



Saint Andrew Parish

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“Peace be with you.” *John 20:19*

Parish Information - COVID-19

Parish-wide Closures:

If you need to make contact with the parish staff, please call 773-255-3016 and leave a message.

All Saint Andrew Parish buildings are **closed to the public**. During COVID-19 “stay in place” order, the parish staff is working remotely with periodic check-ins. If you need to make contact with the parish staff, please call 773-525-3016 and leave a message. Someone on staff will check voicemails every half hour from M-F 8:00am to 8:00pm and on Saturday and Sunday from 8:00am to 2:00pm.

The Archdiocese of Chicago has instructed all parishes that there will not be public gatherings through at least April 30, 2020. Please visit our website at www.standrew.org for more information.

Volunteer at Lakeview Pantry & Wrigley Field!

Taking care of our neighbors is of critical importance during this time. With the unemployment rate skyrocketing and neighbors in need, we encourage those who are able to assist in community efforts to assist those who lack food security.

One such opportunity is to assist at Lakeview Pantry which has just opened up operations at Wrigley Field.

They are in need of many volunteers. Please find more information about volunteering and the safety protocols in place for volunteering on their website at <https://www.lakeviewpantry.org/get-food/wrigley/>



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Pastoral Letter

by David Heimann, Pastoral Associate



"Looking forward, it may only be for reasons of history that Christians rediscover that God is not only found in Church, but at home as well."

Culture and history fascinate me. I have had the blessing of discovering that many of the things we do on a normal basis are nothing more than social constructs with historical roots. I also have the blessing of faith which shows me that God intervenes into human history and culture in such a way that social constructs are often God's fingerprint.

This has become very apparent to me when I look at the way that we worship as a Catholic Community. For the entirety of our lives and the better part of the history of Western civilization, Catholic worship has had the luxury of holding public gatherings. For many Catholics, and certainly the dominant voice within our community, we assert that this public practice is how we should "find God."

I have no personal retreat to make from that paradigm for I believe it to be true, but I am also aware of my friends who are Jewish and how they celebrated Passover which ended this past week. The history of the Jewish people has been very different. In Western culture during the past millennia, they have not had the same luxury of a strong continuity of public worship. In fact, for much of history, the Jewish people were not even allowed to form places of worship (synagogues/temples).

Where then could they "find God?" Where could they keep the covenants which God had bestowed upon them? The answer was found in the sanctuary of their own homes.

During the past weeks our Jewish brothers and sisters celebrated the sacred mystery of their ancestors liberation from slavery during Seder meals held privately in the homes of their loved ones (enhanced this year by Zoom, Skype, or Google Meets). This was very natural for them to do because it is what they have done for centuries. It is so important to them to do this at home, that even in recent history, when they enjoy greater religious liberty, the custom to celebrate a Seder dinner at home continues unquestioned.

Conversely, in the past weeks, many Christians struggled to celebrate the sacred mystery of their liberation from sin (Easter) precisely because they were celebrating it in the privacy of their own homes. It is only for the reasons of history that one religious group has enshrined the practice of "finding God" at home and one religious group has forgotten. Looking forward, it may only be for reasons of history that Christians rediscover that God is not only found in Church, but at home as well.

When Jews gather at home to celebrate the Seder, they have a guidebook called a Haggadah. At Saint Andrew, we've been sending out a "Your Sunday Connection" every Saturday to help you pray with your household on during the COVID-19 stay at home orders.

If you are not receiving the "Your Sunday Connection," please sign up for Flocknote at <https://standrewchicago.flocknote.com/> and may God be with you, during this time at home. When we recover from our new social constructs, perhaps we will find God's fingerprints at work.



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!

If we were gathered for mass, we would 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 (May 24). 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 (May 31), which officially concludes the season.

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

Saturday Vigil 18	First Reading Second Reading Gospel 4:00pm	Acts 2:42-47 1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31 +Elaine Lavetta, +Richard Coster +Clarence Solar and Jovenco and Leuvina Jalbuena 50th Anniversary +Antono Hallera
Sunday 19	8:00 am 10:00 am 5:30 pm	Our departed Parishioners Our departed Parishioners
Monday 20	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 4:23-31 Jn 3:1-8 +Marguerite Gaughan
Tuesday 21	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 4:32-37 Jn 3:7b-15 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 22	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21 Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 23	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 24	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 5:34-42 Jn 6:1-15 Jn 21:1-14 Our departed Parishioners
Saturday 25	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions 4:00pm	Acts 2:14, 22-33 1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 26	8:00am 10:00am 5:30 pm	Our departed Parishioners Our departed Parishioners Our departed Parishioners

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org



Scripture Reflection

by Deacon Eric Sorensen



"Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen, and free you."

It's uncanny how much we have in common with the Apostles in this week's Gospel. Not only are we both hiding behind closed doors, but we both feel threatened by the very real possibility of death - they, by the Jewish authorities and we, by the COVID-19 virus. We both feel very vulnerable. Confused. Lost. They, as we now, many of our hopes seem to have evaporated. We huddle behind masks and locked doors; dazed in a fog of uncertainty.

But had not our Lord made himself known the first day of the week, Easter Sunday? He has risen. Jesus stood in their midst. Yet the doubt of St. Thomas persist, "I will not believe." Do we know he is standing in our midst?

St. Peter says, "although we may not have seen him, yet we believe in him." For Jesus is offering us extraordinary mercy, just as he did for the Apostles. First, the Son of God *comes to us*. No closed/locked door prevents Christ's entrance into our lives. With Jesus' divine love, he offers his arms for our support. Second, Christ comes *to calm our fears*, "Peace be with you." In all our losses, our uncertainties, our doubts, Jesus is here to comfort us. Just as our Lord assured his Apostles, "Peace I leave you, my peace I give you," so is our joy during the sign of peace. Third, our Savior breaths upon all our priests, the Holy Spirit, his mercy for the *forgiveness of our sins*. No longer wandering astray, we have a future as his disciples. We have his divine love poured forth from the Cross.

In *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis declares, "Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen, and free you." (p 113)

Lord, enlighten our hearts: free us from our locked doors, strengthen us in your peace, quiet all our fears. Cleanse us of our sins, wash us in the fountain of salvation. Help us, Lord.

On this most Divine and Merciful Sunday, we beg you Lord, help us put into action the baptism we have received through faith. Uplifted by your promise of salvation, may we always "rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy." And joining with St. Thomas in our belief, "My Lord and My God," may we always put our trust in YOU!

Alleluia, alleluia! Eric



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We would ask you to keep the following people and intentions in your prayers.

For the health and wellbeing of: Ramon Romo and for all who are recovering from the effects of COVID-19.

In gratitude and for the safety and wellbeing of the men and women working in healthcare during this urgent time.

For the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed including Elaine Lavetta, Richard Coster, Clarence Solar, Antonio Hallera, Mary Ellen Wolff, Joseph Negele, Senzi Negele, and Emma Negele.

If you would like us to keep a particular intention in the prayers of the parish, please submit your request to www.standrew.org/prayers You can also submit a request for the pastoral staff to light a candle in the church using this link. We will include your intentions in this bulletin when possible and the pastoral staff will personally pray for these intentions before the Blessed Sacrament.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Enrich – Expand - Grow

Income	1,658,292
Interest on Income	23,867
Total Income	1,682,159
Consulting Operating Expense	180,000
Archdiocesan Contribution	196,800
Church Lighting (Actual)	250,517
Church Lighting (Consultant)	10,480
Church Windows (Actual)	156,520
School Addition (Actual)	17,030
Total Expense	811,347
Balance	870,812

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

March, 2020 Offering

Envelopes Collection	10,256
Automated Giving	19,745
Loose Cash	1,911
Total Offertory	31,912
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
Easter, 2020	
Envelopes	4,593
Electronic	9,405
Loose	
Total	13,998

