

**"THE SEED SOWN ON
THE PATH IS THE ONE
WHO HEARS THE
WORD OF THE
KINGDOM WITHOUT
UNDERSTANDING IT."**

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St. Andrew Catholic Church
Stuart, Florida

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**Saint Andrew
Catholic Church**
2100 SE Cove Road
Stuart, Florida 34997
772-781-4415



Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30am
Monday-Friday 7:30am
Holy Days: Vigil 4:00pm
7:30am & 6:00pm

Confession:

Saturday: 2:30pm
Those wishing to receive the
sacrament
should be here at 2:30

First Friday

7:30am Mass followed
by individual confessions

First Saturday

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confessions

**Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
of the Two Hearts**

Mon-Fri. 8:00am-12 Noon
Saturday: 8:00am-2:00pm

Pastor

Reverend John Barrow

Retired Assisting Clergy

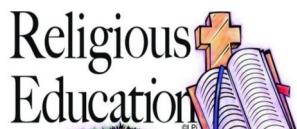
Monsignor Blase Gintoli
Monsignor James Moore

Deacons

Deacon Louis Romero
Deacon Matthew Bartlett
Deacon Andre Boucher
Deacon Richard Venezia

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9am-12Noon
Saturday 2-4pm
Sunday
9am-12Noon



Youth Activities

DRE: Mrs. Donna Hernandez

Sunday: 9:00-10:15am Gr. 1-5
Wednesday 6:30-8:00pm Gr. 6-9

July 12, 2020 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



July	9	Thurs.	7:30am	The Bobers +
July	10	Fri.	7:30am	Eugene W. Hutchinson +
July	11	Sat.	4:00pm	Patty Stuart +
July	12	Sun.	7:30am	Colin Sawyer (liv)
July	12	Sun.	9:00am	Doris & Fidel Romero +
July	12	Sun.	10:30am	Serafina & Antonio Vecchio +
July	13	Mon.	7:30am	Andrew E. Kwortek +
July	14	Tues.	7:30am	Maurice Morley +
July	15	Wed.	7:30am	Lucy DeBartolomeo +
July	16	Thurs.	7:30am	David Smith +
July	17	Fri.	7:30am	Bettejo & Thomas Parrini+
July	18	Sat.	4:00pm	Candace Scirpo +
July	19	Sun.	7:30am	Edith Lagocki +
July	19	Sun.	9:00am	Robin Srebot-Ziesmer +
July	19	Sun.	10:30am	Joseph Grosso, Sr. +
July	19	Sun.	2:00pm	RCIA Catechumens
July	20	Mon.	7:30am	Joseph Lorentz +
July	21	Tues.	7:30am	Richard & Mary Healander +
July	22	Wed.	7:30am	Dolores & Al Holoubek +
July	23	Thurs.	7:30am	George & Russell Badame +
July	24	Fri.	7:30am	Gerald Rubino +
July	25	Sat.	4:00pm	Patricia Giorgio +
July	26	Sun.	7:30am	Paul Ryan +
July	26	Sun.	9:00am	Karen Cresci +
July	26	Sun.	10:30am	Elizabeth Yerks +
July	27	Mon.	7:30am	Jeanne Irvine (liv)
July	28	Tues.	7:30am	Sam Jones +
July	29	Wed.	7:30am	Mathias Family liv. & Deceased
July	30	Thurs.	7:30am	The Holy Souls
July	31	Fri.	7:30am	Alvin Bober +
Aug.	1	Sat.	7:30am	Bobby Beatty (liv)
Aug.	1	Sat.	4:00pm	Manuel Higuera +

Isaiah's poetry and Jesus' parable tell in complementary ways the power of God's word. Isaiah extols its fruitfulness, the Lord promising that it will flower just as the fertile earth does when watered by rain or snow. Jesus tells of the sower, whose indiscriminate scattering of the word of the kingdom leads to different outcomes depending on where it lands. May we listen attentively today, soaking up God's word so that it may bear fruit in us.



**Adult Education (RCIA)
& Lectors**

Christine Michaelian
Thursday 7:00pm

Adoration Chapel
George & Linda Mekulsia

**Servants of the Eucharist &
Care of the Sick**
Kathleen Sullivan

Annulments
John Ginnetti

Men of Saint Andrew
Dave Olio
Monday evening 6:30-8pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry
Norma Olio
First Wednesday of the month
10:30am

Pro-Life Ministry
Michele Williams

Bible Study
Tuesday 10:00am
Tuesday 6:30pm

**Ignatian Spirituality
Prayer Group**
Friday 8:30am

Disciples of Prayer
Camille Lascari &
Bob Greeson

Parish Website
saintandrewcatholic.org
Webmaster;
John Sullivan

**Community Outreach
APOSTLES OF JOHN
PAUL II**
Please call for an
appointment
772-291-0002

Rosary Maker's Ministry
Kathleen Sullivan
Wednesday 10:00am



Legion of Mary
Friday 8:15

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

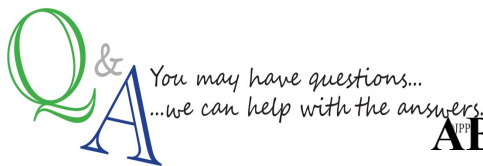
The Candles at the **Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help** are for the intention of **Beverly McNally**, the candle in the **Adoration Chapel of the Two Hearts** is for the intention of **Marcia Hochdorfer** and the **Sanctuary Candles** for **The O'Neill's** this week.

APOSTLES OF JOHN PAUL II
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Our Outreach doors reopen on Fri. July 10th
OPEN Friday 9-12 Noon
Please call for an appointment
772-291-0002 WE ARE HERE TO HELP

The Lord proclaims: "My word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I send it." That is why Jesus speaks to us in a way that reminds us of the moment of creation; as if we are soil, "The Lord God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life" (Gen 2:7). We have the potential, the freedom to be good, rich, productive soil. We beg that the Word will return to us again and again so that we can do his will, achieving the end for which God sends his Word to us.



ABOUT OUR FAITH

Q. Why is our Church one?

A. The Church is one because she has as her source and exemplar the unity of the Trinity of Persons in one God. As her Founder and Head, Jesus Christ re-established the unity of all people in one body. As her soul, the Holy Spirit unites all the faithful in communion with Christ. The Church has but one faith, one sacramental life, one apostolic succession, one common hope, and one and the same charity.

Further reading: CCC 813-815, 866



The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel of the Two Hearts

Thank you so much to Linda & George Mekulsia for their dedication to the chapel and their recent retirement from the Chapel. They are dedicated leaders and a blessing to us all. Maureen Wallace has agreed to take over the management of the Chapel. We are fortunate to announce that the Adoration Chapel will be re-opening Monday, July 6th. **We will have limited hours . For the month of July, we will be open Monday through Friday from 8am until 12 Noon. Saturdays will be normal hours 8am-2pm.**

Maureen will be contacting the scheduled adorers to confirm their schedule. It will also give us an opportunity to gather information for the implementation of the new Volunteer Scheduling Pro. (VSP). If you would like to become an adoror or have any questions concerning the Adoration Chapel, please call the church office at 772-781-4415, and they will relay your message to Maureen.

The Most Precious Blood

Jennifer Hubbard

I used to urge my children to give when what they really wanted was to keep, and to hold off when their desire was to immediately have. I hoped that with seemingly small sacrifices they would understand they are offered a grace. I hoped that through these sacrifices they would come to understand greater sacrifices; lives lost on battlefields, freedom given up for the sake of a brother, and dreams forgone for a greater good; inconceivable sacrifices that afford graces of freedom, protection, and opportunity.

In my desire to teach my little ones an appreciation of the graces freely given through sacrifices willingly made, the mere contemplation of the ultimate sacrifice made for me, made for them, made so one day I will live with both in eternity, leaves a knot in my stomach so tight I cannot breathe, and with knowing I will never completely understand. My heavenly Father's love is so great that he sent his Beloved to walk among sinners, the broken and the beaten, to save, to heal, and to teach. Yet despite all the Lamb granted us in his earthly journey, it is in the shedding of his blood that I am forgiven. Precious Blood poured out in the urgent pleas of prayer, drawn as he accepts a scourging not earned and a crucifixion not deserved. His Precious Blood given in death so that I may live. The Most Precious Blood of Jesus poured out then, as it is now, is an assurance of a love and grace far beyond earthly comprehension.

~Jennifer Hubbard reside in Newtown, CT. The younger of her two children, Catherine Violet, was a victim of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in 2012.~



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My Word...shall not return to me void.
(Isaiah 55:11)

A farmer is very careful during planting season. He selects the best seeds, chooses the most fertile land, and plants each crop in just the right location. He does all of this in the expectation of a good harvest. Yet despite all his effort, he can't *make* the seeds grow. It's up to the seeds themselves.

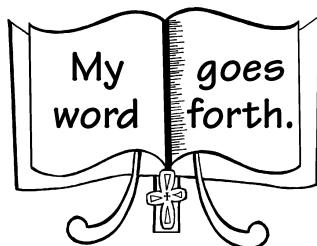
By contrast, it's our heavenly Father who makes the seed of faith in our hearts grow and bear fruit. And he does it by pouring his word on us like a gentle rain shower.

Today's first reading tells how fruitful God's word is: it never comes back to him empty! His words are promises filled with divine potential. Everyday, our Father speaks words of life over us. He tells us about his hope-filled plans for us (Jeremiah 29:11). He tells us about his everlasting love for us (31:3)./ He tells us that he delights in us (Isaiah 62:4). And he tells us that we are blessed because we can see signs of his presence in the world (Matthew 13:13). If we can accept these words, they will unleash grace in our lives that will make us into fruitful, attractive witnesses to our faith.

Do you want to bear fruit for the Lord? Then take hold of God's word and never let it go. Every day, spend time with the Scriptures. Let them speak to your heart. Let them form your mind. Let them guide your actions.

Jesus is speaking his word to you all the time. Right now, at this very moment, he want to tell you something. Take the time to listen.

"Father, open my eyes to see you. Open my ears to hear you. Open my heart to receive you. Come, Lord, and speak life to my soul!"

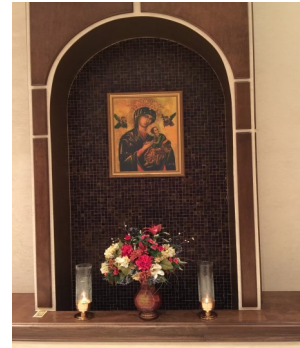


The Sanctuary Candles



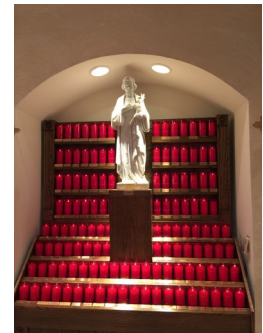
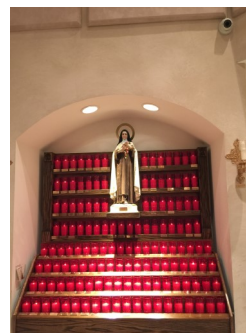
Are the two candles at both sides of the altar and can be memorialized .

The cost is \$15 per candle and 2 are needed, therefore the cost is \$30 for two weeks. Memorialized names will be announced in the bulletin.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candles

The candles in front of the picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at the front of the church beside the pulpit can be purchased as memorials. The cost is \$15.00 per candle and two are needed, therefore, the price is \$30.00 for two weeks. Memorialized names will be in the weekly bulletin and announcements.



St. Theresa and St. Joseph Memorial Candles

Annual Memorial Candles are available for your personal intentions. The candle will be lit for **one year at a cost of \$100.00.**

If you are interested in any of these candles, please stop by the church office after the Mass and we would be happy to order a plaque for you.

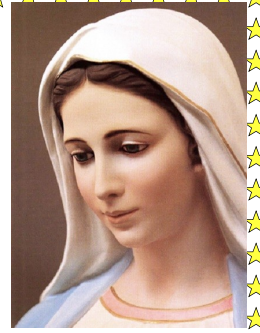

One of life's persistent questions is "What if?" If we answer by looking back on our lives, we could face heaps of regret. If we gaze into the future, we may get carried away with our daydreams or forget about the contingency of all things. But once in awhile, we get pleasant answers to the question, well-grounded and uplifting. Case in point: this weekend's Gospel passage. The unspoken variant is this: "What if Jesus were to explain some of His parables?" Fortunately for us, here He did. As always, we admire Jesus' ingenuity as a teacher, using what is familiar to His audience at the time, in this case some rural workers. But as part of the Divine Word referred to by Isaiah, what Jesus said is addressed to a much wider audience than the original one. That happens to include you and me. Now, some of us may actually have been sowers, at least when we spread grass seed on threadbare patches of our front lawn. Therefore the result of our sowing is also a bit chancy. We marvel when the seed catches on. Not so for (dare I call Him?) "Farmer Jesus!" Perhaps because we have heard this parable many times, we pivot right to its application. Of the four landing places for the seed, we ask, "Which one am I?" Here we must guard against being cavalier about our answer. We may conclude that because we're hearing the parable at Mass, we have the right to say "I must be that good soil." Or, we could go in the opposite direction and hastily condemn ourselves for being "rocky soil" or even "thorns." May I humbly suggest that, if you're anything like me, you have been all four types at various points in life. Our spiritual lives always seem to be "works in progress." That's because they are. It's a matter of two steps backwards for every one step forward." Of course, with no sarcasm meant, you just may be one of those hidden saints that have always been part of the Church, even though you would never say so about yourself.

But for the majority of us there is usually this bouncing back and forth. That could make me worry, which Our Lord said elsewhere is foolish. I am grateful that the Holy Spirit gives us St. Paul, one very transparent saint. He freely admits his progress and regression in the matter of his behavior. But note what Paul writes to us in today's Second Reading: *"I consider the sufferings of this present time as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us."* Our very vacillation is a form of suffering. (So is coping with all the effects we have endured of Covid 19, although that is subject for another reflection.) So, taking St. Paul's words to heart, we do not have to waste our time worrying about our eternal glory being in jeopardy because of our unintended relapses. As long as we repent and rise up to try again, we will see God face to face and experience a peace and joy unmatched by anything here on earth.

As for questions like “What if ?” the evangelist Vance Havner (d. 1986) wrote this: *“There are a lot of questions the Bible doesn’t answer about the Hereafter. But I think one reason is illustrated by the story of a boy sitting down to a bowl of spinach when there’s a chocolate cake at the end of the table. He’s going to have a rough time eating that spinach when his eyes are on the cake. And if the Lord had explained everything to us about what’s ours to come, I think we’d have a rough time eating our spinach down here.”*

**Our Lady's June 25th,
39th Anniversary
Message
As given to Mirjana:**

"Dear Children! I am listening to your cries and prayers, and am interceding for You before my Son Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Return, little children, to prayer and open your hearts in this time of grace and set out on the way of conversion. Your life is passing and, without God, does not have meaning. This is why I am with you to lead you towards holiness of life, so that each of you may discover the joy of living. I love you all, little Children, and am blessing you with my motherly blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call."



God, our Father, Creator of the Universe and Lord over all creation, we humbly stand before you as your children in thanksgiving for your loving care and protection. We ask that you keep us safe from all hurricanes which may threaten us in the coming seasons. Protect us from all fear and anxiety of storms and give us an ardent trust and hope in Your love and mercy. You alone have the power to command the sea, the wind and the rain. You alone bring peace, calm, and safety. Father, we thank you in advance, for you are our only Refuge. We ask this through Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

