

Saint Andrew

Roman Catholic Church



PARABLE
OF THE
TEN VIRGINS
MATTHEW 25:1-13

November 12, 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

St. Michael Novena Mass

Wednesday - 6:00pm

Pastor

Reverend John Barrow

Office Hours:

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



DRE:

Mrs. Donna Hernandez
772-781-4415 Ext. 214

HOLY ROSARY

Joyful, Sorrowful & Glorious
Saturday 6:30pm
Holy Family Walkway

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Please join us in praying the
Chaplet after the daily 7:30am
Mass in room C.



We pray for our
Country, our Priests
and for the Sanctity
of Life.



Nov.	11	Sat.	4:00pm	Greg Michaelian
Nov.	12	Sun.	7:30am	Robin Srebot+
Nov.	12	Sun.	9:00am	Lukas Smith+
Nov.	12	Sun.	10:30am	Henry Quinn+
Nov.	13	Mon.	7:30am	Utzmann Family
Nov.	14	Tues.	7:30am	Stella Kelley+
Nov.	15	Wed.	7:30am	Cabahug Family+
Nov.	16	Thurs.	7:30am	Sanfratello Family+
Nov.	17	Fri.	7:30am	Kanapa Family+
Nov.	18	Sat.	4:00pm	John Patrick Nicholson+
Nov.	19	Sun.	7:30am	Joan Tonra
Nov.	19	Sun.	9:00am	Barbara Parduba+
Nov.	19	Sun.	10:30am	Mary Clearyater+



Eucharistic Adoration

In the Chapel

M-F 8:00am -12:00noon

Tues & Wed. 4pm-8pm

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 YOU 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 (OCIA)
Deacon Andre & Lisa Boucher
Thursday 6:30pm-8:00pm

Lectors

Christine Michaelian

Adoration

M - F 8:00am - 12:00pm
Tues & Wed. 4pm - 8pm
Susanna Page

Annulments

John Ginnetti

Bible Study

Tuesday 10:00am
Melanie Gallagher
Tuesday 6:30pm
Bob Greeson

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

Learn the Language of Latin

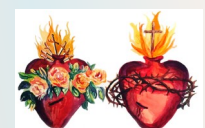
Jim Reynolds

Men of Saint Joseph

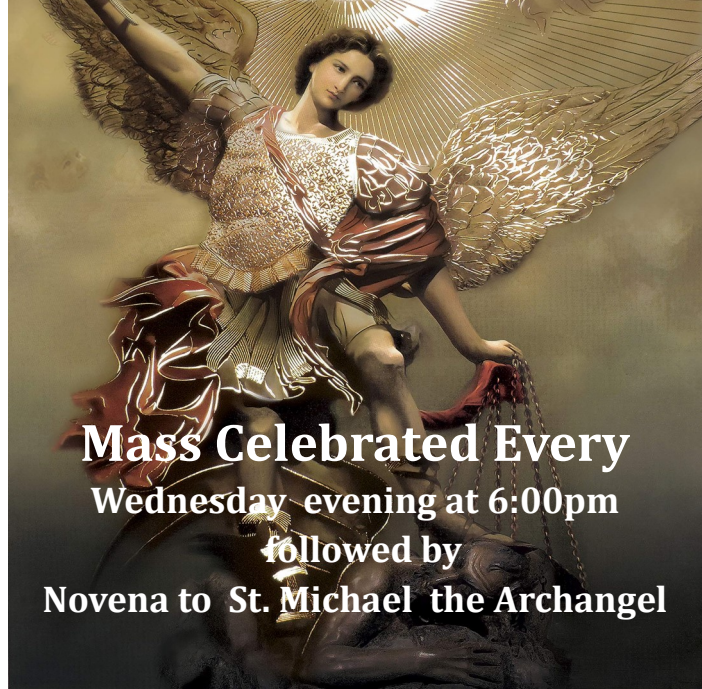
Dave Olio
772-919-2555

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Nancee Jon & Elaine Wach
1st Wednesday of the month at
10 am in classroom A



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
Novena Mass In Honor of
St. Michael the Archangel
For the protection of our
CHURCH



Mass Celebrated Every
Wednesday evening at 6:00pm
followed by
Novena to St. Michael the Archangel



Please return the bottles to the Church front lobby, **next weekend November 18-19**. Thank you for your support as you continue to *Save Lives, two at a time*.



BURIAL OF CREMATED REMAINS:

Cremation of deceased loved ones is an option in the Church today.

The Catholic Church has the highest respect for cremated remains as it does for the intact body of a deceased person. As such, both are still respected as temples of the Holy Spirit and require burial, either in-ground or in a niche in a columbarium.

The Catholic Church **does not approve** of the scattering of ashes; the personal holding of ashes in urns at home or the practice of distributing ashes into personal jewelry. Families interested in in-ground burial sites or niches in a columbarium for cremated remains are always welcome to contact the parish, for more guidance and information to arrange burials.

Weekly Announcements



The Sanctuary
Candles are for
John Kaso



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



The Candle burning during
Adoration in the Chapel of the Two
Hearts is for
Thomas F. Parrini, Sr.

The Virus of Senseless Murmuring

One unfortunate tendency within our fallen human nature is to "murmur" about another. It's like a virus in that once someone starts, it passes to others quickly. Before you know it, many can be spreading rumors and gossip not based in truth, or truths not spoken in charity. This can be very painful to the person who the murmuring is about. We see this commonly among teens, but it is not exclusively a teenage phenomenon. The two questions to ponder in this regard are: 1) Do I murmur about others? 2) How do I react when others murmur about me? First of all, the virus of murmuring will only be cured if people of integrity cease to speak unnecessary words or calumny or detraction. We have no right to spread errors about another, and we have no right to spread truths that do not need to be shared. Second, if you find yourself to be the object of the murmuring of others, it's understandable that this will hurt. Allow yourself to feel the hurt, unite it to the Heart of our Lord, and then move on without returning the mistreatment. A peaceful resolve to pay no attention to these actions helps to dispel their effects and it keeps us from being drawn into the foolishness (See *Diary* 1453).

Ponder today both of these experiences. If you are the cause of senseless murmuring then see the seriousness of this sin. It is a sin and a serious violation of charity as a result of the hurt it can cause. Confess it and resolve to silence your tongue. If you are the object of such murmuring, know that Jesus was first. Turn to Him and allow Him to console you, and try to rejoice that you have been treated like our Lord.

Lord, please guard my tongue and help me to speak only the words You wish me to speak and to only listen to those words inspired by You. If I am the object of hurt from another, give me the grace to receive healing and strength and to rejoice that I am treated like You. Jesus, I trust in You. https://divinemercy.life/2023/10/24/reflection-298-the-virus-of-senseless-murmuring/?utm_source=mailpoet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily-reflections-on-divine-mercy-my-catholic-life_1079



St. Andrew Christmas Novena Starts November 30th, 2023

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold.

In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God to hear my prayer and grant my desire, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

(It is piously believed that whoever recites the prayer fifteen times a day from the feast of St. Andrew (30th November) until Christmas will obtain what is asked.)

Chaplets are available in Parish office.

A Competitive Spirit

R. Ruth Barton



Pride is what motivates our desire to receive glory for what we do. It also tempts us to insist on being better at it than anyone else. And it's pride that makes it hard for us to rejoice in someone else's success.

In contrast, Christ's answer to anyone seeking a position of distinction in his kingdom always involves humility and servanthood. In Matthew 11:29 he says, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." He offers rest from the wrestling of a proud spirit. Rest from frantic human effort to make oneself feel significant, respected. Rest that comes only when we are at peace with ourselves and with God's design for our lives.

Competitive people tend to find their reward in the recognition they receive from others. They fail to realize that the approval of Christ far outweighs any recognition others can give.

- ♦ In Matthew 11:29, Jesus says, "learn from me." Can you remember times in Christ's life when he modeled humility? Gentleness? Servanthood?
- ♦ How is your attitude about the areas in which you are currently serving—at home and at church?

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

Saturday: Proverbs 11:2; 16:18; 29:23

Sunday: Galatians 6:3-4

FLORIDIANS SHOULD DECLINE TO SIGN PETITION FOR DANGEROUS PRO-ABORTION AMENDMENT

An extremely grave initiative is underway in Florida that seeks to erase pro-life protections by inserting language into the Florida Constitution banning regulation of abortion. Abortion activists are working to gather petition signatures to place a pro-abortion constitutional amendment, titled *Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion*, on the November 2024 ballot. This amendment would allow abortion up until birth, including when the baby is capable of feeling pain, and would eliminate laws requiring parental consent and safety protocols for women.

Floridians should not sign the petition.

Please spread the word to your spheres of influence and continue to pray for the protection of the unborn.



FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS
The nonpartisan public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Florida



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass is strongly encouraged.

Why is giving thanks to God important?

The Bible is filled with commands to give thanks to God ([Psalm 106:1](#); [107:1](#); [118:1](#); [1 Chronicles 16:34](#); [1 Thessalonians 5:18](#)). Most verses go on to list reasons why we should thank Him, such as "His love endures forever" ([Psalm 136:3](#)), "He is good" ([Psalm 118:29](#)), and "His mercy is everlasting" ([Psalm 100:5](#)). Thanksgiving and praise always go together. We cannot adequately praise and worship God without also being thankful.

Feeling and expressing appreciation is good for us. Like any wise father, God wants us to learn to be thankful for all the gifts He has given us ([James 1:17](#)). It is in our best interest to be reminded that everything we have is a gift from Him. Without gratitude, we become arrogant and self-centered. We begin to believe that we have achieved everything on our own. Thankfulness keeps our hearts in right relationship to the Giver of all good gifts.

Giving thanks also reminds us of how much we do have. Human beings are prone to covetousness. We tend to focus on what we *don't* have. By giving thanks continually we are reminded of how much we *do* have. When we focus on blessings rather than wants, we are happier. When we start thanking God for the things we usually take for granted, our perspective changes. We realize that we could not even exist without the merciful blessings of God.

[First Thessalonians 5:18](#) says, "In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." We are to be thankful not only in pleasant situations, but in the circumstances we don't like. When we purpose to thank God regardless of what comes into our lives, we keep bitterness at bay. We cannot be both thankful and bitter at the same time. It's not that we are grateful for tragedy, but we can be thankful for who God is, even in the midst of tragedy. He sustains us and gives us strength to endure ([James 1:12](#); [2 Corinthians 12:9](#)). We thank Him for His promise that "all things will work together for the good, to those who love God and are called according to His purpose" ([Romans 8:28](#)).

We can have thankful hearts toward God even when we do not feel thankful for the circumstance. We can grieve and still be thankful. We can hurt and still be thankful. We can be angry at sin and still be thankful toward God. That is what the Bible calls a "sacrifice of praise" ([Hebrews 13:15](#)). Giving thanks to God keeps our hearts in right relationship with Him and saves us from a host of harmful emotions and attitudes that will rob us of the peace God wants us to experience ([Philippians 4:6-7](#)).
<https://www.gotquestions.org/giving-thanks-to-God.html>

Windows to Your Soul

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise." [Matthew 25:1-2](#)



Our five senses can be said to be a window to our souls. With our senses we perceive the world around us, take it into our minds and heart, and engage it according to the decisions we make. Several of the Church Fathers say that the five wise virgins in today's parable represent those who use their five senses in accord with God's will, whereas the five foolish virgins are those who indulge their five senses in a life of sin.

Interestingly, Saint John of the Cross teaches that the highest form of communication with God takes place when our five senses are silenced and all that we have learned through them is darkened so that God can communicate to us in a direct and spiritual way. But until we reach that level of spiritual perfection, accomplished by various purifications of our soul, we must rely upon our senses as a source of knowledge, especially our knowledge of God.

With our eyes we are called to perceive the beauty of God's presence within creation, especially in other people. With our ears we hear the Word of God proclaimed that then resonates within us, inspiring the gift of faith. Our senses of smell, taste and touch will also teach us in various ways, leading us either to the delights of the Kingdom of God, or to the indulgences of the fallen world.

If the five wise virgins represent the holy use of the five senses, then we must see the connection between them and the oil for their lamps. Many Church Fathers see the oil as a symbol of good works, or charity. Charity is necessary for the attainment of Heaven, for the meeting of the Bridegroom when He shows up at an unexpected time. The person who engages in charity is one who uses the natural gifts given by God for His glory. Their five senses are constantly seeking ways to glorify God and to accomplish His holy will.

The five senses can also easily lead us to the selfish pursuit of fleshly pleasures. When this happens, the oil of charity runs dry within us and we are unprepared for the moment of our death, when the Bridegroom returns.

Think about yourself being those wise or foolish virgins by considering how you use your five senses. What do you look at regularly with your eyes? Do you seek out the presence of God in our world? Do you see Him in the poor, the vulnerable, the lonely, and the needy? Or do you look at the many evils all

around you and become infatuated with them, allowing yourself to be drawn into their practices?

With your ears, do you listen attentively to the Word of God? Or do you find yourself drawn to the world of gossip, detraction and other sinful words that are spoken? Do you indulge your senses of touch, smell and taste, choosing an excess of pleasure, becoming inordinately attached? Or do you strive for temperance and self-control, denying yourself unhealthy and sinful pleasures?

Reflect, today, upon the natural powers of your own soul, especially the gift of your five senses. As you do, examine the ways you use them, what you look at, listen to, and indulge in. Your senses are but a window to your soul and the first way through which God speaks to you and enters your heart. Keep guard of your senses, and only allow the good things of Heaven to enter in. Doing so will produce the oil of charity within and will enable you to be perpetually ready for the coming of our Lord.

Lord of perfect charity, You desire to speak to me and reveal Yourself to me in many ways. I pray that I will always perceive You with my eyes and ears, and use all of my five senses for Your glory. Please free me from every inordinate and unhealthy attachment so that I am free to completely attach myself to You. Jesus, I trust in You. <https://mycatholic.life/books/catholic-daily-reflections-series-two/ordinary-time-week-18-34-series-two/thirty-second-week-in-ordinary-time/#Sun-A>

Religious Education

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

November Schedule

Sat.	Nov.11	Service Time	Card making, wrapping the collected socks for the nursing homes. 9am-1:00pm
Sun.	Nov.12	CCD	Grade:1,2,3,4,5
Wed.	Nov. 15	CCD	Grade:6,7,8,9
Sun.	Nov. 19	CCD	Grade:1,2,3,4,5

Indulge in some quotes on gratitude!

1. "When it comes to life, the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude." -G.K. Chesterton
2. "In all created things discern the providence and wisdom of God, and in all things give Him thanks." -St. Teresa of Avila
3. "To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything." -Thomas Merton
4. "Jesus does not demand great action from us but simply surrender and gratitude." -St. Therese of Lisieux
5. "The best way to show my gratitude to God is to accept everything, even my problems with joy." St. Teresa of Calcutta