

Saint Andrew

Catholic Church

*The Thirty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

November 7th, 2021



**“She, from her poverty,
has contributed all she had,
her whole livelihood.”**

MARK 12:44

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**Saint Andrew
Catholic Church**

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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 confessions

First Saturday

7:30 Mass followed by confessions

Pastor

Reverend John Barrow

Retired Assisting Clergy

Monsignor Blase Gintoli
Monsignor James Moore

Deacons

Deacon Louis Romero
Deacon Matthew Bartlett
Deacon Andre Boucher

Office Hours:

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

Youth Activities

DRE: Mrs. Donna Hernandez



Nov. 6	Sat.	7:30am	Rev. Edward Wieczorek +
Nov. 6	Sat.	4:00pm	Edgar Tatman+
Nov. 7	Sun.	7:30am	Dominic DiFede+
Nov. 7	Sun.	9:00am	Lukas Smith+
Nov. 7	Sun.	10:30am	Domenico DiFede+
Nov. 8	Mon.	7:30am	Deceased Priests
Nov. 9	Tues.	7:30am	Michael Magi+
Nov. 10	Wed.	7:30am	Patricia Norcia-Cefalo(Liv)
Nov. 11	Thurs.	7:30am	George Towers+
Nov. 12	Fri.	7:30am	Frances Berry+
Nov. 13	Sat.	7:30am	Dominic DiFede+
Nov. 14	Sun.	7:30am	Robin Srebot Ziesmer+
Nov. 14	Sun.	9:00am	John Edward Bolster+
Nov. 14	Sun.	10:30am	Jean Ferreira+
Nov. 15	Mon.	7:30am	Deceased Priests
Nov. 16	Tues.	7:30am	Tom & Phyllis Cote' + & Liv
Nov. 17	Wed.	7:30am	Adelheid Wohlgemuth+
Nov. 18	Thurs.	7:30am	Dennis Dayrit+
Nov. 19	Fri.	7:30am	Thomas F. Parriwi+
Nov. 20	Sat.	4:00pm	Barbara Parduba+
Nov. 21	Sun.	7:30am	Bertha Piatek+
Nov. 21	Sun.	9:00am	Li Kraft+
Nov. 21	Sun.	10:30am	Michael Magi+

God's Will Vs. Our Self-Will Strengthened to Do God's Will

I am surprised that you still have not completely renounced your self-will, but I rejoice exceedingly that this change will be accomplished during the retreat (*Diary*, 369).

[Then] I heard these words: I am with you. During this retreat, I will strengthen you in peace and in courage so that your strength will not fail in carrying out My designs. Therefore, you will cancel out your will absolutely in this retreat and, instead, My complete will shall be accomplished in you. Know that it will cost you much, so write these words on a clean sheet of paper: "From today on, my own will does not exist," and then cross out the page. And on the other side write these words: "From today on, I do the will of God everywhere, always, and in everything" (*Diary*, 372).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, may Your love strengthen me to do Your will everywhere, always, and in everything. May I live the "Our Father" petition: "Thy will be done!"

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Please join us in praying the Chaplet on Mondays after the daily 7:30am Mass in room C and the rest of the week in silence during Adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament. We pray for our Country, our Priests and for the Sanctity of Life.



**Adult Education (RCIA)
& Lectors**
Christine Michaelian
Thursday 6:30pm-8:00pm

Adoration

M-F 8:00am -12m in Church
Mo Wallace
TWINONEMO@AOL.COM
772-285-2688

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

Annulments

John Ginnetti

Men of Saint Andrew

Dave Olio
Monday evening 6:30-8pm
davidolio333@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Norma Olio
1st Wednesday of each month
10:30 am

Pro-Life Ministry

Michele Williams

Bible Study

Tuesday 10:00am
Tuesday 6:30pm

**Ignatian Spirituality
Prayer Group**

Weds. 8:30am-10:00am
(Lenten Retreat Thurs. 8:30am)

Disciples of Prayer

Camille Lascari &
Bob Greeson

Parish Website

saintandrewcatholic.org
Webmaster;
Michael Brennan

Community Outreach

**APOSTLES OF
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Please call for an
appointment
772-291-0002

Rosary Maker's Ministry

Kathleen Sullivan
Wednesday 10:00am

Ushers

Jane Engelbrecht
ejanybrainy@yahoo.com

Legion of Mary Friday 8:15am



Prayers Before Mass

November 7th, 2021 The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM STORMS

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. 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.

Mary, Queen of the Apostles, and Patroness of Our Diocese, pray for us.

Penitential Act: A

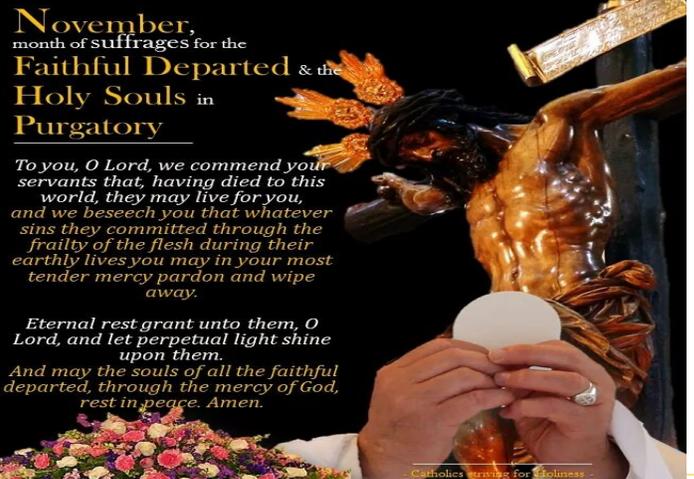
The Confiteor

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.



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.



Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks, for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father, Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

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, **All bow at the words that follow, up to and including** 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.

All are Welcome

Gathering Hymn

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
Rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in
this place.
2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,
And words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
And as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome...
3. Let us build a house where love is found
In water, wine and wheat:
A banquet hall on holy ground,
Where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
Is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
All are welcome...
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach
Beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
And live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
Bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome...

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FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Kings

1Kings 17:10-16

In those days, Elijah the prophet went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the entrance of the city, a widow was gathering sticks there; he called out to her, "Please bring me a small cupful of water to drink." She left to get it, and he called out after her, "Please bring along a bit of bread." She answered, "As the LORD, your God, lives, I have nothing baked; there is only a handful of flour in my jar and a little oil in my jug. Just now I was collecting a couple of sticks, to go in and prepare something for myself and my son; when we have eaten it, we shall die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid. Go and do as you propose. But first make me a little cake and bring it to me. Then you can prepare something for yourself and your son. For the LORD, the God of Israel, says, 'The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'" She left and did as Elijah had said. She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well; the jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, as the LORD had foretold through Elijah.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 146:7,8-9,9-10

R. (1b) Praise the Lord, my soul!

The LORD keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets captives free.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The LORD gives sight to the blind.

The LORD raises up those who were bowed down;
the LORD loves the just.

The LORD protects strangers.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The fatherless and the widow he sustains,
but the way of the wicked he thwarts.

The LORD shall reign forever;

your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself, that he might now appear before God on our behalf. Not that he might offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters each year into the sanctuary with blood that is not his own; if that were so, he would have had to suffer repeatedly from the foundation of the world. But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice. Just as it is appointed that human beings die once, and after this the judgment, so also Christ, offered once to take away the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

EXPLANATION

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT, FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

PEOPLE WHO ARE POOR IN SPIRIT...

- ADMIT THEIR STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES
- DON'T THINK THEY ARE BETTER THAN OTHERS
- DON'T TRY FOR A FALSE, MACHO IMAGE
- DON'T ALWAYS HAVE TO HAVE THEIR OWN WAY
- ADMIT THEY NEED GOD AND OTHERS TO HELP THEM
- ARE NOT TOO CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT THEY HAVE OR DON'T HAVE; ARE WILLING TO SHARE WITH OTHERS WITHOUT MAKING A BIG DEAL ABOUT IT

Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**
A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark
Glory to you, O Lord.

In the course of his teaching Jesus said to the crowds, "Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

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

Rededication to the Cause of Life

"In this Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities: A Campaign in Support of Life, we renew our call for individual Catholics and the many institutions and organizations of the Church to unite in an unprecedented effort to restore respect and legal protection for every human life—to be what the Holy Father asks us to be: a people of life and a people for life (The Gospel of Life, no. 78). It is our hope and expectation that in focusing on the need to respect and protect the lives of the innocent unborn and those who are disabled, ill, or dying, we will help to deepen respect for the life of every human being." (US Bishops, 2001).Fr. [Frank Pavone](#)



As Catholics it is our privilege and our duty to pray for those who have gone before us that they may be relieved in their purification as they enter the presence of God.

The best thing we can do for the dead is to have Masses offered for them as this is the greatest of all prayers in which we offer to the Father the merits of His Son's Passion and death.

Eternal Father, Strong to Save
MELITA

Closing Hymn

1. Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we raise our plea
For those in peril on the sea.

2. O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain
O'er which our traffic runs amain
By mountain pass or valley low;
Wherever, Lord, your loved ones go,
Protect them by your guarding hand
From ev'ry peril on the land.

3. O Spirit, whom the Father sent
To spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by your might
Save all who dare the eagle's flight,
And keep them by your watchful care
From ev'ry peril in the air.

4. O Trinity of love and pow'r,
Your children shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
And then shall rise with voices free
Glad praise from air and land and sea.

Text: 88 88 88; Verses 1, 4, William Whiting, 1825–1878, alt.; Verses 2, 3, Robert N. Spencer, 1877–1961, alt. Music: John B. Dykes, 1823–1876.

NOVEMBER

The month of November is devoted to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. We celebrate this Feast on November 2nd. The month of November falls under Ordinary Time, represented by the liturgical color green. The Church teaches us that

Purgatory is not eternal and its duration is pronounced during times of judgment. We are also taught to always pray for those who have gone into eternity. During this time, we pray for those who may still receive the reconciliation of God's goodness – that in his purification and divine mercy, they may yearn to be spared for their sins.

We pray for the defiled souls, as we know one who is defiled may not enter into heaven. We ask as a show of our charity, as close to that of God's, that they may rest in peace through His light and loving mercy, which invites us to be grateful for our desire to go into heaven with Him.

Additional prayers may be offered throughout the month of November for personal devotion, and to help strengthen the relationship with God. These prayers are helpful to connect with the time of year, and can be prayed anytime throughout the month. The Liturgical Calendar guides us in prayer for Saints, and obligation days within each liturgical season. These prayers can be found in the categories, Saints, and Liturgical Season.

Weekly Announcements



The Sanctuary Candles are for the intention of
Robert & Ellen Wilhelm



The Candles at the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help are for the intention of
Dominic DiFede



The Candles are burning during Adoration in the Church for the intention of
Roger & Carole Sahni

Eucharistic Adoration

In the Church M-F 8:00am-1:00pm

“The only time our Lord asked the Apostles for anything was the night He went into agony.

Not for activity did He plead but for an Hour of companionship.”
Venerable Fulton Sheen

Will you spend one hour with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament?



Not Living Happily Ever After? Try **MARRIAGE BOOTCAMP**



Marriage Boot Camp is a Biblically focused program designed specifically to renew your relationship with not only your spouse, but with our Lord as well.

This is an intense 12-week process that will challenge you and your spouse spiritually and emotionally and reacquaint you both with God's plan for a joy filled marriage.

This program is currently under development, for more information:

Contact Deacon and Mrs. Louie Romero at
561-775-9557
or email lromero@diocesepb.org

Weekend Marriage Builders



Forgiveness's First Step

The most effective and sometimes the most necessary first step in forgiving a spouse is to get on your knees and let God's forgiveness of you seep into your feelings-not into your intellect, but into the deepest recesses of your emotions. You may have to get alone by yourself and give yourself time -maybe several weekends-in which you do nothing but wait for God to get through to your deepest feelings. It's when you become overcome with gratitude for being forgiven for your own contributions to whatever went wrong- even if you don't know what those contributions are-that the power of resentment and rage gradually erodes, and it becomes much easier to forgive.

- ◆ Why is it helpful to be in relationship with God before going on to make things right with your spouse?
- ◆ How could a habit of forgiveness between you result in a spirit of freedom and peace in your marriage?

Saturday: Ephesians 4:31-32

Sunday: Colossians 3:8

Give A Gift of Prayer

The Sanctuary & Our Lady of Perpetual Help 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.

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.

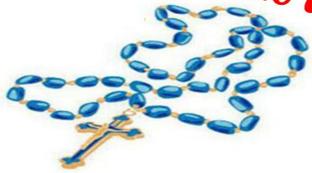
Last Will and Testament



Please Remember your Church

St. Andrew
In your Last Will and Testament

**If you can tie a Shoelace
Then
You can make a Rosary!**



**Come visit us to see how we
make rosaries and to consider
joining our rosary ministrey
We meet Wednesday's @ 10:00 AM
Class Room C**



We love having you as part of our Flock! Keep in touch with us via email and text!

Text 4ANDREW to 84576 or connect with us online at saintandrewcatholic.org/stay-in-touch



Disciples of Prayer

St. Andrew's Church has established a ministry of prayer, "St. Andrew's Disciples of Prayer". If you or a loved one, friend or neighbor, has a need of prayer or, if you have a generous spirit and can spend 5 to 10 minutes a day praying for special intentions, please contact ;
Camille at qtcaccl@gmail.com
or
Bob at cobra12220@aol.com
to place someone on the prayer list, or if you are called by the Holy Spirit to pray.

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Religious Education
Grade:1,2,3,4,5 Sunday
9:00-10:15am
Grade:6,7,8,9 Wednesday
6:30-8:00pm

October & November Schedule

Sun.	Nov-7	CCD	Grade:1,2,3,4,5
Tues.	Nov-9		Anthony's Coal Fire Pizza Give Back
Wed.	Nov-10	CCD	Grade: 6,7,8,9
Sun.	Nov-14	CCD	Grade:1,2,3,4,5
Wed.	Nov-17	CCD	Grade: 6,7,8,9
Sun.	Nov-21	CCD	Grade:1,2,3,4,5
Wed.	Nov-24	No CCD	



We are preparing our Roster for the 2022 Offertory Envelopes.

If you have any changes for your name, address, email, cell# rather than land line, please call the office with these changes ASAP (772-781-4415).

The 2022 offertory envelopes will be mailed to your residence on file quarterly. Therefore, it is important to have correct information.

We will no longer be making offertory boxes for new registrations. New registrants need to place their check or cash in a regular envelope with your name clearly printed and your account will be credited. New registrations will receive their offertory envelopes for the next calendar quarter.



St. Andrew Prayer Shawl Ministry

This Ministry is available to anyone who would like to join us in this giving ministry. We meet the first Wednesday of the month at 10:30 am in the church Room A. May God bless all who contribute in any way. " One of the secrets of life is that all that is really worth doing is what we do for others". Lewis Carroll
For further information or to receive a shawl contact:
Norma 772-919-5963 or nolio91@gmail.com



HO HO HO!
HO-LY Christmas
SALE

November 6th & 7th 2021
 Before and After all Weekend Masses

Shop for your Advent and Christmas gifts



ALL PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT THE
 APOSTLES OF ST. JOHN PAUL II MINISTRY

Our Community Table (OCT) is a 501c faith-based ministry that brings churches and communities together to help families who are food insecure. OCT prepares freshly cooked meals every Saturday, rain or shine, at 1550 SE Salerno Road and delivers those meals to seven locations where there is an expressed need in Martin County. In our first year of operation in Martin County (April 2020 to 2021) over 50,000 meals were distributed. We anticipate that number rising to 70,000 by the end of 2021.

VOLUNTEER If you are looking for a way to involve your family, friends, or employees by participating in a worthwhile project of giving back to others, come to 1550 Port Salerno Road any Saturday 7am – 11:30 am and we will find a position for you. You may also want to help distribute the food to neighborhoods in our community from 11 am- 1 pm.

OR You may go to the ourcommunitytable.flocknote.com and select the time and position in which you would like to serve on the upcoming Saturday. Jessica Ireton-Hewitt 772-214-4569

To Live in Christ is to Think with Christ

Reflection. If we become the sacred bread that we consume at Eucharist and if the precious blood that courses through our veins consumes our souls, how could we not become the Body of Christ? How can we not have the same mind of Christ?

Prayer. St. Joseph, help me to live in the awareness of Christ's presence within me.

Ushers Needed
Are you willing to serve?

The usher is a person chosen to reflect the warmth and welcome of Christ himself. Always conscious of Christ's words: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me". At St. Andrew Catholic Church, Ushers are entrusted with promoting a sense of welcoming presence and belonging to all the faithful assembled for worship. They are the first point of contact for the communal celebration of the Liturgy. Each Minister offers a welcoming atmosphere, takes an active role in enabling each Parishioner and Visitor to a comfortable expression of God in the Liturgy.

Please contact the Church Office (772)-781-4415 or Jane Englebrecht at 772-288-2265 or ejanybrainy@yahoo.com if you are interested!

Active Parishioner Status

We receive many requests for parishioners to be godparents or sponsors for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation and to rightfully enjoy the number of services offered at St. Andrew. Part of the request is to be able to verify that a person is an "active member" of St. Andrew. An "active member" is:

- Properly **registered** in the parish.
- **Faithfully attends** Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.
- **Participates** in parish activities / ministries when possible.
- **Uses** the parish envelope system for donations

These are the main factors that will be considered in making the determination .



**Saint Andrew Catholic Church
 Parish Debt**

12/1/2005		3,348,589
Interest	2006-2020	1,047,467
	2021	6,472
Payments	2006-2020	(3,946,963)
	2021	(69,840)
	Giveaway	(30,000)
	Bequests/Campaign	(238,000)
9/30/2021		117,725

96.5% Reduction!



Religious Education Classes

Kathleen Sullivan taught our 7th grade CCD Class how to make a Rosary and Deacon Matt Bartlett blessed their Rosaries.

Parents: *Thank you for your faithfulness* to the promise you made to God, His Church and your children to teach them the practice of the Catholic faith which instills in them love of God and of those around you. It is an important obligation for your part, to provide for your child's faith education while they remain in your care; you are and remain the primary educator of your children and as such it is part of the responsibilities God gave you when He gave you the gift of your child. Supporting you in your vocation as parent is a mission, St. Andrew takes very seriously.

Is Frequent Confession Necessary?

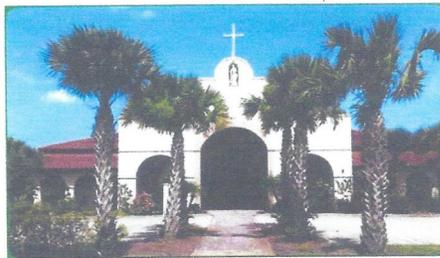
Church law requires us to confess serious sins at least once a year. Many Catholics find this difficult, so we should investigate the reasons for this precept. The Catechism of the Catholic Church observes that "setting things right" with God establishes the foundation on which we properly build or rebuild relations with one another (see Nos. 1455-1458). Admitting guilt is a way of looking at ourselves the way God does. This is not an invitation to self-punishment, but is a way of recognizing God's mercy to us, and of encouraging us to show the same mercy to others.

Such reconciliation insures our readiness for the Eucharist (see Catechism, No. 2042) and also equips us to proclaim the Gospel. "In order that the message of salvation can show the power of its truth and radiance before men, it must be authenticated by the witness of the life of Christians" (No. 2044). Why hesitate to avail ourselves of sacramental confession? Fear? If so, we might approach the priest outside the confessional and explain our reluctance. He will surely be compassionate. We must remember the loving Christ who longs to welcome us. St. Augustine wrote: "Whoever confesses ... sins ... is already working with God.... Destroy what you have made, so that God may save what he has made."

FATHER REGINALD MARTIN



TUESDAY-NOVEMBER 9th, 2021



To help raise money for **St Andrew Youth Group.**

Mention **St Andrew Youth Group** And 20% of tracked dine in or take out sales will be donated.



Stuart

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