



PARISH BULLETIN



Saint Andrew Catholic Community

Mission Statement

We, St. Andrew Catholic Community, respond in faith to Christ's call by building up the reign of God through evangelization, prayer, sacramental life, and loving service to others.

Week of

December 18, 2022
4th Sunday of Advent

Office Hours:
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
1:00 PM - 5:30 PM
Monday - Thursday

Sunday Masses: 8 AM and 10:30 AM

Weekday Services and Masses
8:00 AM in the Chapel
Tuesday: Communion Service
Wednesday and Thursday: Mass

Anointing of the Sick Mass
1st Wednesday of the Month
8 AM in Chapel

January 4, 2023

Confessions by appointment only
(Please make arrangements through the parish office)

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Calendar & Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 18, 2022

4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Mass: People of the Parish

10:30 AM Mass: + Maj. Kenneth Kwiatkoski, USAF

Monday, December 19, 2022

9:00 AM Line Dancing

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

8 AM Communion Service

8:30 AM Rosary

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

8 AM MASS: + Robert Baldoni

9:00 AM BOTW (St. Joseph's)

NO Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 22, 2022

8 AM MASS: + Robyn Johnson

NO Elementary Religious Education

Friday, December 23, 2022

Christmas

Saturday, December 24, 2022

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Mass

7:00 PM Night Mass

Sunday, December 25, 2022

Christmas Day

10:30 AM Mass

**Come thirty (30) minutes before Masses
and join us in singing Christmas Carols!**

Pray for

Matthew Drzewieck

Giovani Falcone

Jayne Ortlieb

Roger Wolford

Dina Robinson

Sheila Portillo

Jeffrey Lott

Maria Blake

Our Deployed Military

Please let us know of any of your loved ones are deployed and we will include their name/s in are prayer list.

all those listed on our online PRAYER list (www.standrewbc.org and select the PRAY FOR US tab), all the people in our community who are ill, the vulnerable including the unborn, all victims of violence, mass shootings, terrorism, and war around the world, *especially in Ukraine-Russia*, those affected by natural disasters (e.g., floods, wildfires,...), and for the repose of the souls of family members, friends, and loved ones who have recently passed away.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Coming Up

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24, 2022

4:00 PM Mass

7:00 PM Night Mass

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25, 2022

10:30 AM Mass

**Come thirty (30) minutes
before Masses
and join us in singing
Christmas Carols!**



Sanctuary Flowers

on this 4th Sunday of Advent

Donor: Barbara Kwiatkoski

In Loving Memory of my Husband:

Maj. Kenneth Kwiatkoski, USAF



Christmas Sanctuary Flowers

We again are asking for donations for sanctuary flowers (poinsettias) this year in memory or honor of a loved one. Your intentions will be published in our Christmas weekend bulletin.



Breaking Open the Word (BOTW)

**THIS WEDNESDAY, December 21, 2022
IN PERSON Meeting in the St. Joseph Classroom**

In Breaking Open the Word (BOTW), we gather to prayerfully reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings. BOTW meets on Wednesdays from 9AM - 10:30 AM.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

**Scripture Readings
Week of December 18, 2022**

Sunday, 4th Sunday of Advent: Isaiah 7: 1-14/Psalm 24: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Romans 1: 1-7/Matthew 1: 18-24

Monday: Judges 13: 2-7, 24-25A/Psalm 71: 3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/
Luke 1: 5-25

Tuesday: Isaiah 7: 10-14/Psalm 24: 1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Luke 1: 26-38

Wednesday: Song of Songs 2: 8-14/Psalm 33: 2-3, 11-12, 20-21/
Luke 1: 39-45

Thursday: 1 Samuel 1: 24-28/1 Samuel 2: 1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Luke 1: 46-56

Friday: Malachi 3: 1-4, 23-24/Psalm 25: 4-5ab, 8-10 and 14/Luke 1: 57-66

Saturday - December 24, 2022

2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Psalm 89: 2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Luke 1: 67-79

Christmas Eve Vigil:

Isaiah 62: 1-5/Psalm 89: 4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/
Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25/Matthew 1: 1-25

Christmas Eve Night:

Isaiah 9: 1-6/Psalm 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Titus 2: 11-14/Luke 2: 1-14

Sunday, Christmas Day - December 25, 2022

Isaiah 52: 7-10/Psalm 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Hebrews 1: 1-6/John 1: 1-18

U.S. Catholic

Fr. Ferdinand Okorie, C.M.F.*

Reflection on Readings

Isaiah 7: 1-5, Psalm 24: 1-6/Romans 1: 1-7

Matthew 1: 18-21

The countdown to Christmas has entered its final week. Since the beginning of the season of waiting, giving gifts, and receiving gratitude, you may have seen Salvation Army bellringers at local stores. Many people have given to their favorite charities, and others are preparing to do so, spreading Christmas cheer. Already, the Christmas trees at our homes are decorated as the anticipation of receiving gifts from our loved ones grows. Our experience of giving and receiving reflects the spirit of the season.

In the first reading, God asks Ahaz to make a grandiose request because God is disposed to benefit us far beyond what we can imagine. Ahaz declines to ask, perhaps because of his human inability to know his own needs. The Psalmist ascribes to God unbounded knowledge and discernment of human need to the extent that God offers humanity the greatest gift, namely, God-self, present among us, Emmanuel. It is an extraordinary birth of divine presence, restoring the human family to our original unity with God. The Gospel of John identifies this gift of divine presence among us as God choosing to dwell with humanity. By relating to us, and taking on our human nature, God displays compassion and vulnerability. And this extraordinary gift of divine indwelling among us is for the purpose of service.

In the second reading, Paul uses the same disposition to service, by which we identify God's habitation among us, to identify his calling to proclaim the gospel. Just as God gives Godself to us through the presence of Jesus Christ, likewise Paul, in a show of gratitude, gives himself in service to Jesus Christ, proclaiming the good news of God's presence among us for the sake of transformation of the human condition towards a life with God.

Paul names the presence of God among us through Jesus Christ as the beginning of grace, that experience of God's gratuitous gift of divine favor, unconditionally bestowed because the initiative to favor humankind comes essentially from God. Ahaz, Paul, and Joseph all received divine grace, regardless of their human limitations, and cooperate with God, allowing the gift granted them to bring transformation in their lives, and in the world. God's gift of grace reassured Ahaz and the whole of Judah during a time of troubling military invasion. Receiving God's grace, the king embodies God's reassuring presence to the Judeans. Likewise, Joseph opens himself to the presence of God's grace and cooperates with God for the salvation of the world. Paul identifies his experience of God's gift of divine favor through Jesus Christ as an invitation to service, sharing this gift of God's presence in his ministry to the gentiles.

Next Sunday, we celebrate and renew our faith in the gift of God's presence and share in the spirit of the season by giving and receiving gifts with one another. But I invite you to think beyond the traditional routine of opening gifts under the Christmas tree and discern the gift that your loved ones and the world need from you today. Trust is

ebbing dangerously in our homes and society, affecting our respect and dignity for one another. Rebuilding a culture of trust can help repair fragile and damaged relationships.

For our world, remember that every region has experienced climate disasters. The time has come to give our world the gift of reducing our carbon footprints. During this season of giving and receiving gifts, give the gift that is powerful and transformational to one another and to the world.

* Permission given to publish
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**Special Collection
Retired Priests
of the Diocese of Las Vegas
THIS Sunday, December 18, 2022**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Following consultation with the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Las Vegas, we have initiated the annual second collection benefitting the Retired Priests of the Diocese of Las Vegas. This Diocese of Las Vegas Retired Priests Collection will be taken up on Sunday, December 18th, 2022, the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Las Vegas priests have selflessly ministered to the faithful of our community, continuing Christ's mission. They have served for decades, in some cases, over half a century. Our priests have been there for each of us and for our families, providing spiritual support year in and year out. Please join the faithful today in being there for them, to assist them in the dignity of their retirement and to honor their lives of service through this annual Retired Priests Collection.

The Retired Priests Collection will take place annually on the Fourth Sunday of Advent. A video of some of our retired priests will be shared before Mass on that day. I especially thank you for praying for future priestly vocations in our diocese, so that upon

their ordinations, they may build upon the good work of these selfless priest servants.

Asking our Lord Jesus, our great High Priest, to continue to bless you and your families, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend George Leo Thomas, Ph.D.
Bishop of the Diocese of Las Vegas

Click below:

[YouTube video](#)

Retired Priests of the Diocese of Las Vegas Collection.

Thank-you always for your generosity!

**CSA 2022
at St. Andrew Catholic Community**

Goal: \$70,241.00

Total Pledged: \$73,970.00

Cash Received: \$72,074.50

Participants/families: 119



Thank-you so much!

[Click Here](#)

Bishop Thomas CSA Reflection

Your pledge or donation is important to us!

The 2022 goal for St. Andrew is \$70,241. Since we have now reached our goal, all funds raised above and beyond that goal are rebated back to the parish 100%

for parish projects.

The 2022 CSA Packets and pledge cards are available in the vestibule of the church and the parish hall. For your convenience, the pledge card document has been provided: [Click Here](#) which you can mail directly to the diocese, drop off at the parish or place in the collection basket.



SILENT AUCTION TASTE OF CHRISTMAS

This last Sunday, I hope we all enjoyed delicious treats (supplied by parishioners), auction items that tickled your fancy, and lots of kind folks who shared their time, as well as those who financially supported this event.

This wonderful day was possible because St. Andrew is blessed with helping angels. Want to know who these angels are, here we go! Dianne Vanasse, Judy Gillis, Joan Sharpe, Julie Bloecker, Beverly Christianson, Shari Kern, Kathy Coffee, Anita Santangelo and Victor, Peggy Caspar and Phil, Nancy Porter, Barbara Kosa, Kevin Smith (Superman!), Cheryl Thompson, Mary Biggs, Karen Scioscia, Barbara Misuraca, Marisa Pardiñas, Monica Dell'orto, Jody Vogt, Ron and Fran Milne, Pattie Ruiz, Tina Becvar, Sharie and George Young, Lorraine Genovese, and Linda Lysakowski.

Barbara and I are very grateful. The joy and love we felt from all of you warmed our hearts and made us grateful for Fr. Ron and Deacon Tim who cheered us forward and for all the parishioners at St. Andrew's. We pray God blesses your Christmas and 2023.

Love,
Barbara Smith and

Judee Mikolainis

A Special Thanks --

Thank-you Barbara and Judee for the many hours you spent coordinating and overseeing this special annual event. It takes leadership as well as many angels, including businesses in and around Boulder City to make an event like this happen and be successful. We want to acknowledge with our sincere thanks to these businesses who supported us: Ace Hardware, Marisa Pardiñas, QuickBooks Advisor, Albertsons, Fox Smokehouse BBQ, Railroad Pass Casino, Holiday Inn Express, Home Hardware & Variety (True Value), Toto's Mexican Restaurant, The Patio at Chilly Jilly'z, Massage Therapy by Gloria, and Silverton Hotel and Casino.

Thank-you to the two elves, Maria Boyle and Pat DeShazo, who came and festively decorated the parish office reception area just in time for Christmas. Thank-you for sharing your time & talents in preparation for celebrating the birth of Jesus.

We welcome all of you to visit the parish office during office hours to see how beautifully it is decorated by our elves.



"CHILDRENS" CHOIR for CHRISTMAS

*This is an open invitation to
children and adults*

from 1st graders up to the age of 120 years old
to join in singing Christmas Carols at
our Christmas Masses - 4 PM Mass & 7 PM Mass
and/or Christmas Day - 10:30 AM Mass

All Christmas Carolers, please make sure Allison Shafer has your email address to send you the list of the carols that will be sung and provide you with any other important details.

Contact: Allison Shafer at shafer.allison09@gmail.com or text/call 775-843-8657.

**CAROLING FOR CHRISTMAS
COME JOIN US!!**



**Elementary Religious Education
2nd through the 5th grade**

**Religious Education
NO CLASSES**

**December 22nd and 29th
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM**

Classes resume January 5th

**IT IS NEVER TOO LATE
to REGISTER your child/ren**

**[Click Here](#) and
also include [Photo Release: Click Here](#)
*or you can be pick up a form from the parish office.***

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Bobbe Wilson our
Elementary Religious Education Coordinator by email or by
phone: danielnbobbe@gmail.com or 702-526-4512.
We will do everything possible to meet your individual concerns.



Exposition and Benediction
Exposition and Benediction will be on the
1st Thursday of the month in the CHAPEL

January 5, 2023

**9:00 AM - EXPOSITION of the Blessed Sacrament
and BENEDICTION at 11 AM in the Chapel.**

Sign-up sheet in Chapel

[Click Here](#)
Prayer Card

Adoration

**On all other Thursdays of the Month, the CHAPEL
will be open after Morning Mass from 9 AM - 11 AM**

**or spending quiet time with Jesus in Adoration
in FRONT of the TABERNACLE.**



Gathering of St. Andrew Ladies

**January 8, 2023
at 2 PM**

All Ladies Invited!

Come and just be together,
enjoy one another's company, find a
new friend, or get to know better
someone you already know.

Feel free to bring something to drink or eat for yourself or to share with friends or at your table. It is a self-reliant event; so, no one person/s will be responsible for bringing drinks or food; providing cups, dishes, or utensils; serving; or cleaning up. If you enjoy talking and visiting as you play a game of Scrabble, Mexican Train, etc., feel free to bring your own or join a game that is or will soon be in progress.

See you at the Next Gathering!

St. Andrew Catholic Community

Caring for Creation



Your Action is Needed to SAVE BEES!

The bee is more honored than other animals, not because she labors, but because she labors for others. - St. John Chrysostom

The Problem: Home Depot and Lowe's still sell toxic weedkiller Roundup, which can KILL bees.

What You Can Do: **Tell Home Depot and Lowe's to STOP selling Roundup to protect pollinators!**

Your Action's Impact: Retail companies care about customer opinions. Your message can help save bees from Roundup by convincing Home Depot and Lowe's to pull it from their shelves.

People grabbing Roundup off the shelves at Home Depot and Lowe's right now may not realize the significant damage that its main ingredient, glyphosate, does to bees. In fact, a recent study found Roundup can kill bees on contact and even suffocate them. **94% OF THE TESTED BEES DIED!**

Another study showed that glyphosate can disrupt bees' development and impair their ability to navigate -- making foraging and finding their way home more difficult. That means **FEWER BABY BEES!**

People spraying Roundup on their lawns right now could be unknowingly harming themselves! Research points to alarming health risks linked to glyphosate: **cancer, hormone disruption, shortened pregnancy, and fatty liver disease.**

We cannot let corporate greed hurt bees and people. We need 2,033 more people to demand Home Depot and Lowe's protect pollinators, people and our planet today. **Will you tell Home Depot and Lowe's to save pollinators by ending the sale of Roundup?**

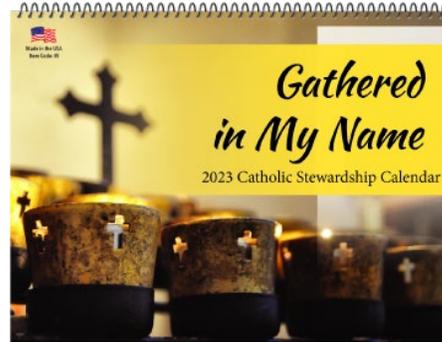
Click on:

[SIGN THE PETITION](#)

Standing with you,
Paolo Mutia
Food and agriculture campaigner,
Friends of the Earth

**OUR 2023 Yearly Calendars
are NOW available!**

**You may pick up one for your
family from the table in the
vestibule of the church
or in the parish office.**



Around the Diocese of Las Vegas

**Diocese of Las Vegas Website
[Click Here](#)**

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**OTHER "Ongoing" CONTENT
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Catholics Come Home and Mass Times

Celebration Ongoing of Earth Day

Adoption Services

Martha Ministry

A special Synod

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Music Ministry

Lend a Hand

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United Nations Climate Change Conference (GOP27)

Monarch Butterflies

Sustainable Options for Health, Hair, and Household

Protect Tribal Cultural Sites and Marine Ecosystems
Faith, Food, and the Environment

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: Ron Vallance at (702) 235-7723.

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FACEBOOK (f)

Photos from church events as well as reminders can be seen on Facebook and shared with others to spread the news of St. Andrew. It's a good way to invite others you know into our community when people share the pictures and event information.

Click on the small, encircled **f below to connect to St. Andrew Catholic Community Facebook. We need to get the word out about the gifts and talents of St. Andrew! Also, if you take pictures at events, you can email or text them to Susan Slykerman at slykermansusan@gmail.com or 702-354-8830. She has volunteered to add them to the Facebook page.**

