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### **DECEMBER 20, 2020 • FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**



# **4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." - Lk 1:31

### Confessions

Monday 12:45pm - 2:00pm Thursday 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Saturday 3:00pm - 4:30pm

### Adoration

Thursday 4:00pm - 6:00pm Benediction at 5:50pm



### **Christmas Eve Masses:**

2:00 pm 4:30 pm\* 7:00 pm 10:00pm\*

### **Christmas Day Masses:**

7:30 am 10:00 am\*

\*these Masses will also be livestreamed on our website via Facebook and YouTube

Pre-registration is required for seating in the church for all Christmas Masses.

Additional seating will be available in the social hall. with video of the Mass taking place in the church.

Seating in the social hall will be on a first-come. first-served basis.

Monday - Friday 11:00am-1:00pm

The Church is open for prayer

**Mass Schedule** Weekend Mass schedule

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 7:30am, 10:00am

**Daily Mass** 

Monday-Friday 12:00Noon

and 12:30pm

Please remember, all those over the age of 5 must wear a cloth face covering.

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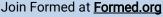
Facebook: "St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Roanoke, Virginia"



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Flocknote: text StAndrewRoanoke to 84576





<u>Middle School Youth</u> events can be followed on Facebook at "St. Andrew's Roanoke Youth Ministry", Twitter @andrew\_youth, or Instagram "st.andrewsym"



High School Youth events can be followed on Facebook at "Youth of St. Andrew Roanoke-High School Youth Group", Instagram is standrew\_hs\_youth, to receive text message reminders about Youth Events, text YOSAR to 84576



Monday	(12:00 pm)	William F. McKim, Jr. &			
Tuesday	(12:00 pm)	Msgr. Mike Mannan			
Wednesday	(12:00 pm)	John Danella ↔			
Christmas Eve Masses					
Thursday	(2:00 pm)	Bruce P. Williams 🕆			
	(4:30 pm)	The deceased children of St. Andrew's &			
	(7:00 pm)	Jeanne & Eugene Ast ⊕			
	(10:00 pm)	The people of St. Andrew's			
Christmas Day Masses					
Friday	(7:30 am)	Vera Mercalde &			
	(10:00 am)	Chris Hoeser 🕆			
Saturday	(5:30 pm)	Sam & Norris Nackley ⊕			
Sunday	(7:30 am)	The people of S. Andrew's			
	(10:00 am)	Brenda Johnson 🕆			
	(12:30 pm)	Herbert & Beverly Conley ₽			
⊕ Indicates the Mass Intention is for the					

repose of the soul of the person(s) listed



Pope Francis has granted two plenary indulgences as part of the commemoration of the bicentennial jubilee of the Diocese of Richmond (1820-2020). One of which is available to the faithful who make a pilgrimage to any of the three historic

churches in the diocese, one of which is St. Andrew's! St. Andrew's would like to welcome all pilgrims during our weekly church hours or at any of our four weekend Masses. The church is open on Monday from 11:00am—2:00pm and Tuesday—Friday from 11:00am—1:00pm. Weekend Masses are Saturday at 5:30pm and Sunday at 7:30am, 10:00am, and 12:30pm. More information about the indulgences, including the provision made for those sick or homebound, is available at: <a href="https://www.richmondcathedral.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Bicentennial-Indulgence.pdf">https://www.richmondcathedral.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Bicentennial-Indulgence.pdf</a>

## Sacrificial Giving

			July 1, 2020-
Collection Report	December 13		Nov 30, 2020
Sunday & Holy Days	\$	29,262	\$ 464,929
Maintenance Fund	\$	1,933	<u>\$ 56,616</u>
Total received	\$	31,195	\$ 521,545
Total income budgeted	l <u>\$</u>	25,672	\$ 566,917
Better (Worse)	\$	5,523	\$ (45,372)

We sincerely thank you for your greatly-needed support during these difficult times. Please consider Online Giving.



Readings for the week of December 20

**Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd]/Lk 1:46-56

**Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

**Thursday:** *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14. Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

**Saturday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

### Parish News



For many years, St. Andrew's parishioners have collected items for the residents of **North Roanoke Assisted Living**. The items we collect each Advent season sustain the residents for the entire year. Due to Covid, we are unable to have a parish-wide collection this year. Instead, we are collecting gift cards of any amount from Wal-Mart and Target. St. Andrew's staff and volunteers will purchase various items to help brighten Christmas for these

residents. We ask you not to bring any items to the church or the Parish Office. *Please bring gift cards to the Parish Office or place them in the collection basket after Mass through December 19/20.* Your generosity is appreciated. *Thank you in advance for supporting this ministry.* 

Adoration and Confessions are now permanently held on Thursdays from 4:00pm-6:00pm. Benediction will be at 5:50pm. Please join us and spend time with the Lord. All ages are welcome!

Confessions continue on Mondays from 12:45–2:00pm and Saturdays from 3:00pm—4:30pm.







Knights of Columbus Religious Christmas Cards are available for order through the Knights of Columbus Roanoke Council 562 Facebook page. To order cards, use their online brochure or send a message with your contact information. For more information, please contact Chuck Hatcher at (540)314-3360 or email <a href="mailto:chatcher@cox.net">chatcher@cox.net</a>.



# **ADVENT**



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.



Advent with Mary, Our Mother: As we seek to draw closer to Jesus this holy season, Mary, Jesus' mother and our Mother, can guide us to Him in her gentle and loving way. The Rosary and Divine Mercy Group invites you to join them in joyful prayer Saturday mornings during Advent in the Church from 9:00—9:45. *All ages are welcome!* 



Jerry Elchart, Constance Hull, Tom Middlecamp, Robin Miller, Lisa Gibson, Carolyn Malinowski, Carol Egge, Ed Malinowski, Ron Scobbo, Vicky Balander,

Ben Thomas, Danielle Grace, Sarah Wall, Tiffanie Tinnes, Zeke Puig, Ken Tuck, Tammy Clark, Christine Smith, Virginia Warnack, Andy Clark, Ryan Howell, Cathy Flynn, Kohlton Griffith, Judy Ratcliff, Margaret Murphy, John Grace, Raine Walters, Rod Bruzgul, Teri Burks, Lucille Gribben, and Paul Bridge.



Remember in your prayers these parishioners and family members who are actively serving our country in the military: Stephen Kavanaugh, Patrick Bennett, Samuel Edward, Joseph Kelly, James Kelly, Jake Vogel, Mason Alexander, Reeve Alexander, Giovanni Allen, Molly Wharton, Lee Hansen, Elton Darren Lewis, Joel Brian, Matthew Allen Crofton, Dustin Stewart, Joseph Lavinder, Chris

Bennett, Gilman Fortin, Madison Carroll, Brendan Carroll, James Dilling, Reuben Flores, David Jacobs, Robert Clifford, Michael Joslin, Dillon Sims, Kyle Norris, Jarred Shockey, Will Klos, Mark B. Buchy, Frank Jacob Dowie, Charlie Company 4th Platoon Reserves from Roanoke and Lynchburg, Joshua Davis, Marcus Ollie, Steven Jeremy Ayers, Jacob Brookshier, Ches Mitchell, Tommy Nichols, Allen Palumbo, Michael Nghia-Nguyen, Joseph Amos, Timothy M. Brady, Brian X. Conlan, Michael Dale Davis, John W. Downs, William Farmer, Josh Ford, Jamie Guilliams, John Hinkel, Stephanie Lynn Holliday, Anthony Huff, Jarrod Huff, Herbert Jones, Michael Keller, Jeffrey Robert Klein, Matthew McCorkel, Colin McGuire, Pamela T. Schmecht, Joe Spegele and Dustin Stewart.

Here's how the CARES Act changes deducting charitable contributions made in 2020:

Previously, charitable contributions could only be deducted if taxpayers itemized their deductions.

However, taxpayers who don't itemize deductions may take a charitable deduction of up to \$300 for cash contributions made in 2020 to qualifying organizations. For the purposes of this deduction, qualifying organizations are those that are religious, charitable, educational, scientific, or literary in purpose. The law changed in this area due to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.

Thank you for supporting St. Andrew's!



Roanoke Catholic School is seeking a long term substitute who can teach our Second Grade from February 1 through April 25. The ideal candidate will have a license to teach in Virginia. Please

submit a diocesan application and your resume to Nikki Lieber at <a href="mailto:nlieber@roanokecatholic.com">nlieber@roanokecatholic.com</a>.

This is the season we give thanks to God for all He has done for us this past year and throughout our lives. It is also a good time to begin considering how we might give back some



of our wealth or assets to Him with a special year-end gift. Gifting is a great way to thank God for these blessings.

Take advantage of the charitable tax deduction for gifts made before December 31 (benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings, and other financial benefits), and consider the variety of gift options available to you. Your gift to your parish can make a great difference. There are a variety of ways you can contribute a gift. The easiest and most direct methods are donations of cash, stock and IRA Charitable Rollover.

For more information on how you can help make a difference by contributing a year-end gift to our parish, please contact Jill at the Parish Office at (540) 344-9814.

# CHRISTMAS ~ DECEMBER 25



The Christmas feast is a festival full of joy. The Eternal Word has become Man and dwells among us. The longings of the patriarchs and prophets are fulfilled. With the shepherds we hurry to the manger and adore the Incarnate Son of God, who for us and for our salvation descended upon earth. The purpose of the Christmas feast is beautifully expressed in the Preface of the Nativity: "For by the mystery of the Word made flesh the light of Thy glory hath shone anew upon the eyes of our mind; so that while we acknowledge Him a God seen by men, we may be drawn by Him to the love of things unseen."

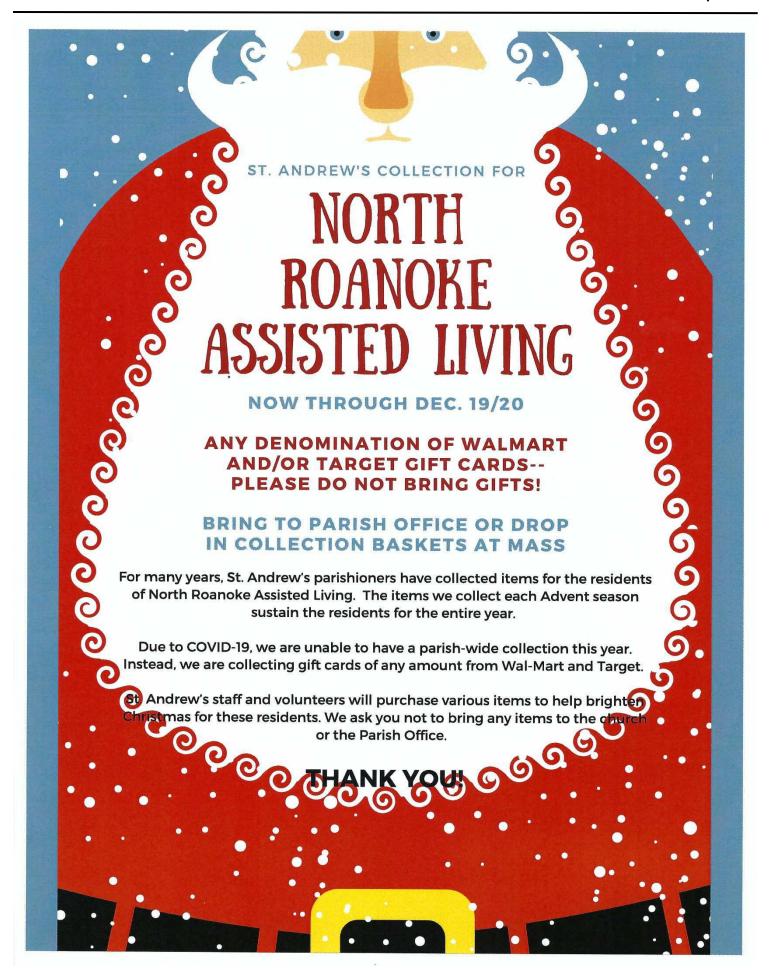
During the Christmas season there is an extensive exchange of greetings and good wishes among friends. These greetings are a reminder of those "good tidings of great joy that shall be to all the people, for this day is born to you a Savior Who is Christ the Lord" (Lk. 2:11). They are a reminder, too, that all blessings and graces come to us from Christ: "Hath He not also with Him given us all things?" (Rom. 8:32).

During the Christmas season there is also an exchange of gifts. This custom should recall to us that on this day God Himself gave to us the greatest of all gifts, His beloved Son: "God so loved the world as to give His only begotten Son" (John 3: 16).

The Christmas tree, of which the first-known mention was made in 1605 at Strasbourg, was introduced into France and England in 1840. It symbolizes the great family tree of Christ which through David and Jesse has its roots in Abraham, the father of the chosen race. It is often laden with gifts to remind us that Christmas brought us the priceless gifts of grace and of eternal life. It is frequently adorned with lights that recall to us that Christ is the Light of the world enlightening those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Though not entirely unknown before, the custom of the Christmas Crib was adopted by St. Francis of Assisi at Greccio, Italy, on Christmas 1225. It is a concrete and vivid way of representing to ourselves the Incarnation and birth of Christ. It depicts in a striking manner the virtues of the newborn Savior, especially His humility, poverty, and charity.





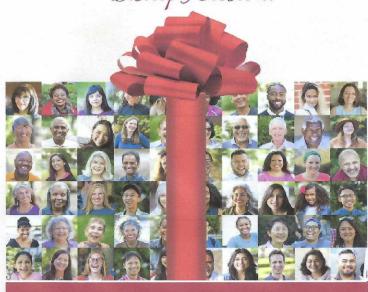
### \*\*\*\*\*\* St. Andrew's Patholic Phurch Advent and Christmas Schedule 2020 November 29 First Sunday of Advent - regular weekend schedule Saturday: Confessions 3 – 4:30 pm, Mass at 5:30 pm Sunday Masses at 7:30 am, 10:00 am (live streamed), & 12:30 pm 30 Feast of St. Andrew - 12:00 noon Mass (live streamed) Confessions 12:45 pm - 2:00 pm December 3 Adoration and Confessions - 4:00 to 6:00 pm 5/6 Second Sunday of Advent - regular weekend schedule 7 Confessions 12:45 pm - 2:00 pm 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 12:00 noon & 7:00 pm 10 Adoration and Confessions – 4:00 to 6:00 pm 12/13 Third Sunday of Advent - regular weekend schedule 14 Confessions 12:45pm - 2:00 pm 17 Adoration and Confessions - 4:00 to 6:00 pm 19/20 Fourth Sunday of Advent - regular weekend schedule 21 Confessions 12:45 pm - 2:00 pm 24 **Christmas Eve Masses:** 2:00 pm, 4:30 pm, (live streamed), 7:00 pm, & 10:00 pm (live streamed) 25 **Christmas Day Masses:** 7:30 am & 10:00 am (live streamed) Pre-registration for seating in the church is now full for all Christmas Masses. Additional seating will be available in the social hall, where the two large screens will show the video of the Mass taking place in the church. Seating in the social hall will be on a first-come, first-served basis. 26/27 Feast of the Holy Family – regular weekend schedule 28 No Mass or Confessions 31 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - 5:30 pm Vigil Mass January 1 **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** – 10:00 am Mass (live streamed) 2/3 Epiphany of the Lord - regular weekend schedule

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December 24 - 25

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Food collections will ONLY occur on the weekends before Masses. There will be NO food collection during the week. Bins will be at the entrances for you to place your food donations. Please makes sure that donations are placed in the bins.

St. Francis House and the families they support THANK YOU for your generosity.

For more information, please visit: https://www.standrewsva.org/justice-and-peace

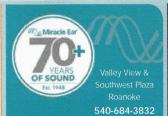


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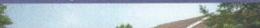


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