

Saint Andrew

Roman Catholic Church



LOVE

©IPPC

Have a Blessed Christmas



©IPPC

December 24, 2023

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

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

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.	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
Dec.	25	Mon.	7:30am	Christmas Novena
Dec.	25	Mon.	9:00am	Rev. Patrick O'Leary+
Dec.	25	Mon.	10:30am	Tonra Family
Dec.	26	Tues.	7:30am	DeBartolomeo Family+
Dec.	27	Wed.	7:30am	Sullivan Family
Dec.	28	Thurs.	7:30am	Robert Thomas
Dec.	29	Fri.	7:30am	Janice Banasiewicz
Dec.	30	Sat.	4:00pm	Danny Menton
Dec.	31	Sun.	7:30am	Robin Srebot+
Dec.	31	Sun.	9:00am	April Novik+
Dec.	31	Sun.	10:30am	Mekulsia Family

Mariner Sands Mass Intentions

Dec.	23	Sat.	5:00pm	Jacqueline Van Grofsky+
Dec.	30	Sat.	5:00pm	Donald Boehmcke+
Jan.	6	Sat.	5:00pm	Johnny Rogers+



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 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**

**STRUGGLING AFTER AN ABORTION OR
A MISCARRIAGE?
YOU ARE NOT ALONE!**

RACHEL'S VINEYARD HEALING RETREAT

HOPE AFTER ABORTION and MISCARRIAGE:
Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ during a Rachel's Vineyard healing retreat. This retreat offers an opportunity to deeply enter into the grieving process and identify the ways your abortion or miscarriage may have affected you or a loved one. Discussions, spiritual exercises, prayer and reflection combined with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service honoring your child and a beautiful Mass will help to heal the wounds of your past. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a unique opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and tender compassion. Both men and women are invited to experience this healing for their soul. **The next retreat will be held on Friday, January 12 through Sunday, January 14, 2023. Pre-registration is required.**

To register or for more information, call **Donna Gardner**, coordinator of Rachel's Vineyard, at **561-602-4778**. All calls are **CONFIDENTIAL**. For more information on Rachel's Vineyard, check the website:

www.rachelsvineyard.org



Religious Education

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

December & January Schedule

Sun.	Dec. 24	No CCD	
Wed.	Dec. 27	No CCD	
Sun.	Dec. 31	No CCD	
Wed.	Jan. 3	CCD	Grade:6,7,8,9
Sun.	Jan. 7	CCD	Grade:1,2,3,4,5

Weekly Announcements



The Sanctuary
Candles are for
Claudia Spinelli



The Candles at the Shrine of Our Lady
of Perpetual Help are for
Norma & Bob Thomas



The Candle burning during
Adoration in the Chapel of the Two
Hearts is for
Cole & Henry Thomas

10:30 FAMILY MASS

*Lighting of the Advent Wreath
December 24th is the*

MOYNIHAN FAMILY

Office, New Year's Day Mass Schedule

Office Closed Monday, December 25th

Please note: In the Diocese of Palm Beach January 1st, New Year's day is not a Holy day of obligation therefore:

**Sunday December 31st—no Vigil Mass
& there will be only one
(New Year's Day Mass)**

**Monday, January 1, 2023
7:30am**

Office Closed Monday, January 1st

Adoration of the Two Hearts Chapel

**Will be open Christmas Day
December 25th, 8am-12pm**

Merry Christmas

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.



What is the origin of Christmas stockings?

St. Nicholas is said to have inspired this beloved Christmas tradition.

The old man went to bed sad that night. There is no worse feeling for a father than being powerless to protect his children and give them a good life. And it seemed as though he had failed in this regard. It had been a hard year, and he and his daughters barely had enough money to live on from day to day. There was no way he could provide a dowry for them. Without that, they couldn't marry and faced a life of slavery.

His daughters were afraid, too, but tried to be hopeful. They spoke words of comfort to each other as they did their evening chores. *Maybe something good would come along, maybe a miracle would happen*, they said. Scrubbing their stockings clean as best they could, they hung them up by the window to dry near the dying fire. Then they went to bed.

The next morning, the daughters went to collect their stockings. But as they approached the window where they hung, what did they see? The stockings were stretched out of shape, with a lump of something in the toes. They quickly investigated, and nearly cried for joy when they found gold coins in each one—more than enough to pay a good dowry. They ran to tell their father, and all four gave thanks to God. Indeed, a miracle had happened.

God's agent that night had been a clever and generous soul named Nicholas. He had heard of the father's plight and, wishing to spare the father the shame of accepting charity, had snuck to the window during the night and tossed the money inside, where it had landed inside the girls' stockings. Nicholas had saved the day—and started a tradition.

This legend of the Christmas stockings is one of the most famous stories handed down to us about St. Nicholas, the 4th-century bishop of Myra in modern-day Turkey. Appearing under various regional titles—"Father Christmas" in Great Britain, "Sinterklaas" in the Netherlands, or "Papa Noël" in France—good St. Nicholas has become the symbol of generosity everywhere Christmas is celebrated.

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/what-is-the-origin-of-christmas-sockings/>

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE JESUS CAME

'Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house not a creature was praying, not one in the house. The dusty Bible was laying upon the shelf without care but all was ready for Santa to come there.



The children dressing to crawl into bed, not once ever praying, kneeling or bowing a head. And mom in her rocker with baby on her lap, was watching the late show while I took a nap.

When out of the East there arose such a clatter, I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash, tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

When what to my wondering eyes should appear but angels proclaiming that JESUS WAS HERE! With a light like the bright sun sending forward my way, I knew in a moment this must be "The Day!"

The light of HIS face made me cover my eyes, it was JESUS returning just like He said. And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth, I cried when I saw HIM in spite of myself.

In the "Book of Life" which He held in His hand was written the name of every good "saved" human. He spoke not a word as He searched for my name. But then He said, "it's not here". My head I hung in shame.

The people whose names had been written with love, he gathered to take to His Father above, with those who were ready, He rose without a sound; while all the rest of us were left standing around.

I fell to my knees, but it was too late... I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate. I stood and cried as they rose out of sight... Oh, if only I had been ready tonight!

In the words of this poem, the meaning is clear, that the coming of JESUS is drawing near. We have life on earth for a short while and when it comes to an end, the last call, it will be evident the **Bible** was true after all!

Author Unknown

Gazing Upon the Mother of God

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." [Luke 1:26–28](#)

What an amazing experience this would have been. This humble servant of God, a young girl, was visited by the archangel Gabriel and greeted with the salutation, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." Try to imagine her experience. She was humble beyond comprehension, filled with every heavenly virtue, loved God with all her heart and suddenly came face-to-face with this glorious and most magnificent archangel. And this heavenly visitor showered the deepest of praises upon this lowly servant of the Lord.

At first, in her humility, Mary simply pondered this greeting. She pondered it in her heart through prayer and faith. Then the archangel spoke further: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Though Mary inquired further about how this could be, she quickly gave her consent: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." And it was these words of this young woman that continuously echoed in her heart throughout her life.

Mother Mary was great for many reasons. She was the Immaculate Conception—the one singularly conceived without sin in the womb of her own mother. She was the one chosen by the Father to bring forth the Savior of the World as her only begotten Son. But her greatness is especially found in her ongoing submission to the will of God. "May it be done to me according to your word." This is what she said over and over throughout her life. This is her perfect "fiat" to her God. All she knew was surrender and submission to all that God asked of her. And it is this, more than anything else, that made her the worthy Mother of God.

Though none of us were immaculately conceived within our mother's wombs and none of us have remained without sin throughout our lives, we must all strive to be inspired by this holy woman. We must all ponder her deep humility and her willing acceptance of God's will in her life. And we must all strive to imitate her fiat and her perfect virtue.

Imitation of our Blessed Mother is accomplished by first coming to know her, understand her and love who she is. Gazing upon her interior beauty and holiness presents us with the vision of the perfection to which we are all called. As we prayerfully gaze upon her heart and come to understand her virtues more clearly, we will be inspired to open our own hearts so as to imitate her by the grace of God. This prayerful exercise is one of the best and quickest ways to obtain the heights of holiness to which God has called us.



Reflect, today, upon this holy daughter of the Most High. She is not one we can "figure out." Instead, she is one whom we can come to know through prayer and through God's inspiration. Ponder her prayerfully. Be open to her inspiration. And allow the Holy Spirit to also overshadow you so that you will more closely be able to imitate her in her holy virtues.

My dearest Mother, you lived a life of perfect virtue and holiness. You continuously pondered the mysteries of God in your heart and always surrendered to the will of God with perfection. Please inspire me so that I may not only learn from you but also be able to share in the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit given to you. Mother Mary, pray for us. Jesus, I trust in You. <https://mycatholic.life/books/catholic-daily-reflections-series-two/advent-christmas-series-two/advent-december-17-24/#Sun-B>

Pray for Joy in Our Hearts

God, our Creator, we offer this humble prayer on Christmas Day. We come to worship with a song of thanks in our hearts—a song of redemption, a song of hope and renewal. We pray for joy in our hearts, hope in our God, love to forgive, and peace upon the earth. We ask for the salvation of all our family members and friends, and we pray your blessings on all people. May there be bread for the hungry, love for the unlovable, healing for the sick, protection for our children, and wisdom for our youth. We pray for the forgiveness of sinners and abundant life in Christ. Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with your love and power. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

—Rev. Lia Icaza Willetts