

St. Andrew Catholic Church  
Stuart, Florida

"DO NOT BE  
AFRAID, MARY.



FOR YOU HAVE FOUND  
FAVOR WITH GOD."

LUKE 1:30



December 20, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Advent

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# Prayers Before Mass

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*All of the information needed for today's liturgy is found in this bulletin, including readings, and Responses.*

## Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and the snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

SAINT MICHAEL

*Pray For Us*



*Jesus*

Look at a CANDY CANE, what do you see?

Stipes that are RED like the Blood shed for me!

White for my Savior, Who's sinless and pure!

"J" is for JESUS, My LORD that's for sure!

Turn it around and a staff you will see—

JESUS, my SHEPARD, is coming for me!



## Penitential Act: A

### The Confiteor

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

## Diocesan Prayer for God's Protection

### in the face of the Coronavirus Pandemic

Loving and gracious God, as in all times, we turn to You and implore Your protection and healing as we face a new threat to our health and peaceful well-being in the coronavirus pandemic before us. Help us to be united with each other and with all of our brothers and sisters around the world affected by this illness. We pray for all those in the medical field who are assisting patients and in the field of science who are discerning a cure, as well as for all government leaders. Remember those who, through this virus, have passed from this life as well as their families in their loss.

At this time of fragile uncertainty, we also humbly implore You to grant us prudence, hope, courage and patience. Dispel from us fear, panic and distrust which disrupt us in spirit to the detriment of our well-being.

We make our prayer in the name of your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who always cured those who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons.

**Our Lady, Patroness of our Diocese,  
Queen of the Apostles and  
Comforter of the Afflicted, pray  
for us. Amen.**

PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE COMING OF OUR  
*Lord Jesus Christ!*

## FIRST READING

### A reading from the second Book of Samuel

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16(11B)

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?'" "It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel.

I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 89:2-3,4-5,27,29

R. (2a) **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever; through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, "My kindness is established forever"; in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

R. **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant: Forever will I confirm your posterity and establish your throne for all generations."

R. **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

"He shall say of me, 'You are my father, my God, the Rock, my savior.'

Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him, and my covenant with him stands firm."

R. **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

## SECOND READING

### A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Romans 16:25-27

Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.  
May it be done to me according to your word.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.** Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.

He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God."

Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

# O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

**Verses**

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And  
 2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who  
 3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who  
 4. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se's stem, From  
 5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And  
 6. O come, Thou Day-spring from on high And  
 7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In

1. ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in  
 2. or - d'rest all things might i - ly; To us the  
 3. to thy tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient  
 4. ev - 'ry foe de - liv er them That trust thy  
 5. o - pen wide our heav 'nly home; Make safe the  
 6. cheer us by thy draw ing nigh; Dis - perse the  
 7. one the hearts of all hu - man - kind; Bid thou our

1. lone - ly ex - ile here Un - til the Son of  
 2. path of knowl - edge show, And teach us in her  
 3. times didst give the law, In cloud and maj - es -  
 4. might - y pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry  
 5. way that leads on high, And close the path to  
 6. gloom - y clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ow  
 7. sad di - vi - sions cease, And be thy - self our

**Refrain**

1. God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -  
 2. ways to go.  
 3. ty and awe.  
 4. o'er the grave.  
 5. mis - er - y.  
 6. put to flight.  
 7. Prince of Peace.

el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: LM with refrain; Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3-6, para. in *Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum*, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John Mason Neale, 1818-1866; verses 2, 7 tr. fr. *The Hymnal 1940*, alt.  
 Music: *Processionale*, 15th cent. French; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890; Chant, Mode I.

## The Incarnation

"By his incarnation the Son of God has united himself in some fashion with every human being" (Vatican II, GS 22). This saving event reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God who "so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (Jn 3:16), but also the *incomparable value of every human person*. The Church, faithfully contemplating the mystery of the Redemption, acknowledges this value with ever new wonder. She feels called to proclaim to the people of all times this "Gospel", the source of invincible hope and true joy for every period of history. *The Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel*" (Pope John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life*, n.2).

# COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

STUTTGART



1. Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set thy peo - ple free!
2. Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth thou art;
3. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child, and yet a king:
4. By thine own e - ter-nal Spir-it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



1. From our fears and sins re - lease us, Let us find our rest in thee.
2. Dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
3. Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
4. By thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: 87 87; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788.

Music: Christian F. Witt's *Psalmody Sacra*, 1715; adapt. by Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876.

## Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, ***At the words that follow, up to and including all bold*** and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church, I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Scriptures to Pray To Prepare Your Heart for Christmas

- Thank God that He sent His son to leave the comforts of heaven and enter our sinful world to save us. "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Immanuel, (which means "God with us")". Matthew 1:23
- Pray that you would not get distracted by the holiday festivities, but celebrate what Christmas is all about. "While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them." Luke 2:6-7
- Pray that you would treasure the reason for the season as Mary did. "All who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured these things and pondered them in her heart." Luke 2:18-19
- Thank Jesus that He left the comforts of heaven to come and rescue us. "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

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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

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7:30 Mass followed by individual 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

Registration CLOSED

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Dec.	19	Sat.	4:00pm	Christmas Novena
Dec.	20	Sun.	7:30am	Christmas Novena
Dec.	20	Sun.	9:00am	Doris & Fidel Romero+
Dec.	20	Sun.	10:30am	Katherine Theurer+
Dec.	21	Mon.	7:30am	Christmas Novena
Dec.	22	Tues.	7:30am	Christmas Novena
Dec.	23	Weds.	7:30am	Christmas Novena
Dec.	24	Thurs.	7:30am	Christmas Novena
Dec.	24	Thurs.	2:00pm	Norma & Bob Thomas
Dec.	24	Thurs.	4:00pm	Bob Banasiewicz+
Dec.	24	Thurs.	10:30pm	Michael Magi+
Dec.	25	Fri.	7:30am	Christmas Novena
Dec.	25	Fri.	9:00am	Rev. Patrick O'Leary+
Dec.	25	Fri.	10:30am	John Francis MOroney Jr. + Rose Gorecki+
Dec.	26	Sat.	4:00pm	Mukulosia & Menapace Families+
Dec.	27	Sun.	7:30am	Constance Norcia+
Dec.	27	Sun.	9:00am	Eugene W. Hutchinson+
Dec.	27	Sun.	10:30am	George & Russell Badame+
Dec.	28	Mon.	7:30am	Lynn Gonnello+
Dec.	29	Tues.	7:30am	Antionette Holt+
Dec.	30	Weds.	7:30am	Dyman Condon+
Dec.	31	Thurs.	7:30am	Tonra Family
Jan.	1	Fri.	7:30am	Paul A. Lynch+
Jan.	1	Fri.	9:00am	Charles Paolino+
Jan.	2	Sat.	7:30am	Bernard Krull+
Jan.	2	Sat.	4:00pm	Ida Trocchia+
Jan.	3	Sun.	7:30am	Michael Magi+
Jan.	3	Sun.	9:00am	Lorraine Blessing+
Jan.	3	Sun.	10:30am	Michael Belevo(Liv)
Jan.	4	Mon.	7:30am	Cathy Gilio Costa+
Jan.	5	Tues.	7:30am	Nancy Sbordone(Liv)
Jan.	6	Weds.	7:30am	Tadeusz Piatek+
Jan.	7	Thurs.	7:30am	The Facete Family(Liv & +
Jan.	8	Fri.	7:30am	William Towers+
Jan.	9	Sat.	4:00pm	Patrieia Giorgio+
Jan.	10	Sun.	7:30am	Dolores Grabowski+
Jan.	10	Sun.	9:00am	Richard Gallagher(Liv)
Jan.	10	Sun.	10:30am	Thomas Mackenzie+ & Jill Martillotti



*Jesus I trust in YOU!*  
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**Chaplet of Divine Mercy**  
**Please join us in praying the Chaplet after the daily 7:30am Mass.**  
**We pray for our Country, our Priests and for the Sanctity of Life.**



#### Adult Education (RCIA) & Lectors

Christine Michaelian  
Thursday 6:30pm

#### 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

1st Wednesday of each month from 10:30-12pm

#### 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:

Michael Brennan

#### 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

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Friday 8:15am

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Candles at the **Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help** is for the intention of Rose Cucci+ the candle in the **Adoration Chapel of the Two Hearts** is for the intention of Angie Cornevale and the **Sanctuary Candles** for Denise & Tripp Tiller this week.

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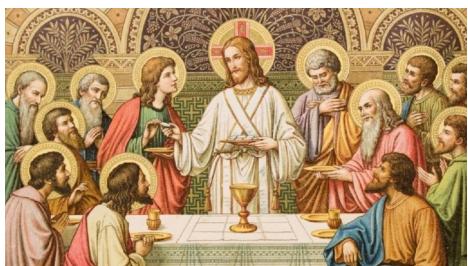
OPEN Friday 9-12Noon  
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## Ushers Needed for the 4:00pm mass

Jesus said, *Whoever receives you , receives me, and whoever receives me receives the One who sent Me (Mt 10:40)*

Your willingness to serve God as an usher reflects your commitment to Christ, to be a friendly and a welcoming presence to those coming to worship here at St. Andrew Catholic Church.



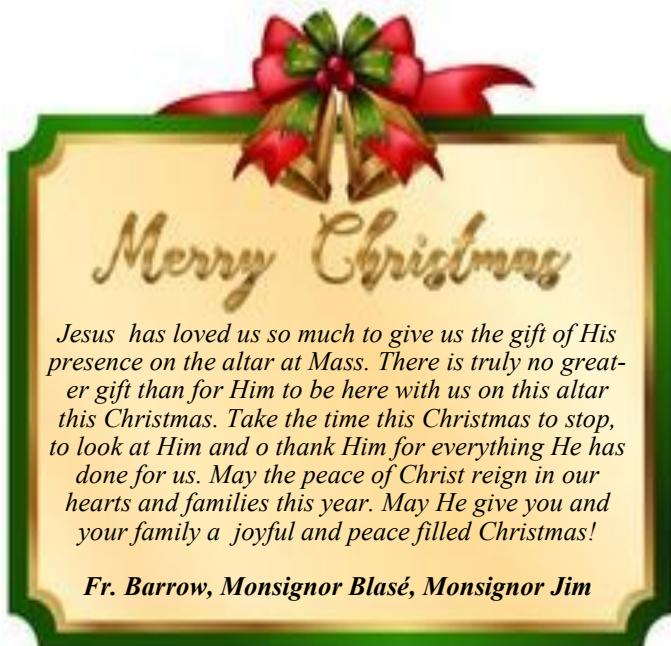
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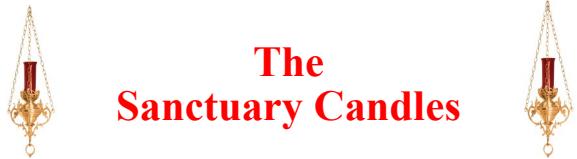


## **ABOUT OUR FAITH**

**Q. How can I convince friends who go to church once or twice a month or just on holidays why they need to go regularly?**

**A.** It sounds as if they do not realize what the heart of their professed faith is— a relationship with Jesus Christ. Perhaps you should work on that. You can evangelize your friends by pointing them to Christ. The best way to do this is not simply what you say but also what you do. Your love for Christ should be evident by how you live. If you are a hypocrite, your friends may see this as a proof that going to Mass makes no difference. As to why they should go regularly, tell them they should do this as an expression of their love for Christ. This love of Christ means 1) we want to receive Him in the Eucharist and 2) we will obey Him. Jesus wants us to gather for corporate worship on Sundays. That is how Christians fulfill the commandment, “Keep holy the Lord’s Day”. Jesus says if we love Him, we will keep His Commandments, Conversely, if we do not keep His Commandments, can we really say that we love Him? Remind your friends that God gives us 24 hours each day. He gives us 7 days a week. That’s 168 hours a week. We spend 56 hours sleeping and 56 hours working or in school. That leaves 56 hours for enjoyment and leisure. If we cannot give God one or two hours out of that 56, how serious are we when we say we love Him? And, if we do not love or serve Him in this life, we seriously risk not being with Him in the next. ( John 3:36).





## 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.



**Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27

**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23; Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday:** Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18B-23

**Thursday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

**Friday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

**Saturday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

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

### Christmas LEGACY

May you be filled with knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, to lead a life worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation, for in Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities— all things were created through Him and for Him.

He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything He might be pre-eminent.

For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell...

~Colossians 1:19





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## *Our 2020 Christmas Schedule*

### **Advent Reconciliation Service**

**Wednesday, December 16 at 6:00pm**  
**Confessions**

**Saturday, December 19 at 2:30pm**

### **Christmas Vigil Masses**

**Thursday, December 24, the Rosary**  
will be prayed at 1:30pm ,  
3:30pm & 10:30pm  
Followed by the Holy Mass

### **Christmas Day Masses**

**Friday , December 25**  
The Holy Mass will be celebrated at  
7:30, 9:00 & 10:30am

### **The Feast of Mary, the Mother of God**

**The Vigil Mass for the Holy Day**  
Will be celebrated on  
**Thursday, December 31st at 4:00pm**

### **Friday, January 1, 2021**

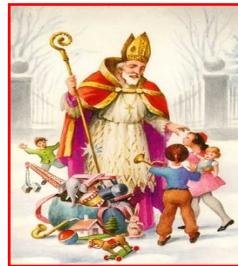
(New Year's Day)

The Holy Mass will be celebrated  
At 7:30 & 9:00am Only

PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE COMING OF OUR

*Lord Jesus Christ!*

## **ST. NICHOLAS TREE**



**May St. Nicholas Inspire you that  
“it is more blessed to give than  
to receive!”**

*Please purchase a gift card  
from either  
Walmart or Publix.  
Your gift cards will be  
distributed to the needy  
members of our parish  
community.*

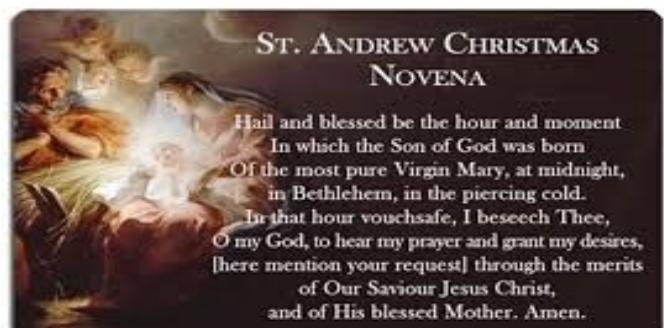
*Suggestions*  
*Family of 2 \$25.00*  
*Family of 3-4 \$75.00*  
*Family of 5-6 \$100.00*

Kindly include the dollar amount **\$\$**  
**on the outside of the envelope.**

Please return your envelope by  
**December 20th.**

**May our Lord reward you and  
your loved ones for your  
generosity!**

## **The Apostles of John Paul II**



*(It is piously believed that whoever recites the above prayer fifteen times a day from the feast of St. Andrew(30th November) until Christmas will obtain what is asked.)*