

Say “Yes” and Go Out

We can really relate to God when he repeats the people’s blame and accusations at him for not being fair. In moments of suffering or injustice, it’s easy to pass judgment and blame it all on God. It’s especially difficult when innocent and good people (ourselves included) suffer. We’re tempted to ask, “Aren’t you supposed to treat your friends better?”

We only need to look at Marco Palmezzano’s painting *Christ Bearing the Cross* to reconsider our complaints. How have we treated God?

Jesus was and is the most innocent of souls; no other being was or is as good as Jesus. No one was asked to suffer like him, and he suffered not to gain for himself but to pay our debt. Relating it to today’s Gospel lesson, Jesus is the son who, when asked to work in his Father’s vineyard, promptly said “yes” and went. Always obedient, always docile, always loving.

Watching Jesus, we hear the echo of St. Paul’s letter. Jesus humbly regarded his brothers and sisters as more than himself and was willing to go to the cross and win them back for the Father. Keep in mind, those siblings had destroyed family

unity, squandered away their inheritance, sold their birthright, sold him into slavery with their sin, and very often refused his love. Yet “God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

God knows his merciful justice well and can kindly and provokingly ask in Ezekiel 18:25, “Is it my way that is unfair? Are not your ways unfair?”

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *Christ Bearing the Cross*, circa 1535

Artist: Marco Palmezzano

Location: Vatican Museums



For Reflection

Am I fair to God by giving him thanksgiving, adoration, and obedience for his love? Am I fair to others by offering them gratitude and humble kindness?

“Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves” (Philippians 2:3).

**Parish of the Visitation
and St. Raymond
St. Andrew's Church**

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Masses: Saturday: St. Andrew's~ 4:00pm; St. Raymond's~ 6:00pm

Sunday: St. Andrew's~ 8:30am; Church of the Visitation~ 10:30am

**Confessions: Saturday: Church of the Visitation~ 11:30-12:00pm and upon request
St. Andrew's~ 3:15pm and upon request; St. Raymond's~ before 6:00pm Mass as time allows**

MASS SCHEDULE

Sat Sept 30	4:00PM	ST. ANDREW'S - Anticipated Masses Diane LaBare by Her Family
	6:00PM	ST. RAYMOND'S - Ann T. McGee by Katherine and Marshall Smith
Sun Oct 1	8:30AM	Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ST. ANDREW'S - Living and Deceased Members of St. Andrew's Altar Rosary Society by St. Andrew's Altar Rosary Society
	10:30AM	CHURCH OF THE VISITATION - Leon Robert by Jean LaPlante
Mon Oct 2	8:30AM	+The Holy Guardian Angels ST. ANDREW'S - Mary Amyot by Paul and Nancy Paige <u>MORNING PRAYER AND MASS</u>
Tue Oct 3	8:00AM	ST. RAYMOND'S - Dorothy Mitchell by Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond Altar Rosary Society <u>MORNING PRAYER AND MASS</u>
	8:30AM	ST. ANDREW'S - A Soul in Purgatory by the Cutler Family
Wed Oct 4	8:30AM	+St. Francis of Assisi, Religious Founder ST. ANDREW'S - Susan Perry by Jack and Theresa Lamay <u>MORNING PRAYER AND MASS</u>
	9:30AM	HIGH STREET APARTMENTS, Norfolk - Deceased of the Grady Family by the Bessie Grady Delduchetto Estate
Thu Oct 5	8:30AM	+Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest ST. ANDREW'S - Gordon McDonald by Thomas Fiacco and Family
	5:30PM	CHURCH OF THE VISITATION - Agatha Carson by Lawrence and Margaret Connelly <u>EVENING PRAYER AND MASS</u>
Fri Oct 6	8:00AM	First Friday +St. Bruno, Priest; +Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, Virgin CHURCH OF THE VISITATION - Cindy Francis by Lillian LaFleur <u>MORNING PRAYER AND MASS</u> <u>7:55 - NOVENA IN HONOR OF ST. PEREGRINE</u>
Sat Oct 7		ST. RAYMOND'S, First Saturday Devotions 9:00AM Rosary and Confessions, 9:30AM Mass
	4:00PM	ST. ANDREW'S - Anticipated Masses Robert Regan by Gerald and Shirley McKenna
	6:00PM	ST. RAYMOND'S - Intentions of the People of the Parish
Sun Oct 8	8:30AM	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ST. ANDREW'S - Deceased Members of the Regan and Levison Families by Phil and Linda Regan
	10:30AM	CHURCH OF THE VISITATION - Dawn LaBarge by Nancy Demo

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 1 - St. Andrew's Coffee Hour - After 8:30AM Mass - St. Andrew's Rectory
Oct 1 - PVSR Religious Education Classes - 9:20-10:20AM - Father Amyot Parish Center
Oct 1 - St. Andrew's Religious Education Classes - 9:30-10:30AM - Church Hall
Oct 1 - Children's Mass - 10:30AM - Church of the Visitation
Oct 2 - NHN Nursing Home Crafting - 10:00AM-Noon
Oct 2 - NHN BINGO - 1:30-3:30PM - Father Amyot Parish Center
Oct 2 - Manicotti Monday - 4:00-6:30PM - Father Amyot Parish Center
Oct 3 - PVSR Altar Rosary Society meeting - 6:30PM - Father Amyot Parish Center
Oct 8 - Special Collection - Fuel and Heat - All Masses
Oct 8 - Norfolk Knights of Columbus Brunch
Oct 8 - No PVSR Religious Education Classes
Oct 8 - No St. Andrew's Religious Education Classes
Oct 8 - Deacon Phil Regan Ordination Celebration - 1:00PM - St. Andrew's Church Hall
Oct 9 - NHN BINGO at Baldwin Acres, Norwood - 1:30-3:30PM
Oct 10 - St. Andrew's Maintenance Committee meeting - 6:30PM - St. Andrew's Rectory
Oct 11 - Domino Days - 12:30PM - Father Amyot Parish Center

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SAVE THE DATE

Happy Birthday Msgr. Murphy!

Put Thursday, October 19, 2017 on your calendar so you can help us celebrate Msgr. Murphy's 70th birthday. Our two parishes have a special dinner planned for the celebration at the Father Amyot Parish Center after the 5:30PM Mass at Church of the Visitation. Sign-up sheets will be at the entrances of the churches the weekend of October 7 and 8. His birthday is Wednesday, October 4 so be sure to wish him a Happy Birthday if you see him that day!

ST. RAYMOND'S CHAPEL MASS SCHEDULE

Father Jack Downs will celebrate daily Mass in the rectory chapel at 8:00AM according to the following schedule:!

Week of October 2: Monday, Thursday, and Friday

Week of October 9: Monday, Wednesday-Friday

SPECIAL COLLECTION

In the past we have invited parishioners to donate to help offset our fuel and heating costs. These donations will now be taken up as a second collection twice a year. The fall collection is scheduled for the weekend of October 7 and 8. Your support will help defray the mounting cost for our buildings. Please be as generous as you are able. Father Murphy truly appreciates the generosity many show in a collection that benefits the parishes directly. God's blessing to you.

Religious Education

October 1st -

All grades, Pre k-9th

Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond's:
Group Rosary at church before Mass
9:20-10:20am

Children's Mass 10:30am

St. Andrew's Church:
9:30 - 10:30am

PARISH OF THE VISITATION AND ST. RAYMOND

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

Bazaar

Plans for the Fall Bazaar, scheduled for Saturday, October 28, 2017, are well underway. Most positions that are needed have been filled but volunteers are still needed in various capacities. Call Nancy Demo at 353-8863 to offer your assistance.

Cabbage Rolls will be offered at the Bazaar. To pre-order your desired amount, call Laurie during office hours.

Work bees will be planned to make candy for the candy sale and for making the cabbage rolls. Volunteers are needed for both activities. Please give Nancy a call if you're able to assist.

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Altar Rosary Society (continued)

Dinner Invitation

St. Andrew's Altar Rosary Society has invited the Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond Society members to dinner on Wednesday, October 18 at St. Andrew's Hall at 6:00PM. RSVP to Nancy as soon as possible.

October 2, 2017!

Come join us!

Manicotti Monday
also serving
Spaghetti and Meatballs
Homemade Manicotti
and/or
Spaghetti and Homemade Meatballs
Tossed Salad
Italian bread
Dessert and beverage
\$9.75 per person
Under age 5-free
~Delivery available in the Norfolk area by calling the day of
384-4242 by 1:00PM~
Sponsored by
The Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond
Held first Monday of each month unless otherwise posted
4:00PM-6:30PM
~Take outs available~
Served at the Fr. Andrew Amyot Parish Center
3 Morris Street
Norfolk, NY

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

SANCTUARY LAMP BEFORE THE TABERNACLE

This week the Sanctuary Lamp at St. Andrew's burns in memory of *Stanley Thomas* by Mary Thomas. Please remember him in your prayers.

COFFEE HOUR

The next St. Andrew's Coffee Hour will be on Sunday, October 15 after the 8:30AM Mass. Everyone is welcome to gather at the rectory for refreshments and fellowship. We hope to see you there! *Note that there will not be a coffee hour on the second Sunday of each month in deference to the Norfolk K of C Brunch.*

ST. ANDREW'S PRAYER LINE

Members of our Parish who would like a member of their family or a close friend put on our Prayer Line are asked to call either Doreen Valade @ 315-212-5729 or Ann Miller @ 315-353-2950. Please be sure the person we will be praying for agrees to this before you call. Everything you share with us is kept confidential.

ST. ANDREW'S PRAYER GROUP

St. Andrew's prayer group will meet at St. Andrew's Church Hall each Monday at 7:00PM. All are welcome to participate.

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING - TITHING

*"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."
(John 20:21)*

Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond

September 24/25, 2016 - \$1,198.00

September 23/24, 2017 - \$5,032.00

Adult env, \$2,333.00 - Plate, \$92.00

Maintenance, \$10.00

Hurricane Relief, \$2,577

World Mission Sunday, \$20.00

Fiscal year-to-date adult envelope

comparison: 9/24-25/16: \$24,617.00

9/23-24/17: \$24,153.40

Adult weekly envelopes:

2016 - \$1,147.00 ~ **2017** - \$2,333.00

Adult envelopes used:

9/24-25/17 - 35 ~ **9/23-24/17** - 62

9/16-17/17 - 63

St. Andrew's Church

September 24/25, 2016 - \$1,800.00

September 23/24, 2017 - \$4,745.00

Adult env, \$1,454.00 - Plate, \$419.00

Maintenance, \$10.00 - Candles, \$28.00

Funeral offering, \$100.00

Hurricane Relief, \$2,734.00

Fiscal year-to-date adult envelope

comparison: 9/24-25/16: \$19,918.00

9/23-24/17: \$20,874.00

Adult weekly envelopes:

2016 - \$1,332.00 ~ **2017** - \$1,454.00

Adult envelopes used:

9/24-25/16 - 57 ~ **9/23-24/17** - 71

9/16-17/17 - 63

LET US PRAY

Please remember in your prayers all of our parish family and friends who suffer emotionally, spiritually, or physically especially Scott Storin, Mike Jay, and Liz Agen. If you wish to have the name of a relative or friend listed for one month, please contact the Parish office at 315-384-4242.

*Anyone from **Our Catholic Parishes** may request to have a person included in the bulletin for prayers. We will adhere to the practice of including a name for one month before removing it. Prayer can always be requested again at any time.*

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

One Mass will be offered in our parishes on the upcoming First Friday, October 6, 2017. It has been scheduled this month for Church of the Visitation at 8:00AM. Parishioners from all 3 churches are encouraged to attend and continue this vital devotion. Adoration of the most Blessed Sacrament will continue into the morning. This will include recitation of the rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, praying of the Litany of the Sacred Heart, and scripture reading appropriate to the season, all offered at appropriate items on the hour and half-hour. Benediction will conclude the adoration at 10 am. Join with us and help offer this as a strong prayer on behalf of our church.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

On Saturday, October 7, 2017, St. Raymond's Church, Raymondville will host First Saturday Devotions beginning with rosary and confessions at 9:00AM and Mass at 9:30. Please plan to attend. All are welcome!

PARISH OF THE VISITATION AND ST. RAYMOND

Church of the Visitation

Lector and Ministers of Eucharist

10/1/17 - Pat Fetterly, Nancy Demo, Jean Gang

10/8/17 - Kathie Ashley, Kris Layo, Dorothy Gately

St. Raymond's Church

Lector

9/30/17 - Marlene Grant

10/7/17 - Sue Cobb

Collection Counters

10/1/17 - Jean Gang, Francis Sharlow

10/8/17 - Mike LaShomb, Kathie Ashley

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Lector and Ministers of Eucharist

9/30/17 - Rochelle LaShomb, Clarence Cutler, Michelle Campbell, John Grady

10/1/17 - Andy Burnett, Elaine Haggett, Cathy Crary, Phil Regan

10/7/17 - Kathleen Colarusso, Lisa Levison, Pat LaRose, Ted Levison

10/8/17 - Mary Ellen Todd, Jim Murray, Andy Burnett, Linda Regan

Collection Counters

10/1/17 - Ellen Farrington, Rita Jackson

10/8/17 - Reta Donahue, Rose Radell

VOCATION VIEW

Fight the good fight of faith. Take a firm hold on the everlasting life to which you are called. Pray for those who are called to run the race as priests, sisters, and brothers. If God may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life, talk to Msgr. Murphy or contact Fr. Doug Lucia at (315) 386-2543/ dlucia@rcdony.org or Fr. Tom Higman at (518) 594-3907/ thigman@rcdony.org or Cathy Russell, the Diocesan Vocation Coordinator at (315)393-2920, ext. 1450/ crussell@rcdony.org. See us also on Facebook or at www.myvocation.net.

FUN FACTS FOR CATHOLIC KIDS

October 1 – Do you want to do “big things” with your life? Great! Big is important – but little can be too! Today is the feast day of Saint Therese, who is known as the “Little Flower” because she lived a life in a “little way”! She was always willing to do humble, small things WITHOUT complaining. Ask Saint Therese to help you remember that sometimes you have to learn to do LITTLE things well – before you can learn to do BIG things!

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 8, 2017 at 1:00PM

St. Andrew's, Norwood

There will be a combined parish congratulatory buffet honoring Phil Regan. Phil has worked tirelessly the last five years so he can serve us an ordained Deacon. This will be our opportunity to thank him and show our appreciation for his service. So please come, bring your appetite, and share in this joyful celebration!



Calendar

Monday

October 2

*The Holy
Guardian Angels*

Zec 8:1-8

Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday

October 3

Weekday

Zec 8:20-23

Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday

October 4

St. Francis of Assisi

Neh 2:1-8

Lk 9:57-62

Thursday

October 5

Weekday

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6,
7b-12

Lk 10:1-12

Friday

October 6

Weekday

Bar 1:15-22

Lk 10:13-16

Saturday

October 7

*Our Lady
of the Rosary*

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29

Lk 10:17-24

Sunday

October 8

*Twenty-Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Is 5:1-7

Phil 4:6-9

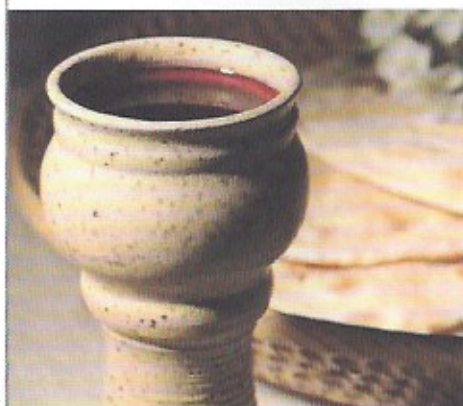
Mt 21:33-43

Dear Padre,

Why do we offer Mass for a specific intention? Aren't Masses offered for the intentions of all present?

The Eucharist makes present, in this moment, the memorial sacrifice of Christ; the source of t life and the focus of the Church's prayer (see the Constitution on the Liturgy [*Sacrosanctum Concilium*], 10). Mass always includes the inten cal community as well as the needs of all people throughout the w eucharistic prayer, we pray for the community and those "scattered throughout the world."

What does a renewed liturgical practice mean for specific Mass intentions? Canon law speaks of applying the Mass for anyone living and dead (see Canon 901). The practice also has roots in history, especially during medieval times, when participation at Mass was at a low. Asking the priest to remember an intention kept people active and connected their needs to those of the wider Church. Vatican II stressed active participation in its liturgical renewal, so asking specific intentions needs a renewed understanding.



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Special intentions provide a value—we become aware of others' needs and troubles. If we are aware of how these troubles affect a member of our parish, we can not only pray for that person but reach out and help. However, the Eucharist does not give grace only to those named in special intentions. The grace God gives through the Eucharist is meant for the

whole Church. God's grace builds us up in holiness. Since people find special intentions important, the response from pastors is important in helping people understand how God's grace affects everyone.

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A Word From Pope Francis

"Priestly joy is a joy which is sister to obedience. An obedience to the Church in the hierarchy which gives us not simply the external framework for our obedience...but also union with God the Father, the source of all fatherhood. It is likewise an obedience to the Church in service....The availability of her priests makes the Church a house with open doors, a refuge for sinners, a home for people living on the streets, a place of loving care for the sick, a camp for the young....Wherever God's people have desires or needs, there is the priest, who knows how to listen and feels a loving mandate from Christ who sends him to relieve that need with mercy."

—Homily, Holy Thursday, April 17, 2014