

Saint Andrew
Roman Catholic Church

December 25, 2022

Born
the King of
Angels



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Mass Schedule

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-3:30pm
 Those wishing to receive
 the sacrament
 should be here no later than
 3:00pm

First Friday

7:30am Mass followed
 by confessions

First Saturday

7:30am Mass followed
 by confessions

Pastor

Reverend John Barrow

Office Hours:

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



DRE:
 Mrs. Donna Hernandez



Divine Mercy Chaplet

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



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Dec. 24	Sat.	4:00pm	Christmas Novena
Dec. 24	Sat.	10:00pm	Rev. Edward Olszewski
Dec. 25	Sun.	7:30am	Christmas Novena
Dec. 25	Sun.	9:00am	Rev. Patrick O'Leary+
Dec. 25	Sun.	10:30am	Gintoli Family
Dec. 26	Mon.	7:30am	Rose Gorecki+
Dec. 27	Tues.	7:30am	Lucy & Joseph DeBartolomeo+
Dec. 28	Weds.	7:30am	John & Kathleen Sullivan
Dec. 29	Thurs.	7:30am	Michael Magi+
Dec. 30	Fri.	7:30am	The Parrini Family(+ & Liv)
Dec. 31	Sat.	4:00pm	The Petrosky Family(+ & Liv)
Jan. 1	Sun.	7:30am	The Tonra Family
Jan. 1	Sun.	9:00am	Marsha Laden+
Jan. 1	Sun.	10:30am	John McGrath
Jan. 2	Mon.	7:30am	Bob Allard+
Jan. 3	Tues.	7:30am	Theresa Snow+
Jan. 4	Weds.	7:30am	Barbara Kohlmorgen+
Jan. 5	Thurs.	7:30am	Anthony Spinetta+
Jan. 6	Fri.	7:30am	Joseph Oreiro+
Jan. 7	Sat.	7:30am	Holy Souls
Jan. 7	Sat.	4:00pm	Lynn Gonnello+
Jan. 8	Sun.	7:30am	Kathleen Gorski+
Jan. 8	Sun.	9:00am	John Pluchino+
Jan. 8	Sun.	10:30am	Kathrine Johnson



Mariner Sands Mass Intentions

Jan. 7	Sat.	5:00pm	Wendy Flanagan+
Jan. 14	Sat.	5:00pm	Harry Recevicius+
Jan. 21	Sat.	5:00pm	Rev. Edward Wieczorek+
Jan. 28	Sat.	5:00pm	Thomas Ryan+

Parish Ministry

772-781-4415

Please call office for all
 Parish Ministries

Adult Education (RCIA) & Lectors

Christine Michaelian
 Thursday 6:30pm-8:00pm

Adoration

M, W, F 8:00am –12M in Chapel

Servants of the Eucharist & Care of the Sick

Kathleen Sullivan

Annulments

John Ginnett

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Norma Olio

Bible Study

Tuesday 10:00am
 Tuesday 6:30pm

Ignatian Spirituality

Prayer Group

Gerri Murray

Disciples of Prayer

Camille Lascari
 qtcatccl@gmail.com
 &
 Bob Greeson
 cobra12220@aol.com

Parish Website

saintandrewcatholic.org
 Webmaster:

Michael Brennan

Community Outreach

APOSTLES OF JOHN PAUL II

Please call for an
 appointment
 772-291-0002

Rosary Maker Ministry

Kathleen Sullivan
 Wednesday 10:00am

Ushers

Jane Engelbrecht

Pray & Sing in Latin

Jim Reynolds
 Monday 9:00am

First Friday

& First Saturday
 of the month are
 January 6th and 7th,
 2023.



Office & New year Mass Schedule

Office Closed Monday, December 26th

Saturday, December 31st

4:00pm Vigil

No Confessions

Sunday, January 1, 2023

(New Year's Day)

7:30am, 9:00am & 10:30am

Office Closed Monday, January 2nd

"Dear children! Also today, in my arms I bring you little Jesus, the King of Peace, to bless you with His peace. Little children, in a special way today I call you to be my carriers of peace in this peaceless world. God will bless you. Little children, do not forget that I am your mother. I bless you all with a special blessing, with little Jesus in my arms. Thank you for having responded to my call." December 25, 2005



SPIRITUAL KITSCH

I would like to cite an example in order to show the spiritual reality surrounding us. A couple of years ago a team of basketball players had been preparing for a game for quite some time. They had been practicing a lot, coordinating their game, working out the strategy.... Several days prior to the already scheduled game another player joined them. However, he did not show up for training. In fact, he did not practice at all and eventually did not pass the performance test. Despite that, he still thought that he deserved to play in the first team. Just before the beginning of the game, he entered the court thinking he would be among the five players to start the game, which provoked a reaction from his team mates. They were appalled by his attitude. They could not understand that there was actually someone that wanted to be "on stage" without any preparation, practice and hard work that had to be put in before that match.

This is an example that reminds me strongly of those Christians who want to enjoy the fruits of Christian life without any effort at all.

We are aware that God gives us time to prepare for the great holidays. God knows that without preparation, self-sacrifice and effort put in oneself, man cannot grasp important things. However, it seems that man always wants to get something quickly, without much effort. As if he cannot wait. Always in a hurry, losing pace with himself, with others, and with God. In such situations, sensing his own pending failure, man starts searching for satisfaction in a different direction trying to compensate the essential with unimportant things.

Weekly Announcements



The Sanctuary Candles are for the **Cinalli & Lucenti Families**



The Candles at the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help are for the repose of

The Holy Souls in Purgatory



The Candle burning during Adoration in the Chapel of the Two Hearts is for **Bob Thomas**



One does not have to be wise to be able to say that this is futile. This is a path leading to absurdity: searching for earthly things in order to compensate for the heavenly. Therefore, it does not come as a surprise that people plunge into consumerism before Christmas. In such an environment people invest much of their time making themselves more beautiful on the outside, they put shining lights everywhere, they buy and give presents. They are busy doing everything but true and sincere preparation for adorning themselves with the fruits of spiritual richness that would bring more light to their lives and bestow on themselves the most precious gift of all – God.

In the light of the example of the basketball players mentioned above, we can say that many will turn out silly this Christmas once again. On Christmas Day they will appear "on stage" wanting to squeeze their religiosity into 24 hours of this great and joyful holiday. They, of course, will understand nothing of the greatest gift coming from the Bethlehem stable. Such people will always be poor in spirit fulfilling their hearts and lives with kitsch offered on every corner while being convinced that this is the Bethlehem light.

Fr. Mario Knezovic <https://www.medjugorje.org/mpb/mpb217.htm>

Religious Education

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

December & January Schedule

Sun. Dec-25 NO CCD

Wed. Dec-28 NO CCD

Sun. Jan-1 NO CCD Happy New Year!

Wed. Jan-4 CCD Grade:6,7,8,9

The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Day

The Creator robes Himself in flesh, and mission impossible begins

Since the dawn of time the pages of pagan mythology filled men's imaginations to the brim with wondrous stories. Educated men who could read and write Latin and Greek, broad-minded men trained in philosophy, believed that the forests were thick with fairies, that the god of war launched thunderbolts across the sky, that a wise man carried the moon and the stars in a box, and that ravens prophesied. Some ancients wore a leather pouch around their necks stuffed with crystals to ward off evil spirits. Others bowed to the morning sun to thank that great ball of fire for rising.

And then...it all ended. A tired world retreated as man's true story swept like fire over the earth. In 380 A.D. an imperial decree established the faith preached by the Apostle Peter to the Romans as the religion of the empire. Grass grew high in the Roman Forum. Weeds pushed through the cracked marble slabs of the ancient temples. Cows grazed where senators in white togas once offered incense to the god of this or the god of that. The priests walked away. Pagan altars crumbled. The vestal virgins found husbands. No one cared. Gorgeous marble was removed from abandoned temples and reused to clad Christian Basilicas in glory. Candles now burned before a new God-man hanging on a cross. Slowly, imperceptibly, God the Father's hands were molding and forming and shaping a new Christian culture—our culture.

Christmas is the night the future began. When we hear now that a cow jumped over the moon, that a nocturnal fairy trades coins for teeth, or that a pot of gold sits at the end of the rainbow, we chuckle and slap our knee. The river of mythology had always run parallel to the river of philosophy. But in Christ these channels merge. In the Christian land, the river of truth flows into the river of the imagination. Ancient myths did not precisely disappear but were purified and fused with the new Christian reality. Magic and meaning formed into one beautiful, sacramental, compelling, intellectually satisfying force. Yet the Christian God became a man, not a book. And He did not come just to end mythology but in order to die. God came so close to us that we killed Him. God became man, paradoxically, so that He could cease to be God and taste death. Without this sacrifice, without this being-for-death, we would be unable to interpret nature, suffering, love, death, or war.



We did nothing to merit such a generous, self-emptying God. There is nothing here but grace. At Christmas, then, we commemorate not our search for God but God's search for us. His searching and finding were His first mission. It is our duty to respond to this mission. God's search for us does not cease as December rolls over into January. Christ's voice never quiets and His steps never pause. Every day of every year He is walking at our side, waiting for our response: "Yes" or "No." And with that "Yes" or "No," our eternity hangs in the balance. A small God is an attractive God. Christmas is the day of days for this reason—it is easy to believe in God today. Christmas makes it simple to say "Yes" to God's plan for our lives. Yet that baby, like all babies, grows up. And as He grows, He will become more demanding and more specific in His expectations of us. And our responses to Him will become nuanced and more complex. He will be a bit harder to love and much more challenging to serve. Christ will not judge us from a crib at the end of time. When His eyes sparkle like diamonds and His voice crashes like thunder at the Last Judgment, He will be the towering Christ. So while we fall in love with the Babe in the manger, we must mature with Him as the years pass.

There's a thousand ways to begin a story: "So, there I was", "In a land far, far away", "Once upon a time." The Christian story starts, "This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about..." This wondrous beginning leads to a tragic middle and a rousing end. It is the story of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God with us. He is born of Mary but is, more deeply, from the Father. The Christ Child is the wordless Word who begins

His daring mission in all humility. He beckons us closer to the crib for a moment, but many stay at His side their entire lives. We stay because we have real questions that demand real answers that can be found nowhere else except in the Church. While all other stories fade, the Christ story becomes more and more true as we mature. This story alone gives meaning to death, purpose to suffering, cause for joy, and consolation to the broken. This story alone rises above any one culture, city, language, or nation. Its plot is everyone's drama, its heartbreak everyone's sorrow, and its victory everyone's prize. This is the story of Jesus Christ, and this story begins today.

Christ in the manger, Your humble coming as man fills us with hope that our lives matter, that God is truly with us, and that we are never alone, even in death. You shared our human nature in every way but sin, and so give us hope that we will one day share life in heaven with You. <https://mycatholic.life/>

Open the Door of Love

Loving Father, Help us remember the birth of Jesus,
That we may share in the song of the angels,
The gladness of the shepherds,
And worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate
And open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift
And good desires with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing, which Christ brings
And teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us
Happy to be thy children
And Christmas evening bring us
To our beds with grateful thoughts
Forgiving and forgiven
For Jesus sake
Amen.

— Robert Louis Stevenson



STRUGGLING AFTER AN ABORTION OR A MISCARRIAGE? YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

RACHEL'S VINEYARD HEALING RETREAT

HOPE AFTER ABORTION and MISCARRIAGE: Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ during a Rachel's Vineyard healing retreat. This retreat offers an opportunity to deeply enter into the grieving process and identify the ways your abortion or miscarriage may have affected you or a loved one. Discussions, spiritual exercises, prayer and reflection combined with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service honoring your child and a beautiful Mass will help to heal the wounds of your past. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a unique opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and tender compassion. Both men and women are invited to experience this healing for their soul. **The next retreat will be held on Friday, January 13 through Sunday, January 15, 2023. Pre-registration is required.**

To register or for more information, call **Donna Gardner**, coordinator of Rachel's Vineyard, at **561-602-4778**. All calls are **CONFIDENTIAL**. For more information on Rachel's Vineyard, check the website:

www.rachelsvineyard.org



“Merry Christmas”

Today, the greeting “Merry Christmas” is on our lips and in our hearts. What does this simple greeting mean? We know, of course, that for many people, things are not merry today, and that for all of us, there are certain things that cause us anxiety and sadness. There is evil in the world and in our lives. But “Merry Christmas” does not mean that we always feel happy, nor does it mean that everything is going our way. What it means instead is that even if everything else is falling apart, we always have access to God. Christ has come to lead us to the Father and bring us a new relationship with God and each other in the life that never ends. “Merry Christmas” means that even in the midst of sadness, we can never lose this gift. We simply need to take hold of it and be faithful. He is with us always, and that brings a peace and joy that the world can neither give nor take away. Merry Christmas!
<https://www.priestsforlife.org/>

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

— Author Unknown

Do we realize the infinite possibilities of grace which lie hidden in the monstrance? Jesus only awaits our coming; and even before we have begun to beg His help, He has opened the treasures of the Sacred Heart and filled our hands with priceless gifts. What king ever rewarded his subjects as Jesus repays us for the little trouble it costs us to visit Him in adoration?

+Fr. Willie Doyle S. J.



**Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament
In the Chapel M,W,F
8:00am-12:00pm**

An Abiding Bethlehem

The Bethlehem of that night ... has never passed away. It lives a real life...in the worship reality of the Blessed Sacrament. Round the tabernacle, which in our abiding Bethlehem, goes on the same world of beautiful devotion which surrounded the newborn Babe, real, out of real hearts, and realized by God's acceptance. [Fr. Frederick William Faber](#)