

## Saint Andrew

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**

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.



| Apr. | 15 | Sat.   | 4:00pm  | Rev. Joseph McManus+ |
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| Apr. | 16 | Sun.   | 7:30am  | Stephen Malek+       |
| Apr. | 16 | Sun.   | 9:00pm  | Walter V. Kelley+    |
| Apr. | 16 | Sun.   | 10:30am | Msgr. Blase Gintoli  |
| Apr. | 16 | Sun.   | 3:00pm  | Mass of Divine Mercy |
| Apr. | 17 | Mon.   | 7:30am  | Menapace Family      |
| Apr. | 18 | Tues.  | 7:30am  | Edward J. Morley+    |
| Apr. | 19 | Wed.   | 7:30am  | Mary Clearwater+     |
| Apr. | 20 | Thurs. | 7:30am  | Bernice Weichert+    |
| Apr. | 21 | Fri.   | 7:30am  | Msgr. Blase Gintoli  |
| Apr. | 22 | Sat.   | 4:00pm  | John Brutvan+        |
| Apr. | 23 | Sun.   | 7:30am  | Manuel Campolargo+   |
| Apr. | 24 | Sun.   | 9:00pm  | Constance Norcia+    |
| Apr. | 25 | Sun.   | 10:30am | Victor Santiago      |

### BE ONE WITH JESUS

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

In the Chapel M-F 8:00am –12:00noon

## **An Hour of Paradise**

The object of Eucharistic adoration is the Divine Person of our Lord Jesus Christ present in the most Blessed Sacrament. He is living there. He wants us to speak to Him, and He will speak to

us. This conversation between the soul and our Lord is true Eucharistic adoration.

Look upon the hour of adoration assigned to you as an hour in Paradise. Go to your adoration as one would go to Heaven, to the divine banquet. You will then long for that hour and hail it with Joy. Take delight in fostering a longing for it in your heart. Tell yourself, "In four hours, in two hours, in one hour, our Lord will give me an audience of grace and love. He has invited me; He is waiting for me; He is longing for me."

When an hour is particularly difficult, rejoice all the more; your love will be greater for its suffering more. It is a privileged hour that will count for two....**GO TO OUR LORD JUST AS YOUR ARE**. Be natural in your meditation... You can be sure our Lord wants your heart and not that of someone else...

May you come and spend time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

## Parish Ministry

7/2-/81-4415
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 Susanna Page

#### 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 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 **Angele Dei** 

Our Lady of Medjugorje Message on March 25th, 2023

"Dear children!. May this time be a time of prayer for you."



## Judgement or forgiveness?

Kathy Tippet Henderson



Can we ever fully recover from the sickness of "judge mentalism"? Maybe.

First, I can reprogram my thoughts to view people differently. When I search for the image of God stamped on all God's children, a spirit of gratitude comes to me quite naturally with a thankful heart, I can sharpen the positive image of everyone with whom I come in contact.

Second, I can confess my faults openly. At our Church choir practice one Sunday, I snapped at a fellow member for being late. After church I apologized for my abruptness, and she revealed problems at home that made her ministry in music difficult. Together we worked out an alternative plan and ended up rescheduling our choir practices.

Third, I can give equal time in prayer. A man in our church was unfaithful to his wife. I spent time with his wife, in tears, anger and prayer. By week's end I realized I hadn't once prayed for her husband. He was hard to love, but perhaps prayer would have softened his heart. As I called his name in prayer, my compassion for him grew.

When a brother or sister stumbles or feels the pain of a fall, rather than reach for my judge's robe, I need to kneel down with them, sharing their hurt, and then gently seek to restore them to health and wholeness.

- Why is the habit of negative thoughts about others dangerous for you and disappointing to God?
- ♦ In your marriage relationship, why is it important to "clear the air" by confessing wrongs and asking for forgiveness?

Scripture passages to reference and provide further insight into this weekend's devotion:

Saturday: Galatians 6:1-5 Sunday: Matthew 7:1-6; 12:34b

## **Divine Mercy and Pro-life**

Saint John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday. Many of the faithful pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy regularly. There is a link between this devotion and the pro-life movement. Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC, who was a principal translator of St. Faustina's diary, and the postulator of her cause of canonization, writes the following: "On at least three occasions, from 8:00-11:00 in the evening, she felt like her insides were being torn apart. She suffered so much that she thought she was going to die. The doctors couldn't figure out what was ailing her, and no medication was able to alleviate her sufferings. Later, she was given to understand that she was undergoing those pains for mothers who were aborting their children (Diary, 1276). "On another occasion, she had a vision of an angel coming with thunderbolts to destroy one of the most beautiful cities of her country. And she felt powerless to do anything about it (Diary, 474). What antidote did the Lord give her? The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. [She explained] that the city was to be chastised for its sins, primarily the sin of abortion." ("Wombs of Mercy," Marian Helpers Bulletin, Summer 1995, p.13).https://www.priestsforlife.org/

# Weekly Announcements



The Sanctuary
Candles are for
Francesca Sanfratello



The Candles at the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help are for Rachel's Vineyard Ministry





The Candle burning during Adoration in the Chapel of the Two Hearts is for **Triana Andino** 

## **Religious Education**

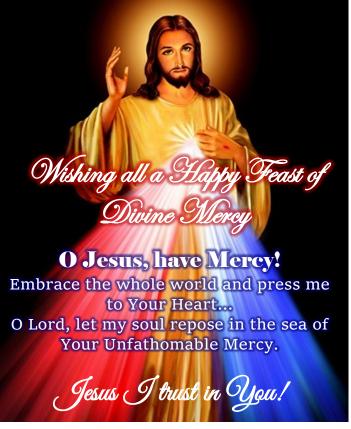
Grade:1,2,3,4,5 Sunday 9:00-10:15am Grade:6,7,8 Wednesday 6:30-8:00pm

## **April Schedule**

Sun. Apr.-16 CCD Grade:1,2,3,4,5
Wed. Apr-19 CCD Grade:6,7,8

Sun. Apr-23 CCD Grade:1,2,3,4,5 Last Class

Wed. Apr-26 CCD Grade: 6,7,8 Last Class





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April 15, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Next weekend, April 22 and 23, 2023, our Diocese will participate in the annual Peter's Pence Collection. This collection supports the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters.

Your contribution to the Peter's Pence collection helps fund not only all the activities of the dicasteries of the Roman Curia that assist the Pope in the exercise of his ministry but also a number of solidarity projects that aid those most in need. Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's collection as an act of mercy and charity.

By contributing to Peter's Pence, we can together support the Pope's mission through the activities of the Holy See and the initiatives of solidarity in favor of the most vulnerable, to whom the Church's attention has been traditionally directed.

With gratitude for your continued generosity and every prayerful wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Palm Beach

Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito

APRIL
Is Child Abuse
Prevention Month

Every April, Catholic parishes and schools across the United States participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month.



## The Effects of ABUSE

When a child is abused, the effects are grave and can

last a lifetime, Some of the most common effects of abuse include:

- Loss of faith and trust in God.
- Post traumatic stress disorder, psychological distress, and other indirect signs of trauma, such as anxiety, trouble sleeping, chronic stomach pain, and headaches.
- ♦ A greater risk of developing behavioral problems, substance abuse, and suicide.

The sense of violation goes deep into a person's psyche and feelings of anger, shame, hurt, and betrayal can build long after the abuse has taken place. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

### **The Blessed Host**



It is impossible for us to love and adore Christ deeply enough as He is present in the Most Holy Eucharist. When we are before Him, present in the Most Holy Eucharist. we

should see the Almighty God present in veiled form. He is: Mercy, Eternal Life, The Eternal God, The Savior of Sinners, The Living Water, The Fire of Pure Love, The Medicine for All Our Ills, All Sentiments of Love, The Hope of All, The Lifter of Burdens...and He is worthy of all our trust (See *Diary* #356).

What do you see when you gaze upon the Sacred Host? With your eyes you see bread, but with your soul you should see God. You should see God in all His glory and power and you should adore Him with all your might. Think about how you relate to our Lord as He is present in the Holy Eucharist. Pray that God will flood your mind with a true knowledge of Him and inspire your heart with a burning love.

Lord, help me to know and love You as You are present in the Most Holy Eucharist. Help me to understand the gift of Your Mercy made present through this Holy Gift. May I learn to adore You every time I am before Your presence in this Sacred Host. Jesus, I trust in You. Mycatholiclife.org



To all who helped sell this year's annual Parish Give-A-Way raffle tickets,

Louise Cestaro Karen Jensen

Mark Cestaro Linda Mekulsia

Denise Harden Susanna Page

Florence Oriero Sherry Taylor

Nancy Pond Norma Thomas

Nancy Sbordone Sara Matera

Lucas Rivas Patricia Linsalata

Lucas Rivas

John Sullivan

#### A Whole Ocean of Graces

Divine Mercy Sunday (Year A)

Saint Faustina reports in her *Diary* what Jesus told her about Divine Mercy Sunday:

"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are open all the divine floodgates through which graces flow" (*Diary* #699).

That day is today! It is the Feast of Divine Mercy! Today's feast is among the newer feasts in our Church. Though Jesus' desire that this feast be celebrated on the eighth day

of Easter was spoken to Sister Maria Faustina Kowolska back in 1931, it was not solemnly instituted until the year 2000. On April 30 of that year, Saint Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina and inaugurated the Feast of Divine Mercy as a universal feast within the Church. Because this Feast is so recent within the Church, we can be certain that we still have much to learn about the message of this Solemnity as well as the numerous messages about God's mercy revealed in Saint Faustina's *Diary*.

Among the many messages contained within her *Diary*, Jesus revealed to us that this Sunday, the eighth and final day of the Octave of Easter, is a day like none other. Though grace and mercy are continuously poured out from Heaven upon us, Jesus is very clear that today is unique. Today, "a whole ocean of graces" is poured forth

upon souls who approach the font of His mercy. Sit with that image for a time. "A whole ocean of graces." What does that mean?

Symbolically speaking, a whole ocean is meant to depict the infinite. Try to imagine what it would be like to have the entire ocean poured upon you—it's beyond comprehension! Thus, God is saying that the infinity of grace is given today. The question for us all to ponder is this: How receptive am I to those infinite graces?

By analogy, imagine that your life was like a thimble, and an ocean of water was poured upon you. As a thimble, you could not contain all that was given. Therefore, we should realize that God wants to stretch our capacity to receive His mercy more abundantly by widening our capacity for mercy. What if your soul were like a large pond? Still, the waters of the ocean could not be contained within that pond. What is it that is capable of receiving an entire ocean of mercy? Only an ocean can contain an ocean. For that reason, God desires to first prepare our souls to receive an infinity of mercy by transforming us into vessels of infinite capacity.

Saint Teresa of Ávila, in her spiritual classic, "Interior Castles," teaches us that the soul is, indeed, capable of infinite capacity for the simple fact that God dwells within. The soul is like an interior castle with many interlinked dwelling places through which we must pass so as to arrive at the central chamber. She teaches that the goal of the spiritual life is to travel through these various dwelling places to the center of our souls where the infinite God dwells so that we can be present to Him there. Therefore, we must understand that our souls are indeed capable of receiving the infinite waters of mercy, because God created us with this ability when He chose to live within us. The key to being able to fully receive this fullness of mercy is to seek out the infinite God, dwelling within. How is this done?

The heart of the path laid out in the *Diary* of Saint Faustina is as follows: Go to Confession and receive Holy Communion so as to obtain complete forgiveness of sins

and punishment. However, as many of the great spiritual writers explain, such as Saint Teresa of Ávila, there are many levels we must pass on our spiritual journey so as to be able to encounter God in His fullness. This, of course, includes encountering God's mercy given to us in Holy Communion and Confession. Those who receive these Sacraments while dwelling only in the first dwelling places, for example, will never benefit from them to the extent that those who dwell in the seventh and central mansion where the King dwells in fullness. Thus, mercy is given in its fullness but unless we make the transforming journey to God through conversion and purification of our souls, we will never be able to receive the ocean of

Jesus, I trust in You!

graces God bestows.

Reflect, today, upon this ocean being poured forth upon you. How much of this mercy are you able to receive right now in your life? As you humbly admit your limited openness to God's grace, know that God patiently waits for you, dwelling in His fullness deep within you, waiting for you to make the journey to Him. Commit yourself to this journey by prayer, fasting, penance, the reading of Scripture, the celebration of the Sacraments and spiritual reading. There is an ocean of the fullness of life waiting for you. Dive in and allow His mercy to deepen your capacity to receive Him most fully.

My Lord, You are The Divine Mercy, the source of all grace and the Bestower of this grace in superabundance. I thank You for the infinity of Your generosity and pray that my soul will be more fully disposed to receive You. Please stretch the capacity of my soul through my ongoing journey of purification and conversion so that I will receive all that You wish to bestow. Jesus, I trust in You. https://mycatholic.life