catherine Yee

PARISH CALENDAR

Dec 02	8:00am 10:00am 4:00pm 5:30pm 6:30pm	Mass Mass Youth Group Mass Young Adult Hangout
Dec 03	9:00am 3:00pm 3:00pm 6:30pm	Mass Puppy Players Violin Lessons Bears Scouts
Dec 04	9:00am 3:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	Mass Encore I wgu'ur gcngt'ht'Uej qqn Guitar Group
Dec 05	9:00am 7:00pm 7:00pm	Mass RCIA Meeting Advent Speaker Series
Dec 06	9:00am 3:00pm 3:00pm 6:30pm	Mass Irish Dance Fall Drama Drama Performance
Dec 07	9:00am 2:00pm 6:30pm 6:30pm	Mass 2nd Grade Brownies Adoration Prayer Group Drama Performance
Dec 08	8:30am 9:00am 3:00pm 4:00pm	Greater Chicago Food Depository Mass Youth Group: That's a Wrap Party Mass
Dec 09	8:00am 10:00am 5:30pm 6:30pm	Mass Mass Mass Young Adult Hangout
Dec 10	9:00am 3:00pm 3:00pm 6:30pm	Mass Puppy Players Violin Lessons Violin Recital
Dec 11	9:00am 9:00am 3:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Mass School Tours Encore Guitar Group Boy Scouts
Dec 12	8:00am 9:00am 9:30am 6:30pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Xmas Shopping Set Up Mass Kinder Xmas Rehearsal Wolves Scouts RCIA Meeting Advent Speaker Series
Dec 13	8:00am 9:00am 1:30pm 3:00pm 3:00pm	Xmas Shopping Event Mass Kinder Xmas Rehearsal Irish Dance Fall Drama



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Scripture Reflection by David Heimann, Pastoral Associate

The readings at the beginning of Advent this year are about *hope*, the belief that things can and do get better. We hear about this hope first in the Book of Jeremiah. The prophet says *“The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah... In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure;”* (JER 33:14, 16)

It is one of a couple hundred passages in the Bible where the People of God cultivate an internal energy for the prospect of change. In each of those cases, there is usually some form of oppression or limitation upon the writer (or the People of God) and the writing helps lift the spirits of the reader towards a future goal.

In the case of the prophet Jeremiah, the kingdom of Juda was in its final days around 612 B.C. as the Babylonians sacked the Assyrian empire to the North and were coming for Judah next. For Jeremiah and the inhabitants of Judah, their hope was in God.

What is striking about *hope* is that it is always placed on the edge of human limitation. Charles Synder defined hope as “the sum of the mental willpower and waypower that you have for your goals.” Notice that we don’t have hope for something that is a “sure thing” and we don’t have hope for things that are impossible. But the distance between

the two requires an intra-personal capital that we can define as *hope*, the sum of our willpower and waypower.

Also notice that what is perceived of as “impossible” has changed throughout history. In some periods, when things were so dire that hope could not be found in this world, then the hope-filled person transferred their willpower and waypower to the after-life, the ultimate end boundary where God resides.

But there is a shadowy side effect of projecting hope toward the after-life. It postpones the possibility of finding God here and now. It isn’t to say that we don’t find God at the end of time but alarm bells should be going off in our spiritual lives when we solely place hope in the afterlife. This isn’t the full Christian story, especially for those of us preparing for Christmas.

The story we proclaim as Christians is not that God waits to meet us until we reach the end of days, but instead that God meets us here and now, in Jesus. He is known as “Emmanuel” which literally means “*God is with us.*” This is our profound belief. Even if things are bad and unseemly, we do not need to live in despair for God has the will and the way to be with us now, through Jesus.

This is something that can truly give us *hope* during this season of Advent.



DECEMBER

Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

Advent - The Reason for This Season

Ask a typical first grader about the liturgical year, and you will likely hear about Christmas, Easter, and Ordinary (or “just the regular”) time. There is usually some confusion about the difference between Advent and Lent. What is very clear to these young people is that both are a period of intense waiting. Significantly, Advent is a season of Hope, whereas Lent is a season of Repentance. That sounds like a simple difference, but perhaps the confusion of our young friends reveals a deeper truth. The coming of Jesus in Advent is bound up with the reason for his birth - to be Savior of the World. The coming is threefold: We await Jesus’s coming in the Nativity, but we also live in joyful expectation of his Second Coming at the end of time, as well as rejoice in his presence in our midst as risen Lord. This Advent, allow yourself to live in the reason for *this* season.

Things to Do At Home:

Pray: Invest in a family advent wreath. Let the kids take turns lighting the candles and leading prayers.

Read: *The Saint Who Would be Santa Claus*, by Adam C. English. (St. Nicholas Day is December 6!)

Watch: Busted Halo’s Two Minute Advent (YouTube)

Do: Slow down - enjoy the Advent season with family and friends by making homemade decorations, baking cookies, or making care packs for the homeless.

Liturgical Announcements

The patronal feast of the United States is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday December 8. We will hold Mass at 9:00am in the Church on this holy day of obligation.

Sunday 2	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions 8:00am 10:00am 5:30pm	Jer 33:14-16 1 Thes 3:12—4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 All deceased of the parish +Patrick Ahern +Mary Brandon All deceased of the parish
Monday 3	First Reading Gospel Mass Intention	Is 2:1-5 Mt 8:5-11 All deceased of the parish
Tuesday 4	First Reading Gospel Mass Intention	Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24 All deceased of the parish
Wednesday 5	First Reading Gospel Mass Intention	Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37 All deceased of the parish
Thursday 6	First Reading Gospel Mass Intention	Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27 +Fernando Vinzons, Sr.
Friday 7	First Reading Gospel Mass Intention	Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31 All deceased of the parish
Saturday 8	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intention (Saturday Vigil Intention)	Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38 All deceased of the parish
Sunday 9	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions 8:00am 10:00am 5:30pm	Bar 5:1-9 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6 All deceased of the parish +Larry Stuckert All deceased of the parish

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org



Saint Andrew School

Come see what educational excellence looks like!

Reserve your spot for a campus tour of Saint Andrew School today! Sign up for a spot by calling 773-248-2500 or visiting www.GoSaintAndrew.com.



All tours start at 9:00am. This year's tour dates are as follows:

December 11 January 8 February 12 March 12 April 9 May 14

Saint Andrew School focuses on the whole child; promoting individual academic achievement, developing spiritual awareness, building character and encouraging service for the common good.

We have limited openings for children ages 2 1/2 to 8th grade. Call today to set up your appointment!

Religious Education K-8

This weekend (Sunday, December 2, 2018) we have classes for K-2nd graders and students 3-7th grades complete chapter 9 with their parents at home. Links to the online reviews can be found in the weekly Flocknote or online at www.standrew.org/RE

Next weekend, Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 8:45am we have a parent session in the Social Hall and students meet with their volunteer catechists in their classrooms.

Parents who cannot attend on Sunday are asked to come to the make up session on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Social Hall.

For Adults

REBOOT: Update Your Spiritual Software

Join a six-week course for adults to reignite their understanding and experience of Faith. REBOOT is for adults who want to connect with other parishioners while getting a refresher course on how life with Jesus through the Church can revitalize your life. With a space wide-open for questions and exploring how faith impacts you now as an adult, You'll update the software that makes life tick a little easier. REBOOT is held on Sunday afternoons from 12:30 to 2:00pm in the Social Hall starting **Sunday, January 20, 2018**. Sign up at www.standrew.org/reboot



Love

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Pray the Rosary



On the first Wednesday of every month at 8:15 in the chapel, parishioners join together to say the rosary. An ideal time after dropping of kids at school to gather for prayer.

Did you know that medical research is showing the numerous health benefits of prayer? From lowering anxiety to turning on “disease fighting genes,” pray can make you a better you. Come join the group and see the difference in your life!



Greater Chicago Food Depository



The next volunteer session at the Greater Chicago Food Depository will be on Saturday, December 8, 2018 from 8:30am to 11:15am. Volunteers package food which will be sent to local Chicago food pantries. Your help is needed! Please contact Nancy Holland at neh213@gmail.com to sign up to volunteer.

Find more dates at www.standrew.org/gcfd



Retirement Fund for Religious



Support the Retirement Fund for Religious on Sat/Sun December 8th and 9th. A donor writes, “Your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced.” Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for being generous during the second collection held on December 8 & 9 for the retired religious brothers and sisters.



Get Involved

STEWARDSHIP OF GIFTS

Thank you to the 43 donors who helped make our **Giving Tuesday** campaign a success!

We raised over our goal of \$3,400 and have put into place our plan to have a new outdoor nativity placed on the corner of Addison and Paulina.



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Church Cleaning Party - Stay after the 5:30pm mass on Sunday, December 16, to help clean the church in preparation for Christmas. We have a very important guest coming on December 25 - let's make him welcome! We'll have music while we work and treats to follow.

Phone Callers - We have had a tremendous response to our Annual Stewardship Commitment. Now we need help responding. Are you good on the phone and have to help us contact people? Express interest with david@standrew.org.

Greeters - Are you a welcoming person? We are in need of volunteers to help greet worshipers before each Mass. Contact megan@standrew.org if this sounds like you!

Find out more at www.standrew.org/volunteer

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Enrich - Expand - Grow

Through August '18

Income	1,312,463
Interest on Income	13,111
Total Income	1,325,575
Consulting Operating Expense	180,000
Archdiocesan Contribution	98,400
Church Lighting (Actual)	223,200
Church Lighting (Consultant)	10,480
Church Windows (Actual)	104,400
Total Expense	616,480
Balance	709,095

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

October Offertory

Registered Households	1893
Envelopes Collection	9,790
Households Using Envelopes	149
Automated Giving	14,394
Individuals Giving Electronically	146
Loose Checks/Cash	4070
Total Offertory	28,254
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500

2018 Annual Catholic Appeal

Parish Goal	27,648
Amount Pledged	61,684
Amount Paid	53,424
Participants	189



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NEW TO THE PARISH?

Welcome! We're glad you are with us! Whether you are just visiting or are settling down in Chicago and looking for your spiritual home, we are glad you are with us! Let us know how we can serve you!



Register with our parish online at www.standrew.org, call us at 773-525-3016. Or scan the QR code to the left.

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

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Date at the Lake	Ben Whipple
Wearing the Green	— Help Needed —
Children's Garage Sale:	Carlyn McGreal
Fish Fry:	Nicci Fagan

To contact any of the individuals above or volunteer for the events, please email Julie at Julie@standrew.org.

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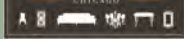
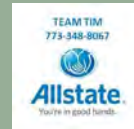
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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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The Giving Tree

Season's Greetings!

Saint Andrew families have helped over 550 students ranging from Pre-K – 8th grade stay warm over the cold, winter, Chicago months. Let's do our part again this year and help those who have less than this holiday season.

As a reminder, the Giving Trees are up and stocked with ornaments and are located in the back of the Church, in the school lobby, inside the JK classroom and outside Pre-K. We will also have volunteers handing out ornaments several days a week at drop off and pick up starting **Monday, November 26th – Wednesday, December 12th** with our **"MOBILE GIVING TREE"**. That is when Saint Andrew families will be able to select these ornaments off the trees and begin their holiday shopping for these very deserving children.

As a reminder, here's how it will work:

Each child/student from St. Mary of the Lake and St. Thomas of Canterbury is going to receive a gift from a Saint Andrew family (families can take more than one child if they choose) equaling **no more** than \$25.00. This gift will include two (2) **NEW** items from a pair of gloves/mittens, socks, a winter hat or scarf. 90% of these students are immigrant families and are often taken aback by how cold Chicago winters are. How thankful these children will be to have two brand new gifts this Christmas!

Once your shopping is complete, please return the two (2) **NEW** items **AND** the ornament in a zip lock bag to either the school or the rectory by **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13th**.

Please **DO NOT** leave any items under the tree in the Church.

Thank you for all your support!

