Saint Andrew Catholic Community

Liturgy: Weekends
Saturday 4 PM,
Sunday 8 AM & 10:30 AM

Weekdays: Tuesday-Thursday 8 AM

• Confessions: Saturday 3 PM or by appointment.

- Anointing of the Sick is celebrated at the 8 AM Mass on the first Wednesday of each month, or by appointment.
- For Marriage and Baptism information, please contact the office.

Mission Statement

St. Andrew's is a parish called by God to form a community of people who respond in faith to Christ, imitate His service to others, and seek the reign of God together through a prayerful and sacramental life.

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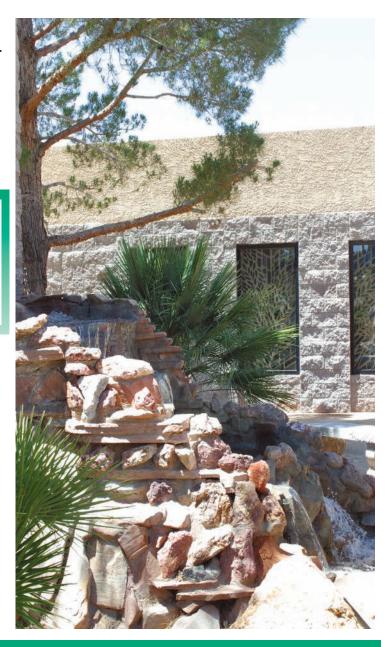
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We move from the Sermon on the Mount which has been our text for the Sundays of Ordinary Time, to the Sermon on the Mount which is our text for Ash Wednesday! Though we recognize the readings for Ash Wednesday, we often think of them as marking out the season of Lent, but it's still part of the great Sermon.

When you think of Lent, what do you imagine? Perhaps it's a childhood memory about giving up sweets. Perhaps it's an adult memory that is more about the changes of color in the church. The word itself comes to us from a word that means, "spring." And when we think of spring we imagine new growth, rain (those April showers), and shifting from the colder days of winter to the beginning of warmth. In the northern hemisphere we also think about the days getting longer—more light.

In the early Church Lent was a time of preparation for those who would be baptized at Easter. This season gradually got lengthened until it became the 40 days we think of today.

Sometimes we think of Lent as a time to get back on track—to pick up the slack in our spiritual lives. We might do something extra in terms of setting aside time for prayer, or we might eat more simply. Some people make a greater effort to attend weekday Mass or Stations of the Cross during Lent.

The reading for Ash Wednesday sets up the three pillars of Lent for us: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. We might think of prayer as simply being more attentive to our relationship with the divine. Fasting can be imagined as emptying ourselves so that there is room in our life for God. And almsgiving places a focus on remembering our responsibility as Christians to those in need.

What will you do this year?

The church asks us to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. This simplifying of our lives should also put us in touch with those who can't afford the luxury of eating meat. And we are asked to fast (eating only one full meal) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those are the basics, but there are ways we can use these to better shape our lives.

For example, I remember Lenten seasons when I didn't eat meat for the whole 40 days of Lent. That meant I had to plan and be more attentive. It was actually a great practice because it made me focus on what I often take for granted.

I remember another Lent when I was living in the same house as Father Leo Coughlin who recently died. He placed a purple cloth over his tv set and didn't watch tv for the entire season. It was a way for him to focus on a more intense spiritual journey rather than surrendering to the great time waster that tv had so often been.

Be creative! What will you do? Perhaps these weeks with the Sermon on the Mount have already given you ideas. Love your enemies? Do good to those who hate you? Become poor in spirit? Just a few ideas that spring to mind.

Whatever you decide to do, I invite you to be intentional. To think about something that will improve your life or deepen your journey and to do it.

The way we enter into Lent also can have a profound impact on what we see at Easter. So choose, plan, and do!

Whatever you do, may this season be one of blessing for you and for the lives of those around you. Blessings, Fr. Bob

Readings for the Week of February 26, 2017

Sunday: Isaiah 49:14-15/Psalm 62:2-3, 6-9/1 Corinthians 4:1-5/Matthew6:24-34

Monday: Sirah 17:20-24/Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7/Mark 10:17-27 Tuesday: Sirah 35:1-12/Psalm 50:5-8, 14, 23/Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday: Joel 2:12-18/Psalm 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17/2 Corinthians 5:20--6:2/Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Deuteronomy 30:15-20/Psalm 1:1-4, 6/Luke 9:22-25 **Friday:** Isaiah 58:1-9a/Psalm 51:3-6ab, 18-19/Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday: Isaiah 58:9b-14/Psalm 86:1-6/Luke 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Psalm 51:3-6, 12-13, 17/Romans 5:12, 17-19/Mathew 4:1-11



Dorothy Allan Peggy Bryant Ralph Jordan **Pattie Liberson** Michael Manteris Richard McClintic Dick O'Grady **Kristy Schewe Brian Van Sloten**

and all those we continue to remember in our prayers on the PRAYER SITE list (www.standrewbc. org and select the PRAY FOR US tab) and for the Tiltons in Kinshasa, for family & friends of those who have died: Alexandra Wilkinson & Frank Gust.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT "Promise to Protect" BELIEVE IN THE POSSIBILITY OF HELP AND HEALING. THERE IS HOPE.

Your local Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help you or anyone who has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church. We will listen to your needs and support you. We will help you make a formal complaint and arrange a personal meeting with the bishop, or his delegate, if desired. We encourage you to come forward and speak out. The Victim Assistance Coordinator in our diocese is: Ron Vallance at (702) 235-7723



Sat., Feb. 25	4:00 pm	† Rosemary J. Vosz			
Sun., Feb. 26	8:00 am 10:30 am	† Dr. Thomas Clark People of the Parish			
Tues., Feb. 28	8:00 am	Communion Service			
Wed., Mar. 1 ASH WedNeSday	8:00 am 3:30 pm 6:00 pm	† Rosemary J. Vosz Celebrant's Intention Liturgy of the Word			
Thurs., Mar. 2	8:00 am	Celebrant's Intention			

Mass Offering & Attendance

Offering:	Last Yr	Current Yr
February 19, 2017	\$ 6,935.00	\$6,933.00

Registered Families: 536 Attendance: 513



Continued Prayers for Our Deployed Military

As a faith community, let us pray that God may protect all who serve our country.



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Tax letters for 2016 have been mailed out. If you received a letter last year, you should have received one in the mail. If you would like to receive a letter THIS YEAR, please contact the office or drop a note in the collection basket.

Cindy Blatchford

This Wednesday March 1, 2017



MASSES: 8 a.M. & 3:30 p.M. Liturgy of the Word: 6 p.M.

Distribution of Ashes at ALL services

If you are interested in becoming a CATHOLIC, please contact the office for more information.

See page 5 for SCHEDULE: **Adult Faith Formation** Religious Education (RE)

MASS SCHEDULE

3 p.m. Confessions and 4 p.m. SATURDAY MASS MASSES on SUNDAY: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. WEEKDAY MASSES: 8:00 a.m. Tues., Wed., & Thurs.

Office Hours: 830 a.m. - 12 noon 1-4:30 p.m. Monday- Friday.

St. Andrew Catholic Community Calendar

February 26, 2017 Extended Liturgy Hosts:

8:00 AM Joyce Cucullu & Allis Sega 10:30 AM Robert & Sharyn Iaconi

SUNDAY M	MONDAY T	UESDAY W	EDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Presider: Fr. Bob Masses: 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.	27	8:00 a.m. MASS Rosary & Chaplet of Mercy (after Mass) THIS WEEK: 6:45 p.m.	ASH WedNeSday Masses: 8:00 a.m. Fr. Tony 3:30 p.m. Word Service: 6:00 p.m. Special Collection: Catholic Charities	8:00 a.m. MASS Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl	6 PM Stations of the Cross followed by Simple Soup	3 p.m. Confessions 4 p.m. MASS Blood Pressure Checks

March 5, 2017 Extended Liturgy Hosts:

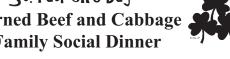
8:00 AM Mary & Jerry Biggs 10:30 AM Matthew & Paula Rios

SUNDAY N	IONDAY T	UESDAY W	VEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Presider: Fr. Bob Masses: 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. Blood Pressure Checks		8:00 a.m. MASS Rosary & Chaplet of Mercy (after Mass)	8:00 a.m. MASS Anointing of the Sick	8:00 a.m. MASS	6 PM Stations of the Cross followed by Simple Soup	3 p.m. Confessions 4 p.m. MASS Collection: Emergency Aid



St. Patrick's Day

Corned Beef and Cabbage Family Social Dinner



Thursday, March 16, 2016 6:00 p.m. Cost: \$10 Adult/Teen \$5 Child (5-12 yrs. old) **Tickets on SALE NOW!**

Menu: Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Dessert Beer/Wine/Soda/Water

If you would like to volunteer to help at this event, a Social Committee member will be taking Sign-ups.



Sponsored by the Knight of Columbus

Sunday, March 12, 2016 8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.

United Blood Services (UBS) BLOODMBILE here at St. Andrew

SCHEDULE your APPOINTMENT to GIVE BLOOD by signing up in the parish hall after Mass or go to www/bloodhero.com and enter code: STANDREWBC or contact United Blood Services at 702-233-9620.



Faith Formation-Religious Education

Adult

New Program – Adult Faith Formation

Faith

Formation



"Follow Me," our new class. If you are signed up we will see you on Tuesday, February 28 at either 9 am or 7 pm. We are on session 4. Come! No matter what! (-;

Adult Faith Formation – Breaking Open the Word (Sunday Scripture Readings)

Our next meeting is March 1, 2017! Join us as we gather to Break Open the Word. No books required. Wednesday mornings in the St. Joseph Classroom from 9:00 am until 10:30 am. We discuss the upcoming Sunday readings, saint of the day, and other interesting Catholic topics.

High School | High School - Class this Sunday, February 26, 2017 at 7 pm

See you at class at our regular 7 p.m. time. Everyone is welcome! We are going to embark on Church history!

Junior High School

Junior High School - Class this Monday, February 27, 2017 at 7 pm

All junior high students are welcome!

Elementary

Elementary (K - 5th) - this Wednesday, March 1, 2017 -

(K-5th)



Dear Parent/s:

Please come to the church as a family for the ASH WEDNESDAY Mass and distribution of ashes at 3:30 p.m. this Wednesday.

ALL parishioners ARE WELCOME!

Women's SILENT RETREAT: MAY 19 - 21, 2017 Alhambra California **SOLD OUT!** WILL take a WAIT LIST! Last year all those on the Wait List were able to attend. To be put on **W**_L, Call Peggy Caspar at 702-689-7055.

See page 7 for another option



Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) in the Chapel beginning Friday, March 3rd at **6 p.m.** followed by a "Simple Soup" Social in the hall.

If you would like to bring "Meatless Simple Soup" on one or more of the Fridays during Lent, please SIGN-UP in the hall after Mass.

St. Andrew Upcoming Events

ASH WEDNESDAY - Special Collection

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the forty days of Lent as we begin our journey to the foot of the cross we may ask ourselves, "How can I develop a closer relationship with Christ?" "What will I sacrifice during Lent?" "What can I do that will benefit the less fortunate?" These questions are answered by the Church which asks us to pray, fast and give alms, a tradition that finds its roots in the Old Testament.

Our first call is to prayer. Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread over 40 days. Prayer sustains and nurtures our relationship with God. It is a process of listening to God's daily call, then responding. Without prayer, personal and communal, this relationship is diminished, sometimes to the point of complete silence on our part.

Fasting, a form of penance, and Jesus' second call, has been a consistent part of our Catholic tradition. By fasting and self-denial, by living lives of moderation we have more energy to devote to God's purpose and a better self-esteem that helps us to be more concerned with the well-being of others. Voluntary fasting from food creates in us a greater openness to God's Spirit and deepens our compassion for those who are forced to go without food.

The third part of the Lenten tradition is almsgiving. We are asked to reach out in charity. As we experience weakness and suffering during Lent, we will be renewed in our compassion for those who are hungry, suffering or otherwise in need. It is about more than throwing a few extra dollars in the collection plate; it is about reaching out to others and helping them without question. By doing this we enable others to experience God's unconditional love.

Each year the Annual Ash Wednesday Collection benefits Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada. Supporting the efforts of Catholic Charities not only gives us the opportunity to follow our Lenten traditions, but to put into action the Corporal Works of Mercy.

To feed the hungry: One in six seniors in Southern Nevada struggles with hunger. Catholic Charities'

Meals on Wheels Program serves more than 2,100 isolated seniors every day. St. Vincent Lied Dining Facility serves a free meal every day of the year to hundreds of hungry men, women, and children. The Hands of Hope Community Food Pantry provides supplemental groceries to thousands of families that struggle each month to make ends meet.

To shelter the homeless: Hundreds of homeless individuals dealing with mental health and/or addiction problems are given shelter at Catholic Charities each day. Your donations will provide the necessary funds to hire much-needed case managers, who provide one-on-one assistance to individuals for a successful transition from a homeless situation to becoming self-sufficient.

To give alms: Whether struggling in poverty, with homelessness, becoming homebound, or adjusting to life as a refugee, Catholic Charities provides help, hope and transformation in the lives of more than



100,000 men, women, and children each year through your alms giving.

Pope Francis reminds us that Lent is not a time to be sad, but gazing at that horizon of love and opening our hearts, allowing that these desires spring from something greater... leading to rich and varied

works of mercy toward needy brothers and sisters."

This Lent, as we strive toward self-discipline, instead of the typical "giving something up for Lent," let us instead "do something positive" and take a sincere interest in the well-being of our sisters and brothers in need and join me in support of Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada.

Remembering you in prayer, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph A. Pepe, D.D., J.C.D. Bishop of Las Vegas

Around the Diocese Upcoming Events



Marriage Encounter for Good Marriages and Holy Orders

Las Vegas website: www.lvloveyourspouse.org

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides." Learn how to "not sweat the small stuff" and enhance your marriage by attenting a WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend on May 19-21, 2017 in Boulder City.

To apply online, or for other weekend dates visit www. lvloveyourspouse.org or call 702-589-0068.

Retrouvaille (re-tro-vi)

Retrouvaille is a Catholic based program designed to help couples rediscover their love for each other. If you or someone you know is considering separation or divorce please urge them to sign up for Retrouvaille. This program helps couples with communication issues, addiction challenges, infidelity or parenting problems. The couples learn new techniques in communication and resolving conflicts.

Our next weekend is March 24 -26, 2017. Space is limited please contact Chuck Moore 702-604-1006 to reserve your space.

ATTENTION: MEN & WOMEN

A MORNING of LEARNING and PRAYING with the CAMELITE SISTERS

"Peace of Soul and Apostolic Fruitfulness" Saturday, March 25, 2017 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (Doors open at 7:30 a.m.)

St. Anne Catholic Church

The Ghanem Center at St. Anne Catholic School 1901 S. Maland Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada

Join **Sister Mary Clare**, Carmelite Sister of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles, in discovering why searching for and maintaining peace of soul is essential for living an authentic Christian spiritual life. We will discuss how peace of heart affects our ability to be effective witnesses to the Gospel in our modern world. The content of these presentations will be based on the writing of Jacque Phillipwe, our Holy Father Pope Francis, and other Masters of the spiritual life.

For more information:

Parish: 702-735-0510 or parish@stannelvnv.org

or Miriam: 702-898-1896

If interested in attending, but would like to carpool please contact Peggy Caspar at 702-689-7055.

Department of Faith Formation
Presents:
A Lenten Journey through the
Paschal Mystery

EVENING OF REFLECTION with Sr. Edith Prendergast, RSC THURSDAY, March 9, 2017 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

THE PASCHAL MYSTERY
with Connie Clough
THURSDAY, March 16, 23 and 30, 2017
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Anderson Hall

Guardian Angel Cathedral 336 Cathedral Way, Las Vegas NV

Fee \$10 for the series @ Anderson Hall

This series explores the mystery of our faith through the meaning of symbols that are highlighted during Triduum. The liturgical services that take place during the Triduum will be addressed as follows:

- . March 16, 2017 Mass of the Last Supper
- . March 23, 2017 Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
- . March 30, 2017 Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord





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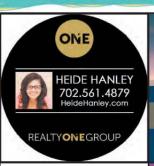




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