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# April 2022

## St. Andrew Catholic Church

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[www.aksaintandrews.org](http://www.aksaintandrews.org)



St. Stephen Preaching—15th Century—Fra Angelico

We at St. Andrew have been blessed with our deacons.

Deacon Jim Lee  
Deacon Mark Merrill

We have had the privilege of having the assistance of newly Ordained Deacon Greg Marino of Wyoming (a former and semi current member of St. Andrew)

We will soon have a newly ordained Deacon Don Reamer—his ordination is May 13th.

Let us offer a prayer for them:

Lord Jesus Christ,  
Servant of all,  
Send your Spirit upon our deacons and their wives  
as they serve your Church.

Give them eyes to see the needs of your people.  
Give them a discerning mind to know your truth.  
Give them a generous spirit when they are tired but needed.

Give them

a humble heart when their work goes unnoticed.  
Give them peace of mind in obedience and service.  
Give them health of body so they may serve with strength.

Make them fertile ground for your inspiration and love.

Comfort them when they question themselves and their ministry.  
Grant them grace as they age so they may share your wisdom.

Make their hearts like yours so they may love your people.  
Amen.

## MISSION STATEMENT

*As followers of Jesus Christ, our mission is to build a community of Faith, Hope and Love by the way we educate, celebrate, and live as individual stewards of the many blessings of Almighty GOD. We are called to be Christ's hands and voice reaching out to embrace all who are in need, and to establish peace and justice in the Kingdom of GOD.*

## Sacrament Corner—Congratulations !

Baptism:



### STEPS TO GETTING YOUR CHILD BAPTIZED AT ST. ANDREW

- Contact Deacon Mark@ [deaconmark@mtaonline.net](mailto:deaconmark@mtaonline.net)

If this is your first child to be baptized at St. Andrew you will need to take a class. Once you have received instruction your baptism will be scheduled. Usual times for baptism are during or after the weekend Mass.

## Stewardship

### SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE SUPPORT GROUP

This group is composed of people who have suffered the loss of a loved one to suicide. It is facilitated by trained volunteers and is there to help its participants to help heal from the pain and loss. This is an open group that will meet twice a month to discuss issues and problems related to the suicide of their loved one and help them to integrate this loss into their life.

Meetings are the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, 6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M in Eagle River. Please call before first visit: 907-696-5229. There is no cost.

### MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Do you have crutches, braces, wheel chairs, padding, bandaging materials, or non-prescription medical supplies or ointments that you would like to donate? Contact Paula or Raymond @ 694-2415 for pickup.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT :** Help is available—Have you or someone you know been sexually or physically abused?

Contact:

Office of Children's Services 1-800-478-4444  
Adult Protective Services 1-800-478-9996  
STAR Standing Together Against Rape 907-276-7273  
Archdiocesan Victim's Assistance Coordinator 907-297-7786



## Welcome!

### NEW TO THE PARISH?

Stop by the Welcome table to register and find out more about St. Andrew Parish! You can also register online at our website [www.aksaintandrews.org](http://www.aksaintandrews.org)

### Pamphlets, Flyers, Posters

Anything to be displayed in the church must be approved in the office. Please stop by the office so that we may run the items by the pastor before they are displayed. Anything that is not OK'd will be taken down. Help us assure that what is displayed is appropriate and theologically correct. Thank you!

All children must be supervised by their parents *at all times* while on parish property. As always, our ushers are on hand during Mass to render assistance.

### Comfort and Accessibility:

- Accessible Restrooms available in the halls off the narthex.
- Ladies' and Family Restrooms on the North side, Men's restroom on the South side.
- Seating for Wheelchairs available in the front of the Nave.
- If you have difficulty approaching the altar for communion, please tell an usher, and Communion will be brought to you.
- A limited number of assisted-hearing devices are available; ask an usher for assistance.

## Miscellaneous

Interested in the Catholic faith, or know someone who is?—If you are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, and in being confirmed into the Catholic faith, the RCIA program is just for you. RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and is the program for adults who wish to join the Catholic Church. Classes for this year's RCIA program began on Sunday, September 12th. It still may be possible to join. The class will conclude with the Easter Vigil on April 16th this spring when those who complete the program will be received into the Church.

If you are interested or know someone who might be interested in the Catholic faith, please contact Mark Merrill, the coordinator of the RCIA program for St. Andrew Parish at 440-8223, or the parish office at 694-2170

### CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

If you wish to stop getting contribution envelopes please email the parish secretary at [parishsecretary@aksaintandrews.org](mailto:parishsecretary@aksaintandrews.org) and she will remove you from the mailings. And if you are not receiving them and wish to, contact her at the above email.

### MOVING/ADDRESS CHANGES?

Are you moving or planning to move? If so, please let the parish office know in advance so we can change or stop mailing your offering envelopes. This saves postage.

### FRIENDLY REMINDER

Please keep your children from scribbling in the green music issues as many parishioners donated the books in memory of loved ones. Thank you!

## Calendar

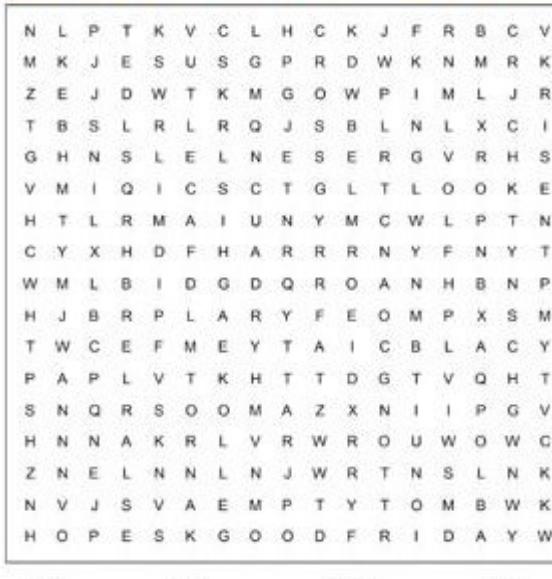
We are currently streaming Mass Sunday @ 10 am. We also have weekend Mass in person on Saturday @ 5:30, Sunday at 10 am and 7 pm. We have daily Mass at 9 am Tues-Friday. All parishioners are encouraged to wear face masks, but are not required. Please be considerate of those who are unable to be vaccinated at this time. We are cautiously reopening our church. Please pray that the numbers of those affected by COVID continue to decline.

Changes are on going. You should receive an email or text when there is a major change to schedule. If you have not been receiving notification please email [parishsecretary@aksaintandrews.org](mailto:parishsecretary@aksaintandrews.org) with current contact information.

Other uses of the church will be forthcoming in the following weeks and months, dependent on the state of the COVID pandemic,

## Kids' Corner

### Easter Word Search



Angel	Holy	Messiah	Savior
Cross	Hope	Resurrection	Third Day
Crown of Thorns	Jesus	Risen	
Easter	King	Sacrifice	
Empty Tomb	Love	Salvation	
Good Friday	Mary	Sunday	

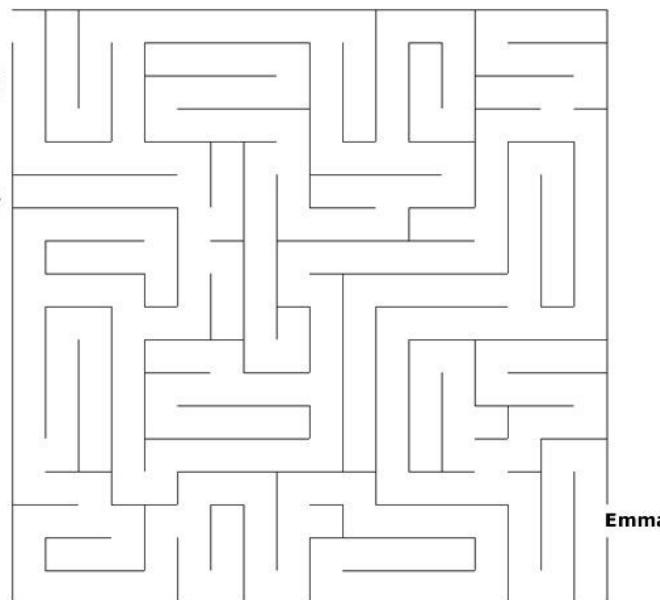


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Palm Sunday  
Coloring Page



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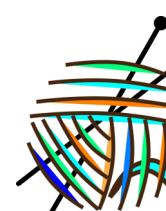
## Church Ministries

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**Communion to the Homebound**  
**Love INC**  
**Elizabeth Ministry**  
**Respect Life Ministry**  
**Hospital Visits**  
**Prayer Chain**

### OUTREACH & SUPPORT

Parish Office—694-2170  
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Virginia Marquez—632-0272  
Jo Martin—688-4882  
Rashae Johnson 854-2997  
Joe Beaty—770-2300 694-3104  
Jacki Augustine—694-4771

*Because of HIPAA laws, parishioners need to notify us if going to the hospital. Remember to request the Anointing of the Sick before surgery! Call the parish at 694-2170.*



### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer shawls are knitted or crocheted with love and compassion. The prayer shawl ministry reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace, as well as celebration and joy.

We are now meeting in person on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the Month at 7 pm in the LDR .  
—Contact Dolores @ 726-5345.

### LADIES GROUP

Come see what YOUR Ladies Group is all about, next regular meeting on April 9th from 10:30a-12:30p  
For more info call Merle at 907-227-9347 or Renee at 907-694-3580.



### MINISTRIES GALORE

Did you know we have 51 ministries here at St. Andrew?? The Parish Life Ministry will be highlighting 4 per month with posters in the Narthex and highlighting one of those each week in the bulletin. Want to get more involved with your parish then check out the posters and maybe you'll find your niche. Ministry heads can expect a call sometime in the coming year to gather your info for highlighting. For more info call Renee at 694-3580.

# Religious Education

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## PRE-K-5TH GRADE

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All registration forms can be found on our website

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

- Sundays, 11:30am-1pm

## HIGH SCHOOL/CONFIRMATION

- Days and times TBD based on availability and Small Groups

Contact Margaret with any questions regarding Youth Group/ Faith Formation: [Margaret@aksaintandrews.org](mailto:Margaret@aksaintandrews.org)

## SPRED (Special Religious Development) JESUS SAYS TO YOU TODAY, “I CALL YOU FRIEND”

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## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

*The Bible Timeline – Salvation History* offered by Ascension Press - Jeff Cavins, presenter

Two options:

1) Come in person on Wednesday mornings – 10 to Noon, beginning Sept. 15. We'll watch DVDs together and use accompanying materials.—ongoing. Bring your Bible Cost is minimal, since using older version.

(2) Study on your own – flexible times, since you will access the videos online. [Please note: This is not a Zoom class.] Cost for online access and accompanying materials is \$37.00.

Questions? Please contact Mireya Lee – 694-4443. or call the church office – 694-2170.

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## MOMS MINISTRY STUDY

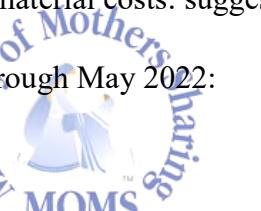
MOMS Ministry studying "Evidence for Catholic Moral Teaching" with Trent Horn of Catholic Answers. To help cover material costs: suggested donation \$10.

Our Meeting Dates through May 2022:

March 31

April 7, 14, 21, 28

May 5 and 12



## Pope Francis Consecration of Russia and Ukraine

The Vatican announced Tuesday that Pope Francis will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary March 25, and that a papal envoy will conduct the same consecration in Fatima. The consecrations - performed by Pope Francis and papal almoner Cardinal Konrad Krajewski - come after Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and are connected to the 1917 apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima urging that Russia be consecrated to Mary's Immaculate Heart. What's a consecration?—Consecration means setting something apart, dedicating it to a sacred purpose.

The word is used often in Catholicism: churches are consecrated, sacred vessels are consecrated, women can become consecrated virgins, men and women's religious orders are called “consecrated life,” and “consecration” is used to describe the sacramental confection of the Eucharist.

There is also a Catholic devotional custom of private consecration to Christ through Mary, by a set of devotional prayers. The practice of personal consecration to Mary has roots in the early centuries of Christianity, and was popular in many parts of the Church by the ninth century....

As early as the ninth century, bishops and priests began to consecrate cities to the Blessed Virgin Mary as well, as a way of asking for her intercessory protection. Louis XIII consecrated France to Mary in 1638, and other countries have done the same.

Ok, but Russia? And what does this have to do with Fatima? —Three Portuguese children in 1917 had visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary, during which Mary is said to have given messages to the visionary children about the state of the world. Three of those messages became known as the secrets of Fatima, because they were not revealed to the public for a long time. But one of the visionaries, Sr. Lucia dos Santos, revealed two of the messages in her 1941 memoir.

The first secret was a vision of hell the children say Mary allowed them to see.

The second was that World War I would end, and another war would begin during the reign of Pius XI, “*if people do not cease offending God.*” To prevent war, the children say that Mary requested: “*The consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, and the Communion of reparation on the First Saturdays. If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred; the Holy Father will have much to suffer; various nations will be annihilated. In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, and she shall be converted, and a period of peace will be granted to the world.*” Pius XI died on the eve of World War II, months before Germany invaded Poland, which is generally regarded as the start of the war.

So has Russia been consecrated to Mary?—In 1942, Pope Pius XII consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, joined by the bishops of Portugal. The pope said that only Mary, the queen of peace, could bring an end to the war ravaging Europe, Asia, and North Africa, and he dedicated the human race to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

In 1952, Pius XII issued an apostolic letter entrusting the Russian people to the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In 1964, Pope St. Paul VI offered a public prayer entrusting the whole human race to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Pope St. John Paul II offered several consecration prayers to the Immaculate Heart of Mary; the most well-known and public was in 1984. On March 25, 1984, he offered prayers of solemn consecration, which dedicated the world to Mary. While the pope's text did not specifically mention Russia, some historians say that John Paul II privately added the words in his prayer. Bishops from around the world had been invited to join the consecration, and many did. According to some accounts, the pope was urged not to mention Russia by name in the public prayers of the 1984 consecration, because it would anger the Russian Orthodox hierarchy, who opposed the notion of Catholics consecrating their country to Mary, and because of Vatican efforts at political diplomacy with the USSR.

Because of that omission, some Catholics have argued that Pope John Paul II did not actually consecrate Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary — and some Catholics continue to raise that objection. But after the consecration, Sr. Lucia - the visionary who recorded the message from Mary - said several times that she believed the consecration request had been fulfilled. And in 2000, the Holy See said the consecration “has been done just as Our Lady asked.”

Then why is Pope Francis reconsecrating Russia? Didn't the first one take?—The consecration of sacred objects, including churches is not usually repeated, unless some grave act of blasphemy or desecration has occurred within them.

But personal consecrations can be renewed as an act of faith and devotion, and often are. And in early March, the Latin Catholic bishops of Ukraine asked Pope Francis to “publicly perform the act of consecration to the Sacred Immaculate Heart of Mary of Ukraine and Russia, as requested by the Blessed Virgin in Fatima.”

The new consecration is not a concession from the Holy See that the 1984 consecration was in some way insufficient, but this act will be more explicit, presumably naming Russia and Ukraine in the prayers themselves. That may well spark new rounds of conspiracy theories about past consecrations, or be taken as a sign that Pope St. John Paul II did not really complete the consecration. But more likely, Pope Francis intends his prayers to be acts of renewal — pleas to God, and the Blessed Virgin Mary — in a time of great hardship, rather than making up for previous acts called into question.

A lot of this is kind of strange to me. Do I have to believe it?

No. The messages of Fatima fall into the category of “private revelation,” and are not required to be believed by Catholics. They are not doctrine or dogma. When the Church approves an apparition, as she has for Fatima, the vision and its messages are deemed to be appropriate for belief, but not required. <https://www.pillarcatholic.com/p/pope-francis-will->

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## What Can (and Can't) a Deacon Do? (continued)

4. Penance. The law regarding this sacrament is unequivocal: only a priest can administer the sacrament of penance (c. 965). There are no circumstances under which a deacon can hear a confession! Note that it is quite possible for a deacon to counsel a person pastorally; but if, in the course of that counseling, that person decides that he wants to confess his sins, the deacon will have to get a priest to do this.

5. Holy Orders. There is no surprise here: only a bishop can confer the sacrament of ordination (c. 1012). Since even a priest isn't able to ordain, it follows logically that a deacon cannot do so either. 6. Anointing of the Sick. Canon 1003. specifically notes that only a priest can validly administer the anointing of the sick. If a person is gravely ill, a deacon might very well pay a pastoral visit to him and his family; but a deacon cannot actually anoint anyone.

6. Marriage. In "Can a Catholic Ever Get Married in a Non-Catholic Church?" we saw that Catholics who wish to marry are bound to observe the canonical form for marriage. Among other things, this means that the wedding must be celebrated in the presence of either the bishop, or the pastor of the parish, or a priest or deacon delegated by either of them (c. 1108.1). It follows, then, that a deacon can validly officiate at a Catholic marriage ceremony, so long as he has been delegated to do so by the pastor.

Apart from the seven sacraments, there are of course other ministerial actions which Catholic clergy have the power to perform. For example, deacons have the power to impart many (but not all) types of blessings, in accord with the liturgical books (c. 1169.1). A deacon can also expose the Blessed Sacrament for Eucharistic adoration, and bless the people with the monstrance (c. 943). And a deacon is permitted to preach. Canon 764 states that in general, priests and deacons have the faculty to preach everywhere, unless a particular bishop or religious superior has restricted that right. As was seen in "Who May Preach?" this includes preaching the homily at Mass, on Sunday or any other day. Thus there is nothing improper about the permanent deacon preaching at Sunday Mass in lieu of the celebrating priest. Both are able to preach, although only the priest can actually celebrate Mass. It's reasonable for Catholics to be wary of abuses, but this is not one of them. Jay and his fellow parishioners can rest easy, because by preaching, the permanent deacon assigned to their parish is carrying out a ministerial function that as a cleric, he has the right and ability to do.

## Knightly News

- Gentlemen of the Parish:** If you are interested in putting your faith into action join the Knights of Columbus, John A. Forsting Council 9830. See or call Russ Hart Ph. 205-0808 or email [hartruss@rocketmail.com](mailto:hartruss@rocketmail.com). Also check out the KOC website <https://www.kofc.org/en/index.html>
- Outreach Program:** The Knights of Columbus Council 9830 hosts a Parish Outreach program for our Seniors, Widowed and Disabled parishioners. The program is intended to assist with things that you cannot do on your own. Some examples would be: moving of furniture, taking a load of yard trimmings to the landfill, disposing of an old freezer, fixing a sticky window or garage door, minor repairs of a fence or deck. We are not contractors and would not wish to take work away from those who make a living fixing and/or remodeling. Please contact our POC Trustee Ken Kutney 907-223-3141 [K2Kutney@gmail.com](mailto:K2Kutney@gmail.com) with your request.
- Knights have our First Friday Rosary on the 1st Friday of the month at 6:30 PM. We will be doing a Scriptural Rosary in the Mother of God Chapel
- 2022 Bison Hunt Raffle tickets are on sale. Drawing will be on May 1, 2022. See a Knight for details.

## LOVE INC.

Please continue to pray for OUR neighbors in need and pray that partners/donors will come forward!

**WALK-INS:** Please inform our neighbors whom you are serving, that we are a call center not a walk-in center. Please call: (907) 250-1735.

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## NEEDS IN THE EAGLE RIVER COMMUNITY

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Building Fund				
		Offertory		& Debt Reduction
Masses, Mail & Drop	\$ 29,240.06	\$ 5,308.00	\$ 34,548.06	Total
Given On-line	\$ 31,328.00	\$ 6,662.00	\$ 37,990.00	
Earthquake Repair	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00	
Yurt	\$ 1,150.00		\$ 1,150.00	
Total	\$ 61,918.06	\$ 11,970.00	\$ 73,888.06	

United in Mission (Formerly OBOB)	Current	Goal	% of Goal
Total Pledged	\$95,191	\$93,675	104%
Total Paid	\$94,884		104%
# of Parishioners	172	912	19%

Thank You !! Because of your generous donations we have exceeded our earlier than we have ever met it before!

## Deaconate

*"At that time, as the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, 'It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.' The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them."*

This scripture passage from the Acts of the Apostles (6:1-6) was the creation of the third group of ministers in the Catholic Church, the diaconate, i.e. deacons. Together with the bishops and priests, deacons are ordained to carry out mission of the Church to the world that fulfills the teaching of Jesus "*to serve and not to be served*". Deacons in particular are called to service along the lines of the above passage from Acts of the Apostles. Although deacons are publicly visible assisting the priest at the celebration of the Mass, this support is actually one of the minor roles of a deacon with respect to his vocation of service. Less visible but important duties of the deacon are visiting the sick and homebound, leading Communion services for those in nursing homes and prisons, instructing people interested in becoming Catholic, preparing couples for the sacrament of marriage and baptisms of babies, and presiding over funerals and witnessing marriages outside of Mass, just to name a few.

During the five year formation program there is a continued emphasis to the candidates of the priorities of a deacon. The first priority is to the deacon's marriage and family (for those who are married). The second priority is to one's job, his means of support for his family. (Deacons do not receive a salary as a result of their vocation.) The third priority is to the diaconate. If deacon is to live a good example for other, his marriage and family must come first. This point can be a particular challenge for a newly ordained deacon who is on fire following his ordination! But as for all married Christian men and women, family must come first.

Finally, and most important for our community at St. Andrew, Don Remer, our deacon candidate and parishioner will be ordained as a Permanent Deacon the evening of **May 13<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Guadalupe co-Cathedral** in Anchorage. It would be wonderful for St. Andrew to show our support for Don, Mary and their family at this blessed event that caps his five years of study and formation for the diaconate. And for those men interested in the diaconate, there will be a new formation program starting in this fall. Deacon Jim, Deacon-to-be Don and I would be happy to answer ANY questions about becoming a deacon!

Peace, Deacon Mark

## What Can (and Can't) a Deacon Do?

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Q: We have a permanent deacon at our parish. Some of us are wondering if the pastor sometimes allows him to do things that he's not supposed to do... for example, occasionally the deacon preaches a homily at Sunday Mass instead of the priest. Is that permissible? What are the limits of what a deacon can do? : It's a good question! Lay Catholics generally understand that because a deacon is not a priest, there are some sacramental/liturgical actions which he cannot perform. But occasionally the laity are taken aback when they see a deacon engaged in some sort of ministerial activity which they thought only a priest could do.

Let's take a look first at what it really means to be a deacon, and then at the ministerial actions which he may rightly perform. Then we'll be able to see whether the deacon was doing anything improper by preaching at Mass. First and foremost, it's important to realize that a deacon is a cleric (c. 266.1). This is true whether he's a permanent deacon, or a seminarian who's preparing eventually to be ordained a priest (known as a transitional deacon). Becoming a deacon isn't comparable to becoming an altar-server or a lector. People who agree to assume these latter two roles may sometimes be "commissioned" in some sort of ceremony in church, but a deacon must actually be ordained by a bishop! An altar-server or lector might later relinquish his responsibilities, but once a man becomes a deacon, there's no going back to the lay state. Ordination brings with it an ontological change in the person, which cannot be undone. As a cleric, a deacon is incardinated into a diocese or religious institute. If he's a transitional deacon, who will ultimately be ordained a priest, he normally returns to his studies at the seminary after his diaconal ordination. If he's a permanent deacon, he is bound to minister where the diocesan bishop assigns him, most commonly in a parish, assisting the pastor in ministering to the parishioners. On a purely practical level, the average lay Catholic will notice that a deacon does many—but not all!—of the same things a priest can do. This is because some sacramental/ministerial actions are the purview of all clerics, while others specifically require priestly ordination.

Let's look at the sacraments one by one, in the order in which they are addressed in the Code of Canon Law, and see which actions a deacon has the ability to perform:

1. Baptism.—Anybody can baptize, as ordination is not required for the valid conferral of this sacrament. It goes without saying, then, that a deacon can baptize too! In a non-emergency situation, however, a deacon doesn't merely baptize validly: canon 861.1 notes that he is also an ordinary minister of baptism, as is a priest or bishop. What does the term ordinary minister mean here? Since a deacon is a cleric, administering the sacrament of baptism is an action that is proper to him. In other words, a lay-person should only be administering baptism in extraordinary situations (when an unbaptized person is dying, or perhaps in some war-torn region where there are no clergy available to do it); but a deacon lawfully baptizes in ordinary, non-emergency circumstances, just like any other member of the clergy. Thus if (for example) a permanent deacon baptizes a baby in his parish, with the knowledge and approval of the pastor, he does so both validly and licitly.

2. Holy Eucharist. The average Catholic understands that a deacon cannot celebrate Mass, as he is unable to consecrate the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. As canon 900.1 states bluntly, the only minister who can do this is a validly ordained priest. This is reinforced by canon 907, which notes that at Mass, neither deacons nor the laity are permitted either to say those prayers (particularly the eucharistic prayer) or to perform those actions which are proper to the celebrating priest. But with regard to the distribution of Holy Communion to the faithful, canon 910.1 states that the ordinary minister of this sacrament is a bishop, priest, or deacon. As we just saw above with regard to baptism, the term ordinary minister means that these persons may confer this sacrament under typical, non-emergency circumstances. The laity are allowed to distribute the Eucharist too, as was discussed in "Questions about Eucharistic Ministers," but only in situations that are outside the norm—which is why such persons are properly termed extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist (c. 910.2).

3. Confirmation. Once again, the term ordinary minister is used with regard to this sacrament, as canon 882 asserts that the ordinary minister of confirmation is a bishop. But as was seen in "Can a Priest Administer the Sacrament of Confirmation?" a priest can also administer confirmation by law, when he baptizes an adult or receives an already baptized adult into the Catholic Church, and also in danger of death (c. 883 nn. 2 and 3). A deacon, however, cannot administer the sacrament of confirmation under any circumstances—if he were to attempt to do so, the confirmation would be invalid.

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