

Saint Andrew

Roman Catholic Church

Ascension



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“He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.”

May 21, 2023

2100 S.E. Cove Rd. Stuart, FL 34997 772-781-4415

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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.

Mass Intentions

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May	20	Sat.	4:00pm	Parduba Family+
May	21	Sun.	7:30am	Murray Family+
May	21	Sun.	9:00pm	Patti Owens
May	21	Sun.	10:30am	Zuendt Family
May	22	Mon.	7:30am	Missa ProPopulo
May	23	Tues.	7:30am	David Preston+
May	24	Wed.	7:30am	Rev. John Barrow
May	25	Thurs.	7:30am	Rev. Bernard Powell+
May	26	Fri.	7:30am	Patricia Kirby+
May	27	Sat.	4:00pm	Rev. Msgr. James Moore
May	28	Sun.	7:30am	Robin Srebot+
May	28	Sun.	9:00pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
May	28	Sun.	10:30am	Kathleen Cunningham+

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

It's the day of the Lord's ascension towards the gates
 of heaven. Let's all celebrate this joyous occasion with
 peace and love in our hearts.



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

772-781-4415

Please call office for all
 Parish Ministries

Adult Education (RCIA) & Lectors

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

Adoration

M - F 8:00am -12n in Chapel
 Susanna Page

Servants of the Eucharist & Care of the Sick

Kathleen Sullivan

Annulments

John Ginnetti

Prayer Shawl Ministry 1st Wednesday of each month 10:00am

Meet at Discovery Village
 Norma Olio

Bible Study

Tuesday 10:00am
 Tuesday 6:30pm

Ignatian Spirituality

Prayer Group

Gerri Murray

Disciples of Prayer

Camille Lascari
 qtcaccl@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

Myseria Luminosa
 Sanctissimum Rosarium

Men of Saint Andrew

Dave Olio
 Monday evening 6:30-8pm
 772-919-2555

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE 2023 GIVEAWAY

WINNERS

\$5,000.00 William Miick
\$2,000.00 Denise Sessions
\$1,000.00 Marilyn Buldini
\$500.00 Lucille Brillo-Scraggs
\$500.00 Kevin Sharkey
\$500.00 George & Elaine Wach
\$500.00 Mary Bischof

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OPEN Friday 9-12Noon

**Please call for an appointment
772-291-0002 WE ARE HERE TO HELP**

Quotations on the Glorious Ascension

That our flesh should be seated in the heavens and be worthy of worship by the Angels, Archangels, Seraphim and Cherubim is truly a great, astonishing and marvelous thing. On contemplating that, I am often struck with amazement, and I entertain exalted thoughts about mankind, for I see God's great and abundant care for our existence.

St. John Chrysostom

O man, become a bit more sober, come to your senses. As a rational creature, recognize that God in the Highest has descended from Heaven for you, to raise you up from the earth and take you to Heaven.

St. Ephraim of Syria

By ascending to Heaven before [the eyes of] his holy disciples, Christ also showed all believers the way. Christ the Head ascended unto Heaven; His holy members, the true Christians, will ascend as well. The path had been closed to men, but by Christ's death, it was opened. In Christ's death, "the veil of the temple was rent in two" (Matthew 27: 51), and the path and entrance to the Kingdom of Heaven was opened to the faithful (Hebrews 10: 19-20).

St. Tikhon of Zadonsk (Venerated by the Orthodox)

Weekly Announcements



The Sanctuary
Candles are for
Gerlando San Fratello



The Candles at the Shrine of Our Lady of
Perpetual Help are for
Susan Mac Donald



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

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.

Give A Gift of Prayer

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.

The candles in front of the icon 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.

Looking at the Ascension as an Arrival Rather Than a Departure

Jesus' return to the Father made him "accessible to all"

As they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."—Acts 1:9-11, from Sunday's reading

In her novel [Gilead](#), Marilyn Robinson shares the story of Reverend John Ames who, looking back on a life of pastoral service, love, loss, faith, and hope, tells his young son:

"Sometimes the visionary aspect of any particular day comes to you in the memory of it, or it opens to you over time. For example, whenever I take a child into my arms to be baptized, I am, so to speak, comprehended in the experience more fully, having seen more of life, knowing better what it means to affirm the sacredness of the human creature. I believe there are visions that come to us only in memory, in retrospect."

The New Testament is the story of the expanding vision of the early Church and shows us that the process of discovery and discernment didn't take place in a vacuum — it was within the lived experience of the Church that answers to these fundamental questions began to take shape.

An understanding of Jesus' return to the Father, of his ascension into heaven, was one of those visions "that come to us only in memory, in retrospect," just like the experience of Jesus' resurrection could only be understood after the disciples lived their Easter faith through years of praying, preaching, communion, fidelity, and suffering.

In his book [Living Jesus](#), Luke Timothy Johnson reflected that "the withdrawal of Jesus is not so much an absence as it is a presence in a new and more powerful mode: when Jesus is not among them as another specific body, he is accessible to all as life-giving spirit." Although, for many believers, the Ascension of Jesus seems to focus on his departure, the truth of the Ascension is that Jesus is still alive in our midst, but in a new way.

The Solemnity of the Ascension is a celebration of two promises. First, Jesus has promised that he will send us the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, to guide and sustain the growth of the Church. Beyond this, the Ascension also contains a promise about what is now made possible for us in Christ:

May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call,

What are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might (Ephesians 1:18-19).

The challenge for us is to live in this promise.

It is so easy for us to become weighed down by our day-to-day responsibilities and the legion of distractions and diversions that are such a part of our contemporary culture that the hazy promise of some future reality (however glorious) can't really compete. And yet as Christians, this is who we are: "Why do we on earth not strive to find rest with him in heaven even now, through the faith, hope and love that unites us to him? While in heaven he is also with us; and we while on earth are with him. He is here with us by his divinity, his power and his love. We cannot be in heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love" (St. Augustine of Hippo in *Sermo de Ascensione Domini*).

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is time to celebrate the certainty of Christ's presence among us with joy. Jesus disappears from the disciples' physical sight so that he might become more present to the eyes of their hearts.

We are called to foster the same spirit of discernment that the apostles and the first generations of Christian practiced as they gradually came to understand who Jesus was and could be for them. The vision of the glorified Lord, a promise of future glory, is something to be realized and lived here and now.

What does the Solemnity of the Ascension mean to you? How does it challenge you to expand your understanding of who Jesus is?

How does the apostles' ongoing discernment and search for the Lord inspire you to see Christ at work in the world today?

How does this celebration strengthen your hope and trust in God's presence and action in your life?

Words of Wisdom: "Jesus frees himself from the limits of space and time to become present to the people of every time and place, and to offer everyone the gift of salvation."—Pope St. John Paul II, *Homily* of May 23, 1998

[Brother Silas Henderson, SDS](#) - published on 05/07/16

What's the Hurry?

Paul A. Mickey

Marriage

Builders



I rush to the university, hoping I'll find a parking place near my classroom. Unfortunately, I have to park farther away than usual.

I make it to my classroom on time, but there's a film of perspiration on my forehead, my breath is coming a little hard and my thinking is anything but composed. On those occasions I usually renew a long-standing commitment to try to slow my life down. But for most of us, the rush-rush syndrome is an ongoing fact of life.

Sometimes, unless we consciously devise a strategy to slow down, our marriage and our spouse may not fit into our lives at all. But any good intentions about setting aside slow-down times will almost always get lost unless you build in a definite time when you and your spouse can be alone together for talk and reflection.

That may mean refusing to turn on the television or telling the kids, after a brief good night, "Dad (or Mom) and I want to spend a little time together, and you need to get your rest. So let's go to sleep now."

You have a responsibility to your marriage to insist on extra time with your spouse.

- ♦ *When can you set aside a time this week to sit down with your spouse for talk and reflections?*
- ♦ *What topics would you like to discuss when you are together?*

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

Saturday: Psalm 90:12; Matthew 11:28-30

Sunday: Philippians 2:4

Human Life Exalted

Jesus prayed on the night before he died, "Father, give me the glory I had with you before the world began." How is the glory he has in the Ascension different from the glory he had "before the world began?" It differs only in that now, he has it in a human nature. Our humanity has been taken to the heights of heaven, fulfilling the destiny God intended for human life from the beginning. Revelation 3:21 declares, "To the one who gains the victory, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne." God's plan for us is not just that we will gather around the throne or fall down before the throne, but that we will sit with him on the throne! This hope extended to the human family by the Gospel is directly contradicted when the same human beings destined for the heights of heaven are attacked by violence, degraded in their dignity, or put to death by things like abortion. The human nature Jesus brings to glory in the Ascension is the same human nature you and I share, and the same human nature that the babies in the womb share. Celebrating the Ascension in daily life means treating each human life as one destined to sit with Christ on his throne.

<https://www.priestsforlife.org>

Eucharistic Adoration Practices

Turn From Anxiety to Adoration

By Jolynn Brehm, FSPA

Gaze

"I entreat all...to put away every attachment [obstacle], all care and solicitude, and serve, love, honor, and adore our Lord and God with a pure heart and mind."

Francis of Assisi

Consider

Now, in this time, in this space, in this Presence, is the invitation to an essential turning toward God. First, we reflect on the obstacles to overcome. Perhaps the obstacles we face are clutter or schedules, maybe they are prejudices, grudges, or judgments. When we limit any of these things, we turn our focus toward serving, loving, honoring, and adoring the Lord God. Next, the cares and anxieties that often overwhelm us, such as financial, medical, or familial concerns or conflicts, can be put aside in this prayerful, all-loving Presence. As we turn these worries over to God's care, we strive to allow our adoration to strengthen our faith, trust, hope, and compassion.

Contemplate

Gracious, loving God, help me to be more aware of the obstacles, cares, and anxieties that limit my turning toward you. May I walk the daily path with you, placing my focus on the ways to serve, love, honor, and adore you! Amen.

Imitate

Choose one obstacle to overcome and create a way to turn cares and anxieties into opportunities to entrust all of your life to God.



Eucharistic Adoration Reflections in the Franciscan Tradition by [Franciscans Sisters of Perpetual Adoration](#)