

Saint Andrew

Roman Catholic Church

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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.



Dec.	16	Sat.	4:00pm	Helen Reynolds+
Dec.	17	Sun.	7:30am	Christmas Novena
Dec.	17	Sun.	9:00am	Malcolm Kennedy+
Dec.	17	Sun.	10:30am	Cathy Gilio Costa+
Dec.	18	Mon.	7:30am	Christmas Novena
Dec.	19	Tues.	7:30am	Christmas Novena
Dec.	20	Wed.	7:30am	Christmas Novena
Dec.	21	Thurs.	7:30am	Christmas Novena
Dec.	22	Fri.	7:30am	Christmas Novena
Dec.	23	Sat.	4:00pm	Christmas Novena
Dec.	24	Sun.	7:30am	Christmas Novena
Dec.	24	Sun.	9:00am	Lukas Smith+
Dec.	24	Sun.	10:30am	Cinalli Family
Dec.	24	Sun.	4:00pm	Bob Banasiewicz+
Dec.	24	Sun.	10:00pm	Rev. Msgr. James Moore

Mariner Sands Mass Intentions

Dec.	16	Sat.	5:00pm	Donald Boehmcke+
Dec.	23	Sat.	5:00pm	Jacqueline Van Grofsky+
Dec.	30	Sat.	5:00pm	Donald Boehmcke+



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)

Director Christine Michaelian
Assisted by
Deacon Andre & Lisa Boucher
Juan Ortiz (Spanish)
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 Olivo
772-919-2555

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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



10:30 FAMILY MASS

*Lighting of the Advent Wreath
December 10th is the*

BARE FAMILY



**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**

ST. NICHOLAS TREE

**The St. Nicholas Tree is on
display in the Church lobby.**

*Please take an envelope and put your
gift card with the receipt inside the envelope
and write the dollar amount on the front
of the envelope.*



Suggestions
Family of 2 \$50.00
Family of 3-4 \$75.00
Family of 5-6 \$100.00



**Please return your envelope to the brown
container located in the lobby by
December 17th, 2023**

**May our Lord reward you and
your loved ones for your
generosity!**

The Apostles of John Paul II



Weekly Announcements



The Sanctuary
Candles are for the
Tonra Family



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



The Candle burning during
Adoration in the Chapel of the Two
Hearts is for
Fr. Jack Barrow

2023 Christmas Schedule

Advent Reconciliation Service

Thursday, December 21st

6:00pm Confessions

This is your last opportunity for confession before Christmas
NO CONFESSION ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

Please note:

Christmas falls on a Monday in 2023. This means that a Vigil
Mass on Saturday, December 23 or a morning Masses on
Sunday, December 24 fulfill your weekly Sunday obligation.
Vigil Masses on Sunday, December 24 or Mass on Christmas
Day fulfills the Holy Day obligation (Christmas).

Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses

Sunday, December 24th

Fulfills Fourth Sunday Obligation

The Holy Mass will be celebrated at
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am

Christmas Eve Vigil Masses

Sunday, December 24th

Fulfills Christmas Obligation

4:00pm, 10:00pm

Christmas Day Masses

Monday, December 25th

The Holy Mass will be celebrated at
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am

Fulfills Christmas Obligation

Office Closed Monday, December 25th

The Feast of Mary the Mother of God is **not** a holy
day of obligation. **Only one Mass.**

Monday January 1 at 7:30am

Office Closed Monday, January 1st

The forgotten purpose of Gaudete Sunday

[Philip Kosloski](#) - published on 12/12/21

Gaudete Sunday was originally a day to relax Advent penance and to rest, preparing ourselves for the final stretch of this penitential season.

The modern observance of Advent is often difficult to distinguish from the season of Christmas. The secular world is already in full party mode, with Christmas sweets, social celebrations and even gift-giving.

It's almost laughable to think of Advent today as a season of penance and fasting.

Yet, for most of Christian history Advent was exactly that, a **penitential season that was similar to Lent**, though never as strict. It consisted of periodic fasting and personal sacrifices, traditions that are in stark contrast to the modern delicacies everyone enjoys throughout the month of December.

This is why Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, can be so confusing, as one of the original reasons behind this joyful Sunday was to **relax the penances everyone was engaged in**.

In the 1902 edition of the *American Ecclesiastical Review*, the author notes this aspect of Gaudete Sunday.

This spirit of self-restraint belongs as has been said to Advent, which is a preparation for the Christmas joys. We are making ready for the reception of our Heavenly King coming to dwell with us for a time on earth and in our hearts permanently ... But the season is long, the work tiresome, and the body weak. And as the laborer rests at times in the midst of his task to take a glance at what has been accomplished and to refresh himself with the anticipation of the joy that awaits him at the end of his work, so the Christian stops in the midst of Advent preparation to rehearse for a moment the sweet melody of coming Christmas chant and to take in the full meaning of the encouraging words of the Holy Spouse, his Mother the Church, as she calls out to her children, Gaudete, that is "Be joyful," the Lord the Emmanuel your consolation and Savior is at hand.

While it may be difficult for us to reclaim the original spirit of Advent, we can make deliberate choices to hold off eating the Christmas cookies until Christmas Eve.

At the same time, we could also make Gaudete Sunday more joyful, indulging in some of our Christmas sweets on that day, while observing a more sombre Advent before and after.

Whatever we do, let us recall how our ancestors observed this sacred season and learn from them, understanding how we can prepare our hearts to better receive the graces of Christmas into our soul.

<https://aleteia.org/2021/12/12/the-forgotten-purpose-of-gaudete-sunday/>



Prepare for Christmas by going to
confession and experiencing
God's mercy.

Night of Reconciliation (Confession)
Advent Penance service
Thursday, December 21, 2023
6:00pm

Prayer for Christmas Joy

Release the joy in us that's been crushed by pride, wrong priorities, or world events. Tear down the strongholds that have held us captive far too long. Extinguish the flames of apprehension that rob us of a calm, quiet spirit. Show us again the beauty of that holy night so many centuries ago.

Your name is still called "Wonderful," "Counselor," "The Mighty God," "The Everlasting Father," and "The Prince of Peace." As Your children, we cry out for a fresh filling, and a new awareness of Who You are. We choose by faith to make the "good news of great joy" a reality in our own lives, so others can see us as lighted trees of life, pointing to You this Christmas. We know one day every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that You are Lord. And we also know that peace on earth can only come when hearts find peace with You.

You are still our Joy. You are still our Peace. You are no longer a babe in the manger. You are Lord of lords and King of kings. And we still celebrate You as Lord—this Christmas and always. Amen.

~ Rebecca Barlow Jordan



Attention all Medical Personal of St. Andrew

Our Parish has purchased an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) which will be located in the Church Vestibule.

We are looking for volunteers willing to be trained on the use and application of the AED as well as serving as a designated contact during the weekend Masses, should a need arise.

Please call Nancy Fioramonti if you are interested and able to serve. (561)255-1624 after 5:30pm.

Spirit filled last minute gift ideas

♦ St. Joseph Candle or St. Theresa Candle

Annual Memorial Candles are available for a loved one to be memorialized. \$100

♦ Sanctuary Candle or Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

Memorialized names will be in the bulletin announcements for two weeks. \$30

♦ Adoration Candle Memorialized name will be in the bulletin announcements for 1 week. \$15

The light signifies our prayer, which is offered in faith, entering the light of God. It also shows reverence and our desire to remain present in prayer even as we continue on our day.

Christmas: A Gift of Life

“The Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' message. Lovingly received day after day by the Church, it is to be preached with dauntless fidelity as "good news" to the people of every age and culture. At the dawn of salvation, it is the Birth of a Child which is proclaimed as joyful news: "I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord" (Lk 2:10-11). The source of this "great joy" is the Birth of the Saviour; but Christmas also reveals the full meaning of every human birth, and the joy which accompanies the Birth of the Messiah is thus seen to be the foundation and fulfilment of joy at every child born into the world (cf. Jn 16:21)" (St. John Paul II, "The Gospel of Life," n.1). <https://www.priestsforlife.org>



The best, the surest and the most effective way of establishing PEACE on the face of the earth is through the great power of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Pope John Paul II

‘Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love.’

Religious Education

Grade:1,2,3,4,5 Sunday 9:00-10:15am

Grade:6,7,8,9 Wednesday 6:30-8:00pm

December Schedule

Sun	Dec. 17	No CCD Service Time	Bambinelli Sunday / Decorating the church for Christmas after 10:30 Mass at 11:30am
Wed.	Dec. 20	No CCD	
Sun.	Dec. 24	No CCD	
Wed.	Dec. 27	No CCD	
Sun.	Dec. 31	No CCD	

St Thomas Aquinas

“In the life of the body a man is sometimes sick, and unless he takes medicine, he will die. Even so in the spiritual life a man is sick on account of sin. For that reason he needs medicine so that he may be restored to health; and this grace is bestowed in the Sacrament of Penance.”

Jesus to St Faustina

“Daughter, when you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul and ennobles it. Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself in My mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity.”

(Divine Mercy in My Soul)

St Francis de Sales

“Go to your confessor; open your heart to him; display to him all the recesses of your soul; take the advice that he will give you with the utmost humility and simplicity. For God, Who has an infinite love for obedience, frequently renders profitable the counsels we take from others, but especially from those who are the guides of our souls.”

Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart. You must speak to Jesus not only with your lips, but with your heart. In fact on certain occasions you should only speak to Him with your heart. Padre Pio