



# Saint Andrew Parish

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“The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments.” 1 John 2:3

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# Parish Information

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

## Contacting Parish Staff:

All Saint Andrew Parish buildings are **closed to the public**.

Meanwhile, 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.

## Earth Day 2021

April 22 is Earth Day. Included in the last two pages of this bulletin is a summary reprinted from the Diocese of Washington of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical "Ladato Si." Even if you are familiar with this work, please take the time to read the summary.

What we pray for and seek in our response as followers of Jesus is not just the small steps such as recycling and reducing waste, but a fundamental shift in the understanding we have toward the Earth, our common home. May we work towards this change as we celebrate Earth Day this year.

## Pray in Person - Pray at Home

**Attend Mass in Person** - Mass for the public is held every Sunday at 9:00am. Reservations are required to attend. Make a reservation at [www.standrew.org/mass-reservations](http://www.standrew.org/mass-reservations)

**Live Stream Mass** - Sunday Mass at 9:00am is live streamed to watch in real time and it is saved as a recording for parishioners to watch throughout the day. Witness other parishioners read the word of God, the consecration of the Eucharist, and the beauty of Saint Andrew church. [www.standrew.org/sundaymass](http://www.standrew.org/sundaymass)

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# Pastoral Letter

by Deacon Eric Sorensen



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We were blessed in celebrating Holy Week and Easter Triduum for the first time in two years. It was a blessing from God, an overwhelming joy, and a tremendous sigh of relief. You may have witnessed these celebrations in person or per our live-streaming. Either way, “you were a witness of these things,” as Jesus reminds us in Luke’s Gospel. But what did you witness?

You of course witnessed the limitations due to COVID restrictions. These *variations* from prior COVID celebrations reduced some of the beauty, and perhaps some of the symbolization in each of our liturgies. There were also a few variations that weren’t planned, but mistakenly happened. (I beg your pardon.) Yet, as we admitted afterwards in the sacristy, “We were out of practice after two years, but we did 100% better than 2020’s Easter Triduum,” which didn’t happen at all! But what did you witness this year?

It was so joyous to meet so many of you at these liturgies, even though some were supposed to be solemn! Yet, the joy was mutual, as so many of you expressed. You witnessed the beauty in their simplicities. You felt drawn into the mysteries of the liturgies. You experienced closeness to our Father, or to Our Savior, or to his Spirit, or to our Mother. Indeed, many shared with us that it was a profound experience, and thanked us for all our efforts.

Your witness is a direct response to Fr Sergio’s message in his homily on Holy Thursday. He hopes that through these COVID times that we will reflect on the *essentials* in our lives. Instead of returning to our old ways, prior to Covid, that we focus on what we have discovered to be truly valuable; that we became aware of what we have taken for granted; and that deep in our hearts we find the source of hope that sustains us in these COVID times. These *essentials* are our faith that we proclaim, our love that we share with family, and our care that we offer to others.

These are the *essentials* of this Easter Season. The reason for our joy that bursts out all around, both through nature and in others. This is the power of the Resurrected Lord, Jesus Christ. Do not be afraid. He burst open the doors for the apostles, and they brought hope to the whole world. Just so, Christ is opening our hearts to bring hope and justice and peace to our world. “You are witnesses of these things!”

Yes, we are not yet out of the woods with COVID. We still need to be conscious of the safety of others. By doing so we are already showing our love for each other. Just as the apostles could not return to their former lives, so it is that we cannot return to our pre-Covid lives. We are witnesses to what is essential; we can create new beginnings; and we must venture forth to make *essential variations* to our justice and love for all.

Let us respond with the Joy of this Easter Season, Deacon Eric



## Wearin' the Green - May 1, 2021

The parish's annual fundraising party The **Wearin' the Green** will take place on **Saturday, May 1, 2021**.

The event will be held virtually. Tickets are now on sale!

Information about the evening's entertainment, take-home meals and cocktails, as well how to purchase tickets can be found at [www.wearinthegreen.com](http://www.wearinthegreen.com)

Please make plans to join us and purchase your tickets now!



## Altar Servers Will Return Soon

As the Archdiocese provides permission (*under the guidance of health officials*) for certain activities and functions to be restored to our liturgical celebrations, we anticipate in the weeks and months ahead to return having youth to serve at the altar during Mass. The restoration of the ministry of altar servers will start with experienced altar servers first and then new servers in the fourth grade or older will be included as they become trained. Please contact [altarserver@standrew.org](mailto:altarserver@standrew.org) to express interest for your child to participate in this ministry.



## Broadcast with Us

Saint Andrew Parish continues to offer live streaming broadcasts of our Masses and special events in the church. That means we are in need of additional volunteer support this ministry. Please volunteer if you have or are willing to learn skills in how to use audio, visual, and live streaming equipment. If interested, please contact David Heimann at [david@standrew.org](mailto:david@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! 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 16). 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 23), 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 [\(Luke 24:13 13-35\)](#)

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 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, 2021

Sunday <b>18</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19</b> <b>1 Jn 2: 1-5a</b> <b>Lk 24: 35-48</b>  Deceased of the O'Malley Family, +John and Virginia Kaufman and +Amanda Wavernick
Monday <b>19</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Acts 6: 8-15</b> <b>Jn 6: 22-29</b>  <b>Our departed Parishioners</b>
Tuesday <b>20</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Acts 7: 51 - 8:1a</b> <b>Jn 6: 30-35</b>  +Marguerite Gaughan
Wednesday <b>21</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Acts 8: 1b-8</b> <b>Jn 6: 35-40</b>  <b>Our departed Parishioners</b>
Thursday <b>22</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Acts 8: 26-40</b> <b>Jn 6: 44-51</b>  Our departed Parishioners
Friday <b>23</b>	First Reading Gospel	<b>Acts 9: 1-20</b> <b>Jn 6: 52-59</b>
Sunday <b>25</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Acts 4: 8-12</b> <b>1 Jn 3: 1-2</b> <b>Jn 10: 11-18</b>  Our departed Parishioners

For daily readings, please visit [www.usccb.org](http://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, and those suffering job loss.

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 including Sandra Burns, Loretta Ferenzi, Robert Ledvina, and Antonio Seranilla

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](http://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	1,742,607
Interest on Income	31,415
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,774,021</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)	17,030
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>811,947</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>962,075</b>

### PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

March, 2021 Offering	
Envelopes Collection	5,635
Automated Giving	21,973
Loose Cash	735
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>28,343</b>
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	<b>38,500</b>
<b>Annual Catholic Appeal</b>	
2020 Goal	34,114
Amount Pledged	78,092
Amount Paid	68,522
<b>Balance Due</b>	<b>11,105</b>

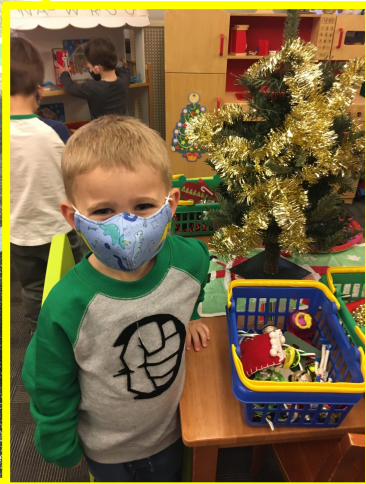


# Saint Andrew School



## Saint Andrew School Introduces Full Day Pre-School for 3 and 4 Year Olds, With Options for Half Day Programs!

Contact Anne Japsen in  
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for more information!



## Spirit. Study. Service.



## Overview of Laudato Si'

Chapter One – WHAT IS HAPPENING TO OUR COMMON HOME (Pollution and climate change; Pollution, refuse and the culture of waste; Climate as a common good; The issue of water; Loss of biodiversity; Decline in the quality of human life and the breakdown of society; Global inequality; Weak responses; A variety of opinions).

Chapter Two – THE GOSPEL OF CREATION (The light offered by faith; The wisdom of the Biblical accounts; The mystery of the universe; The message of each creature in the harmony of creation; A universal communion; The common destination of goods; The gaze of Jesus).

Chapter Three – THE HUMAN ROOTS OF THE ECOLOGICAL CRISIS (Technology: creativity and power; The globalization of the technocratic paradigm; The crisis and effects of modern anthropocentrism; Practical relativism; The need to protect employment; New biological technologies).

Chapter Four – INTEGRAL ECOLOGY (Environmental, economic and social ecology; Cultural ecology; Ecology of daily life; The principle of the common good; Justice between the generations).

Chapter Five – LINES OF APPROACH AND ACTION (Dialogue on the environment; In the international community; Dialogue for new national and local policies; Dialogue and transparency in decision-making; Politics and economy in dialogue for human fulfillment; Religions in dialogue with science).

Chapter Six – ECOLOGICAL EDUCATION AND SPIRITUALITY (Towards a new lifestyle; Educating for the covenant between humanity and the environment; Ecological conversion; Joy and peace; Civic and political love; Sacramental signs and the celebration of rest; The trinity and relationships between creatures; Queen of all creation; Beyond the sun).

The following text offers an overview of the 191 pages of the Encyclical *Laudato si'* and its key points, along with a summary of each of its six chapters (“What is happening to our common home”, “The Gospel of Creation”, “The human roots of the ecological crisis”, “Integral ecology”, “Lines of approach and action”, and “Ecological education and spirituality”). The Encyclical concludes with an interreligious prayer for our earth and a Christian prayer for Creation.

“What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?” (160). This question is at the heart of *Laudato si'* (May You be praised), the anticipated Encyclical on the care of the common home by Pope Francis. “This question does not have to do with the environment alone and in isolation; the issue cannot be approached piecemeal”. This leads us to ask ourselves about the meaning of existence and its values at the basis of social life: “What is the purpose of our life in this world? What is the goal of our work and all our efforts? What need does the earth have of us?” “Unless we struggle with these deeper issues – says the Pope – I do not believe that our concern for ecology will produce significant results”-.

The Encyclical takes its name from the invocation of St. Francis, “Praise be to you, my Lord”, in his *Canticle of the Creatures*. It reminds us that the earth, our common home “is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us”. We have forgotten that “we ourselves are dust of the earth; our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters.”





## Overview of *Laudato Si'*

Now, this earth, mistreated and abused, is lamenting, and its groans join those of all the forsaken of the world. Pope Francis invites us to listen to them, urging each and every one – individuals, families, local communities, nations and the international community – to an “ecological conversion”, according to the expression of St. John Paul II. We are invited to “change direction” by taking on the beauty and responsibility of the task of “caring for our common home”. At the same time, Pope Francis recognizes that “there is a growing sensitivity to the environment and the need to protect nature, along with a growing concern, both genuine and distressing, for what is happening to our planet”. A ray of hope flows through the entire Encyclical, which gives a clear message of hope. “Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home”. “Men and women are still capable of intervening positively”. “All is not lost. Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start”.

Pope Francis certainly addresses the Catholic faithful, quoting St. John Paul II: “Christians in their turn “realize that their responsibility within creation, and their duty towards nature and the Creator, are an essential part of their faith”“. Pope Francis proposes specially “to enter into dialogue with all people about our common home”. The dialogue runs throughout the text and in chapter 5 it becomes the instrument for addressing and solving problems. From the beginning, Pope Francis recalls that “other Churches and Christian communities – and other religions as well – have also expressed deep concern and offered valuable reflections” on the theme of ecology. Indeed, such contributions expressly come in, starting with that of “the beloved Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew”, extensively cited in numbers 8-9. On several occasions, then, the Pope thanks the protagonists of this effort – individuals as well as associations and institutions. He acknowledges that “the reflections of numerous scientists, philosophers, theologians and civic groups, all [...] have enriched the Church’s thinking on these questions”. He invites everyone to recognize “the rich contribution which the religions can make towards an integral ecology and the full development of humanity”.

The itinerary of the Encyclical is mapped out in n. 15 and divided into six chapters. It starts by presenting the current situation based on the best scientific findings available today, next, there is a review of the Bible and Judeo-Christian tradition. The root of the problems in technocracy and in an excessive self-centeredness of the human being are analyzed. The Encyclical proposes an “integral ecology, which clearly respects its human and social dimensions”, inextricably linked to the environmental question. In this perspective, Pope Francis proposes to initiate an honest dialogue at every level of social, economic and political life, that builds transparent decision-making processes, and recalls that no project can be effective if it is not animated by a formed and responsible conscience. Ideas are put forth to aid growth in this direction at the educational, spiritual, ecclesial, political and theological levels. The text ends with two prayers; one offered for sharing with everyone who believes in “God who is the all-powerful Creator”, and the other to those who profess faith in Jesus Christ, punctuated by the refrain “Praise be to you!” which opens and closes the Encyclical.

Several main themes run through the text that are addressed from a variety of different perspectives, traversing and unifying the text: the intimate relationship between the poor and the fragility of the planet, the conviction that everything in the world is connected, the critique of new paradigms and forms of power derived from technology, the call to seek other ways of understanding the economy and progress, the value proper to each creature, the human meaning of ecology, the need for forthright and honest debate, the serious responsibility of international and local policies, the throwaway culture and the proposal of a new lifestyle.

Vatican City, 18 June 2015 (VIS) – <http://www.news.va/en/news/overview-of-the-encyclical-laudato-si>