

THE 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 17, 2024



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 10 am and 7 pm (10am Live-streamed)

Weekdays* : Tues-Fri. Mass 9 am

Holy Days: 9 am and 6:30 pm

Confessions—Saturday: 3:30 or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration—Perpetual

Rosary—8:30 am daily, 6:00 pm on Thursdays

6:30 pm Scriptural Rosary on First Fridays

REFLECT

Readings: Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16:5,8-11; Hebrews 10:11-14,18; Mark 13:24-32

In this, the second-to-last week of the Church year, Jesus has finally made it to Jerusalem.

Near to His passion and death, He gives us a teaching of hope—telling us how it will be when He returns again in glory.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of a long discourse in which He describes tribulations the likes of which haven't been seen "since the beginning of God's creation" (see [Mark 13:9](#)). He describes what amounts to a dissolution of God's creation, a "devolution" of the world to its original state of formlessness and void.

First, human community—nations and kingdoms—will break down (see [Mark 13:7-8](#)). Then the earth will stop yielding food and begin to shake apart (13:8).

Next, the family will be torn apart from within and the last faithful individuals will be persecuted (13:9-13). Finally, the Temple will be desecrated, the earth emptied of God's presence (13:14).

In today's reading, God is described putting out the lights that He established in the sky in the very beginning—the sun, the moon and the stars (see also [Isaiah 13:10](#); [34:4](#)). Into this "uncreated" darkness, the Son of Man, in whom all things were made, will come.

Jesus has already told us that the Son of Man must be humiliated and killed (see [Mark 8:31](#)). Here He describes His ultimate victory, using royal-divine images drawn from the Old Testament—clouds, glory, and angels (see [Daniel 7:13](#)). He shows Himself to be the fulfillment of all God's promises to save "the elect," the faithful remnant (see [Isaiah 43:6](#); [Jeremiah 32:37](#)).

As today's First Reading tells us, this salvation will include the bodily resurrection of those who sleep in the dust.

We are to watch for this day, when His enemies are finally made His footstool, as today's Epistle envisions. We can wait in confidence knowing, as we pray in today's Psalm, that we will one day delight at His right hand forever.

-Scott Hahn

Welcome Visitors and soon to be New Parishioners

Thank you for visiting our parish, and for joining us in our celebrations as we worship and praise Our Lord. Please stop by the Welcome Table after Mass to get information about our parish and pick up a parish registration form.

SACRAMENTS:

- Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of Sick
 - contact the office at (907) 694-2170.
- Sacraments of Initiation
 - Adults interested in becoming Catholic: Please contact Deacon Mark or call the office.

UNITED IN MISSION... YEAR END GIVING

We are still significantly short of our United in Mission annual archdiocesan appeal goal of \$102,821. Total contributions currently total \$41,246. Of our 949 registered families we have 67 (or 7.06%) contributing.

If you are looking for a place to make a year end contribution, this would be a good place! Any shortfall we incur comes out of our general fund. The last day to make a contribution is March 31, 2025. ANY contribution will help. You can make contributions on our website under "Online Giving."

DECEMBER 9 - A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is traditionally celebrated on December 8, however since that falls on the second Sunday of Advent this calendar year, the solemnity has been conferred to Monday, December 9. It is a holy day of obligation. This is an updated change to some liturgical calendars, so please make note of it and "save the date" for this wonderful day! We will have Mass available at 9am and 6:30pm.



FRONT COVER ART:

Christ in Glory
by Annibale Carracci, 1597

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Prayer Chain Phone # 694-4771

The deadline for bulletin entries is Wednesday @ noon.

KNIGHTS NEWS:

- Food preparation - Beans Cafe (Anchorage), Nov. 22, 9:00 am - 11:00 am. Signup via Paul Mordini (907-691-6574).
- "Keep Christ in Christmas" sale —weekend Masses of Nov. 23 – 24, Nov. 30 - Dec. 1, and Dec. 7 - 8. Help needed at the sales table – POC Russ Hart (907-205-0808).
- "Pot-of-Gold" Raffle ticket sales. POC Ben Cruz: 253-628-1958(c). Grand Prize Drawing – Dec. 7.
- Sat. evening Dec. 7 Knights Annual Christmas Dinner (sponsored by the Knights from the parishes of St. Andrew, St. Michael and Sacred Heart) 6:00 social, 7:00 dinner, prime rib and halibut, at Sacred Heart Church, Wasilla. Can bring a guest, cost \$45.00 per person. Make reservation ASAP through Doug Wright (907-203-2001).
- Scholarship Breakfast – Sun. Dec. 8, after 10:00 Mass. POC Bill Galligan (907-903-4636). Help needed – table setup (after Sat. 5:30 Mass) and meal setup (at 8:30 am), then serving and cleanup.
- General Membership Meeting – Tues. Dec. 12, 7:00 - 8:00 pm, MOG Chapel. Social to follow.
- "Wreaths Across America" is laying wreaths at JBER cemetery on Saturday, December 14 at noon. Help needed for morning unloading and staging for the wreath ceremony. Wreaths available for sale. POC Terry Michalski (907-230-6729).
- Thanks to Knights who helped at Nov. 2 local Youth Free Throw Competition – with about 20 young competitors.
- Local Knights Council website:
<https://kofc9830.org>.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION OPEN HOURS:

"COME TO ME ALL YOU WHO LABOR AND ARE WEARY LADEN, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST"

Sun: 2am , 3am, 5am, 8am, and 10pm

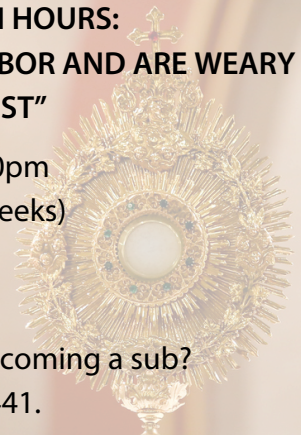
Mon: 4am, 8pm (on alternating weeks)

Wed: 3am, 7pm, and 10pm

Sat: 1am and 11pm

Interested in taking an hour or becoming a sub?

Call or text Jennifer at 907-862-4441.



THE LADIES OF ST. ANDREW PARISH:

Thanks to all the ladies supporting all the outreach requests with their prayers, money, and items. With everyone's generosity we can make a difference for others.

BUTTER DRIVE



St. Andrew Parish is collecting butter and margarine for the Eagle River Thanksgiving Blessing Food Drive. Please bring your butter to the refrigerators by the Boiler Room in the south hallway. (New Location). Thank you for your generosity.

BROTHER FRANCIS SHELTER

This weekend sandwiches and healthy snacks will be delivered to Brother Francis Shelter after the 10am liturgy. Cold items should be placed in Men's Dressing Room refrigerators. Fruit/non-perishables can be placed in the God Box. Questions-call Cheryl at (907) 242-9354. Thank you for your generosity!

"BE VIGILANT AT ALL TIMES AND PRAY THAT YOU HAVE THE STRENGTH TO STAND BEFORE THE SON OF MAN."
LUKE 21:36

SUCCESSFUL KNIGHTS NEW MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

After last weekend's Masses, the Knights had 9 men exemplified into the local Knights group in addition to 8 more prospects interested. A special thanks to local Knights in providing recruiting help, to State Membership Director Bill Chrisman along with his helper Rodger Finley, and to Fr. Arthur for his Mass announcements!

AROUND ST. ANDREW'S

URBAN HEARTS COLLECTION BOXES

From Nov. 23 to Dec. 13 we will be collecting items for the Urban Hearts ministry to the homeless. Members of our parish regularly visit the homeless and will be distributing "bagged gifts" to them. The goal is 50 bags that would include socks, hats, knit scarves, warm gloves, hand warmers, foot warmers, individually wrapped healthy snacks/treats, lip balm, small sized hand lotion, small sized toothpaste, toothbrush. If you can help please place your item(s) in the marked Christmas boxes before Dec. 13th. Thanks in advance for your generosity.



COMING SOON!

The new St. Andrew Christmas ornament will be revealed and on sale starting November 30, 2024. The cost will be \$20.00.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT INFORMATION

It's that time of year again! All who are interested in participating in this year's Children's Christmas Pageant, please come to the information meeting and speaking role auditions on Sunday, November 24th at 1:15 PM. If you cannot make the meeting or have questions beforehand, please email Jilene Galle at jilene_galle@hotmail.com.

If anyone has costumes they don't need anymore, we are happy to take them off your hands for participants.

COME JOIN A CHOIR FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS!

We welcome you to join one of our choirs for the upcoming Advent and/or Christmas Season. You can sing for both Advent and Christmas, or choose one of them. If you are interested, please contact the director of the choir that you are interested in. For any further questions, contact Debbie at (907) 862-0121.

Christmas Eve Mass - 6pm

Jr. Schola
Director: Rachel
(907) 310-0464

Christmas Eve Mass - 9pm

Contemporary Ensemble (choir for the 5:30pm Sat Mass)
Director: Travis
Please contact after the 5:30pm Mass or contact Debbie at (907)862-0121

Christmas Midnight Mass - 12am

Schola (choir for the 7pm Mass)
Director: Terry
(907) 230-6729

Christmas Morning Mass - 10am

Celebration Choir (choir for the 10am Mass)
Director: Debbie
(907) 862-0121



ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DEBT REDUCTION BAKE SALE

"BAKERS-BUYERS-BITERS," we need you. The annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale to support our debt reduction is Nov. 23-24 after all Masses. FIRST, baked items needed are sweet rolls or other breakfast foods, rolls, breads, cakes, cookies, pies, etc. for Thanksgiving Day. Please bring to whatever Mass you attend that weekend. NEXT, buy something special for your Thanksgiving table. FINALLY, bite into your yummy goodies and enjoy and remember your St. Andrew Family. We give thanks in advance for the continued support of this delish event and for the Parish Life/Ladies of St. Andrew Parish ministries in "womening' the tables.



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REVIVAL SUNDAY POTLUCK

TOPIC: Cultivating Intimacy for Eternity

Guest Speaker : Daniel R. Cordes

Sunday, November 24th

Immediately following 10am Mass



JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION OF OUR PATRON

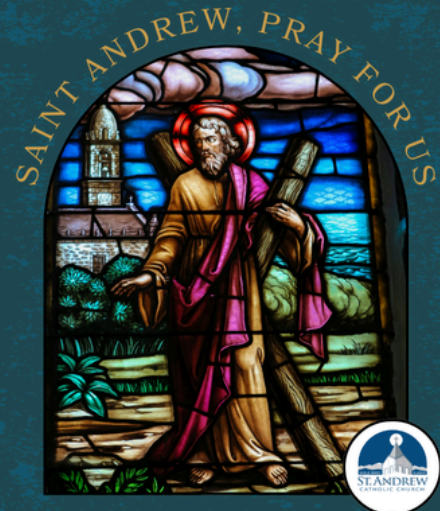
ST. ANDREW

November 30th, 2024

Immediately after 5:30pm Mass



Bagpipe Greeting | Potluck to Follow



Join us this
ADVENT
LESSONS & CAROLS... *and cookies!*

DECEMBER 7, 2024 | 10AM-11AM

Bring your favorite Christmas Cookies to share!



St. Andrew Catholic Church | 16300 Domain Ln.



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE



The
Archbishop
invites you
to his

Advent/
Christmas
Receptions

December 6th, 2024

4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Co-Cathedral of the
Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

416 5th Street
Juneau, Alaska

December 10th, 2024

4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Cathedral of Our Lady
of Guadalupe**

3900 Wisconsin Street
Anchorage, Alaska



The Newman Chair of Catholic Theology at
Alaska Pacific University presents

PROVIDENCE AND ALLEGORY IN J.R.R. TOLKIEN'S FICTION

by

Greg Hartley

Thursday, November 21, 7:00-8:00 pm

**Room 102 (Lecture Hall)
Carr-Gottstein Hall, APU
and online**



Scan QR Code for Zoom link

Dr. Greg Hartley is Associate Professor of Writing, at the University of Alaska, Anchorage. The author of numerous scholarly works on Tolkien and C.S. Lewis, Dr. Hartley will be discussing the significance of "eucatastrophe" for Tolkien and the role of allegory in *Tree and Leaf*.

Contact: newmanchair@alaskapacific.edu

Image via <https://cdn.britannica.com/65/66765-050-63A945A7/JRR-Tolkien.jpg?w=300>

THIS WEEKEND'S SPECIAL COLLECTION

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.aoaj.org/catholic-campaign-for-human-development.

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

Homemade pies needed for fundraiser

Heart to Heart Pregnancy Resource Center needs fresh pies for its annual Thanksgiving Pie Pickup fundraiser on Tuesday, Nov. 26.

Homemade pies are preferred, but fresh bakery pies are welcome.

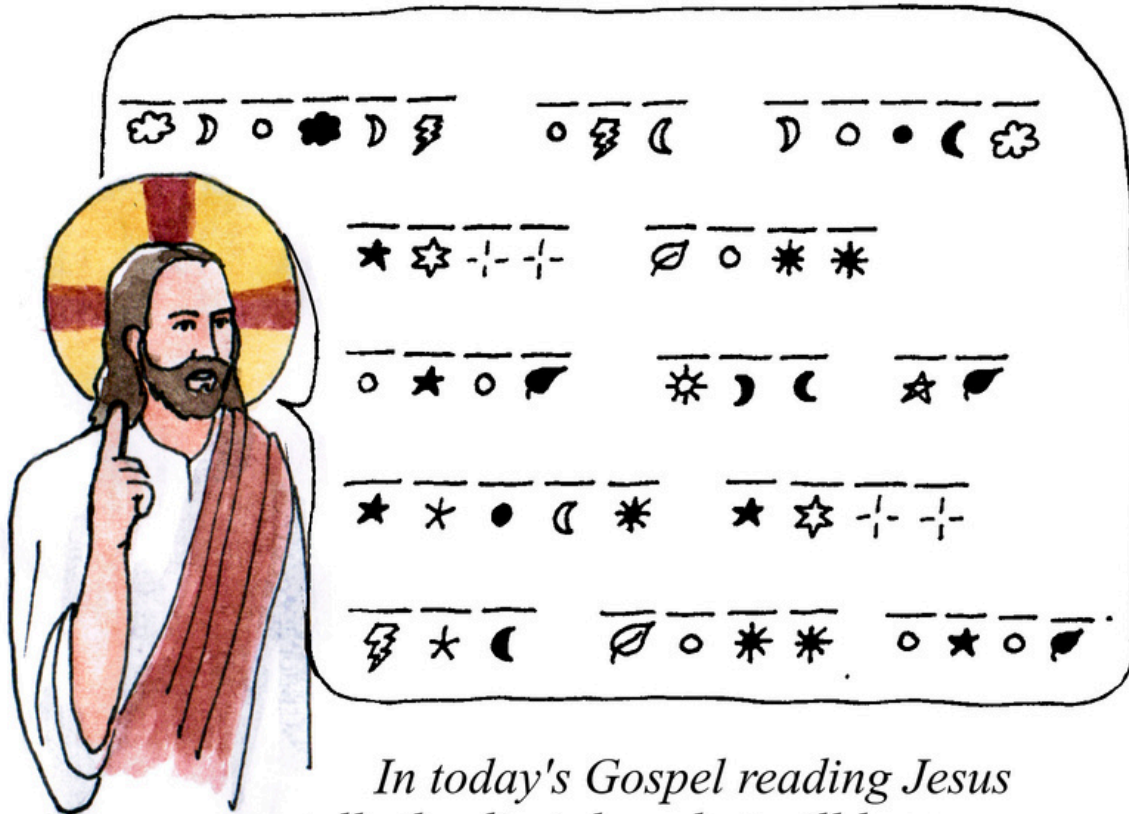
Donated pies may either be dropped off Monday evening 6-8pm at Heart to Heart (16941 N Eagle River Loop Road) or anytime Tuesday during the event, which starts at Jitters at 8 a.m. Bring a pie and pick up a pie! Prizes will be awarded to pie makers in various categories.

THANKSGIVING PIE SALE BENEFIT

Stop by Jitters or Odd Man Rush on the Tuesday (Nov. 26) before Turkey Day and pick up fresh homemade pies for your Thanksgiving gatherings! This annual pie sale fundraiser benefiting Heart to Heart Pregnancy Resource Center runs all day Nov. 26, from 8am-3pm at Jitters and 4-8pm at Odd Man Rush. All proceeds benefit Heart To Heart and families in need.

The Kids' Bulletin

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Mark 13:24-32

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the disciples what will happen at the end of time.

The sun and moon will become dark and the stars will fall down from the sky, and then Jesus will come back.

*What else does he say?
Use this code to find out!*

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Nov 18		
Tuesday	Nov 19	Mary & Joseph Rakszawski	ROS
Wednesday	Nov 20	Paulette Mordini	BD
Thursday	Nov 21	Fr. Alex Valladares	BD
Friday	Nov 22	Anna & Homer Ramsden	ROS
Saturday 5:30pm	Nov 23	Msg. Nicholas Iacovacci	
Sunday 10am	Nov 24	People of the Parish	
7pm		Living & Deceased members of the Willams family	

WEEKLY FINANCIALS

November 4 to November 10, 2024

Offertory	
Masses & Mailbox	\$9,682.00
Given Online	\$7,073.00
Building Fund & Debt Reduction	\$3,992.00
Relocatable Buildings Campaign	\$800.00
United in Mission	\$100.00
Other Donations	\$1,838.03
Total	\$23,485.03

"YOU ARE MY INHERITANCE,
O LORD!"
-PSALM 16

ITEMS FROM & FOR PARISHIONERS

JOB OPPORTUNITY:

Eagle Summit Dental Group currently has positions open for front desk, dental assisting, and hygiene.

Please contact our office and ask for Angie if you have questions or are interested. 907-694-8234

THANK YOU!



There are many unseen hands and hearts who help make our parish truly a community.

This week we want to especially thank:

Our fearless chaperones who went on the youth's retreat last weekend (this includes you too, Margaret!). Thank you for your steadfast example and witness to our teens, even when it includes short nights and all kinds of shenanigans!