

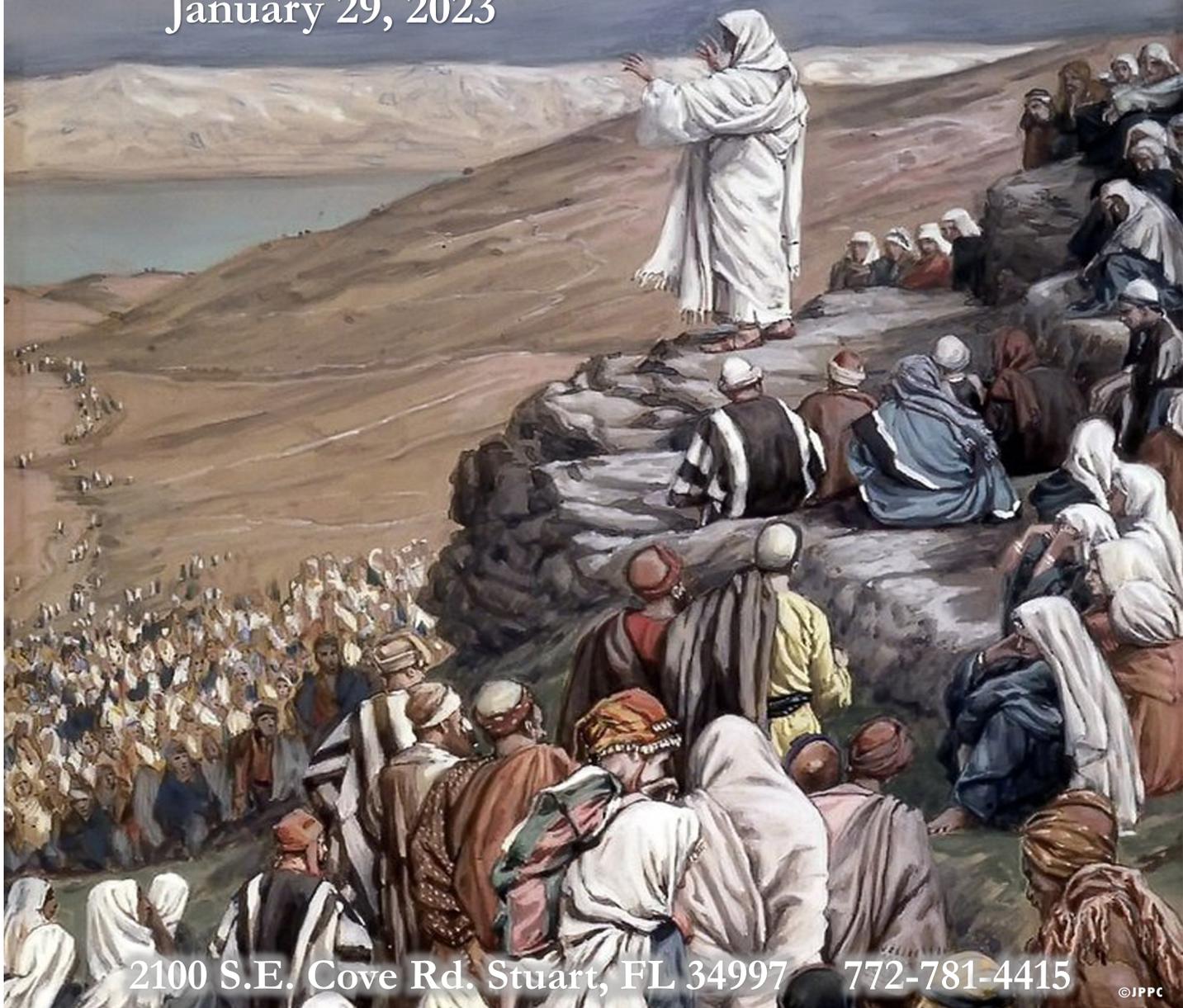
Saint Andrew

Roman Catholic Church

**“Your REWARD will be
great in HEAVEN.”**

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January 29, 2023



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Roman Catholic Church

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

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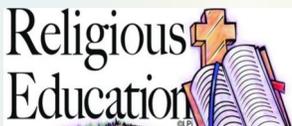
Pastor

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.



Jan.	28	Sat.	4:00pm	Daniel Dougherty+
Jan.	29	Sun.	7:30am	Bob Banasiewicz+
Jan.	29	Sun.	9:00am	Carolyn Savage+
Jan.	29	Sun.	10:30am	Lynn Costin+
Jan.	30	Mon.	7:30am	Marty Coolican+
Jan.	31	Tues.	7:30am	Msgr. Blase Gintoli
Feb.	1	Weds.	7:30am	Charles Mangano Sr.+
Feb.	2	Thurs.	7:30am	Harry Michaelian+
Feb.	3	Fri.	7:30am	Lucian Banasiewicz Sr.+
Feb.	4	Sat.	7:30am	Pedro Glaria+
Feb.	4	Sat.	4:00am	Domenick & Victoria Lucente+
Feb.	5	Sun.	7:30am	Joseph DeBartolomeo+
Feb.	5	Sun.	9:00am	Roger Sahn
Feb.	5	Sun.	10:30am	Maryann Rudcco
Feb.	6	Mon.	7:30am	Paul Tonra+
Feb.	7	Tues.	7:30am	Raucci Family+
Feb.	8	Weds.	7:30am	Patrick Rose+
Feb.	9	Thurs.	7:30am	Cathy Gilio Costa+
Feb.	10	Fri.	7:30am	John Izzo+
Feb.	11	Sat.	4:00am	Walter S. Lagocki+
Feb.	12	Sun.	7:30am	Fr. Paul Edwards
Feb.	12	Sun.	9:00am	Barbara Parduba+
Feb.	12	Sun.	10:30am	Audrey Hudson+

First Friday and Saturday Masses are February 3 & 4 at 7:30am.

Each **First Friday and First Saturday** of the month, we must make a Communion of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. That's what Jesus and Mary have asked of us: to repair the sins of the world with prayer and penance for the conversion of sinners and for peace throughout the world.



Mariner Sands Mass Intentions

Jan.	28	Sat.	5:00pm	Thomas Ryan
Feb.	4	Sat.	5:00pm	Jacqueline VanGroffski+
Feb.	11	Sat.	5:00pm	The Haran Family
Feb.	18	Sat.	5:00pm	James & Helen Reynolds+

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 Ginnetti

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Norma Olio

Bible Study

Tuesday 10:00am
 Tuesday 6:30pm

Ignatian Spirituality Prayer Group

Gerri Murray

Disciples of Prayer

Camille Lascari
 qtcatcl@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
 Nicene Creed

In the presence of
 Jesus in the Holy
 Sacrament we ought
 to be like the Blessed
 in heaven before the
 Divine Essence

— *Teresa of Avila*

Candlemas Day

Candlemas Day is another name for the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Forty days after His birth, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple for the rites of purification and dedication as prescribed by the Torah. According to the Book of Leviticus (12:1-4), when a woman bore a male, she was considered “unclean” for seven days. On the eighth day, the boy was circumcised. The mother continued to stay at home for 33 days for her blood to be purified. After the 40 days, the mother and the father came to the temple for the rite of purification, which included the offering of a sacrifice—a lamb for a holocaust (burnt offering) and a pigeon or turtledove for a sin offering, or for a poor couple who could not afford a lamb, two pigeons or two turtledoves. Note Joseph and Mary made the offering of the poor (Luke 2:24).

Also, Joseph and Mary were obliged by the Torah to “redeem” their first born son: “The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ‘Consecrate to me every first-born that opens the womb among the Israelites, both of man and beast, for it belongs to me’” (Ex13:1). The price for such a redemption was five shekels, which the parents paid to the priest. This “redemption” was a kind of payment for the Passover sacrifice, by which the Jews had been freed from slavery.

However, St. Luke in the Gospel does not mention this redemption, but rather the presentation of Our Lord: “When the day came to purify them according to the law of Moses, the couple brought Him up to Jerusalem, so that He could be presented to the Lord, for it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every first-born male shall be consecrated to the Lord’” (Lk 2:22-23). So the focus is on Jesus’ consecration to God. The verb “to present” (paristanai) also means to “offer,” which evokes Jesus being presented as the priest who will offer Himself as the perfect sacrifice to free us from the slavery of sin, seal the new and eternal covenant with His blood, and open the gates to the true promised land of heaven.

Simeon, a just and pious man, who awaited the messiah and looked for the consolation of Israel, was inspired to come to the temple. He held baby Jesus in his arms and blessed God, saying, “Now, Master, you can dismiss your servant in peace; you have fulfilled your word. For my eyes have witnessed your saving deed, displayed for all the peoples to see: A revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people Israel” (Lk 2:29-32). Simeon, thereby, announced that the Messiah has come not just for the Jew but the gentile; not just the righteous, but the sinner.

He then blessed the Holy Family, and said in turn to Mary: “This child is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed—and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare” (Lk 2:34-35).

So the Presentation is a proclamation of Christ—Messiah and Priest, Lord and Savior. He is the light who came into this world to dispel sin and darkness. For this reason, traditionally at least since the seventh century, candles have been blessed at Mass this day that will be used throughout the year, hence coining the term “Candlemas.”

As we consider the feast of the Presentation, we remember that our parents presented us at church for our baptism. We were dedicated to God, and given the name, “Christian. “We, too, received a lit candle from the pas-

chal candle, at which the priest said, “You have been enlightened by Christ. Walk always as a child of the light and keep the flame of faith alive in your heart. When the Lord comes, may you go out to meet Him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom” (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Therefore, as a light, each of us must bear witness to Our Lord. We must be the beacon that guides others to Christ. Also, we must realize that we, too, will be “a sign

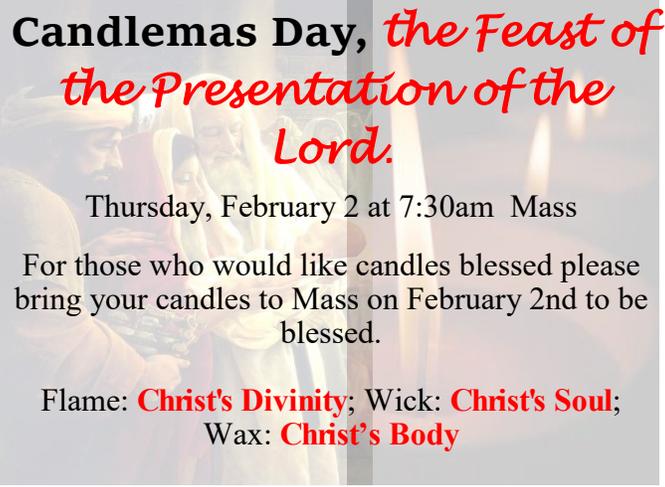
that will be opposed,” especially on issues of the sanctity of human life, marriage and the family.

Two other interesting tidbits highlight this day: First, in many Eastern European countries, the feast of the Presentation officially closes the celebration of Christmas. For this reason, Blessed John Paul II began the custom of keeping the Nativity scene in St. Peter’s square until Feb. 2.

Second, Candlemas Day also was important in the lives of farmers. An old English song went as follows:

“If Candlemas be fair and bright, / Come, Winter, have another flight, / If Candlemas brings clouds and rain, / Go, Winter, and come not again.”

So if the bright sun “overshadows” the brightness of Candlemas day, there will be more winter. However, if the light of Candlemas day radiates through the gloom and darkness of the day, the end of winter is near. In America, Protestants decided we should replace Catholic Candlemas Day with Groundhog Day.



Candlemas Day, *the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.*

Thursday, February 2 at 7:30am Mass

For those who would like candles blessed please bring your candles to Mass on February 2nd to be blessed.

Flame: **Christ's Divinity**; Wick: **Christ's Soul**;
Wax: **Christ's Body**

Black-Clad Lives Matter

Elizabeth A. Mitchell

2022

We sit in the back of the church, ruminating over our grocery list, our weekend plans, the discussion we just had with a coworker. The bells ring twice. The Mass begins. We clear our minds and hear the Word, drifting in and out of the sermon being preached. We chuckle at the joke and consider the exhortation. Then we circle back to hear God's call upon our lives and contemplate a change. We gaze ahead again to see the elevated Host. *Domine, non sum dignus*. Our lives are offered up to Him before our eyes. *Domine, non sum dignus*. The priest bows low and genuflects in adoration. *Domine, non sum dignus*.

We slowly come forward and receive Our Lord. Heaven upon our tongue, grace within our souls. Like the pagan kings who have encountered Christ, we return "to our places, these Kingdoms / But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation, / With an alien people clutching their gods" ("Journey of the Magi," T.S. Eliot). We have been changed.

The Mass concludes. *Salve Regina*. We sit alone once more.

All this transpires, as we have watched the veil of Heaven lifted and replaced. Heaven touches earth. How? Through the black-clad life before us. The priest in his self-offering. He is, it seems, transparent. He has opened the portal to the eternal for us, stood upon the threshold, and closed it once again. He goes upon his way. Did we notice?

Adoration may begin when Mass concludes. "*O Salutaris Hostia*." Our Lord is placed before our hearts, to worship Him. How? Through the black-clad life before us.

We shuffle to the Confessional line, which stretches out along the road to Jericho. The portal of Heaven now opens with mercy for our sins. We speak to Christ of all our failings, and He consoles our hearts. We speak our penitence and absolution washes over us. "Go and sin no more." How? Through the black-clad life that steps aside, allowing Christ to bind our wounds and make us whole again.

And who are these black-clad men? These warriors of grace, who flit in and out of our sacramental lives so seemingly unseen? Seamlessly, yes. But effortlessly? No. To be grace for us, their lives must be a constant sacrificial offering. Hidden, and often unacknowledged.

Despite all the failures we read of these days among priests and bishops, there they are, the faithful ones, where we least expect. They choose to wear their clerics on the plane, knowing that they may encounter both welcome and disdain. They walk down the street, Rosary in hand, knowing they present both a target for attack and a conduit of grace. They step into our hospital room unannounced to minister to our broken lives. Offering the sacraments, offering hope, reminding us that He is there.

A young Mexican priest who had become a chaplain in Rome to an order of Italian nuns recently told me that at home, in the neighborhoods of drug cartels, he walks in his clerics openly, fearing no reprisal, his black cloth acting as both shield and fortress. In Rome, he rarely goes out black-clad, for fear of spittle and rebuke. His call? A call of hope from John Paul II, in a half-remembered age. Another time. Another Church. And as he lit up with love in the remembrance, he turned a wistful gaze away. A tear welled in his eye. I thanked him for his answer to the Lord. I told him that he mattered.

So, to you, black-clad men of our Church, we proclaim that you matter. Not with a mere slogan, but with genuine gratitude from those you have been called to serve.

Without you, consecrated priests, nothing. No Mass. No Eucharist. No absolution. No anointing. If you disappeared, we would be left to our lack, our poverty, our desert. You bring streams into the dry land and light where shadows reign. And to do so, you must fight many days against voices of doubt and mockery. Does it matter? This sacrifice I made? Does anyone see my exhaustion, my insecurity, my hopes, my fears, my overwhelming desire to serve Our Lord, to be His hands and feet, His heart?

Yes, dear priest! We see you. In our hearts, we hold you. Your existence comforts us, as we walk the path of life. You will be there when sickness strikes, when joyful milestones come, when death looms large. You will be there in the daily evening Mass when monotony is broken by eternity. You will be there in our schools, making an impression only you can make upon young hearts. You will be there because Christ is there. And where you walk, He walks. You bring Him to earth for us and allow us to encounter Him. He needs you. In your transparency before us, you are Christ. In your silent service, you are Christ. In your voice of prayer, He prays.

And so, we thank you. For all the unspoken sacrifices, we thank you. For all the outpouring of love, we thank you. For all the polishing of brass and silver, arranging of the Nativity, lighting of the candles, sweeping of the corners, raising of the Host, we thank you.

You console your busy bishops. You offer prayer that rises like incense to God. You inspire the next generation of irreplaceable vocations. You are a brotherhood of heroes. Your black-clad lives matter.

You are “chosen from among mortals” and “put in charge of things pertaining to God” on our behalf. (Hebrews 5:1) And what you do, we cannot do. What you are, we are not. Through you, He makes “a way in the wilderness” of our lives and outpours “streams in the wasteland” of our wandering age. (Isaiah 43:19)

You “must be called by God for this work.” (Hebrews 5:4) Thank you for answering His call. <https://www.thecatholicthing.org>



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

The following adults, already one with us by Baptism, now wish to complete their Christian initiation through Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil 2023:
Dean Allison, Nicole Bradford, Genardo

Rojas; Dominga Juana Juan Gonzalez; Estuardo David de Leon Mazariegos; Erica Suleima Marroquin Tomas; Jose Angel Bautista; Miguel Angel Morales Garcia; Miguel Angel Roblero Chavez; Didier Nelson Morales Perez and Roaldo Gamaliel Roblero Morales. Please include them in your daily prayers as they continue on their faith journey through prayer and study.

With thanks and appreciation,



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

Receiving the Eucharist means adoring Him whom we receive.



St Andrew Prayer Shawl Ministry

will meet Feb. 1, 2023 at Discovery Village, 2625 SE Cove Rd, Stuart, just east of our church 10:30am. We collected 10 Child's Blankets at our last meeting. Three went to Safe Space, where at

risk Mothers and children are housed. Seven went to Martin County Healthy Start Clothes pantry. We are so blest to have such competent, giving people in this ministry. The response to my request for yarn last month was overwhelming! The old saying, "be careful of what you pray for", was certainly true. St. Martin was most generous in sharing yarn with us, as well as others. Our Eucharistic Minister Program continues to give shawls to people they visit, for which we are most thankful! All are welcome! Come join us.

Blessing,
Norma 772 919 5963, nolio91@gmail.com

Weekly Announcements



The Sanctuary Candles are for
Susan MacDonald



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



The Candle burning during Adoration in the Chapel of the Two Hearts is for
Sarah Romero

Religious Education

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

January & February Schedule

Sun.	Jan-29	CCD	Grade:1,2,3,4,5
Tues.	Jan-31	CCD	Jesse Romero 6:00-8:00pm This takes the place of Weds. CCD
Wed.	Feb. 1	NO CCD	
Sun.	Feb. 5	CCD	Grade:1,2,3,4,5