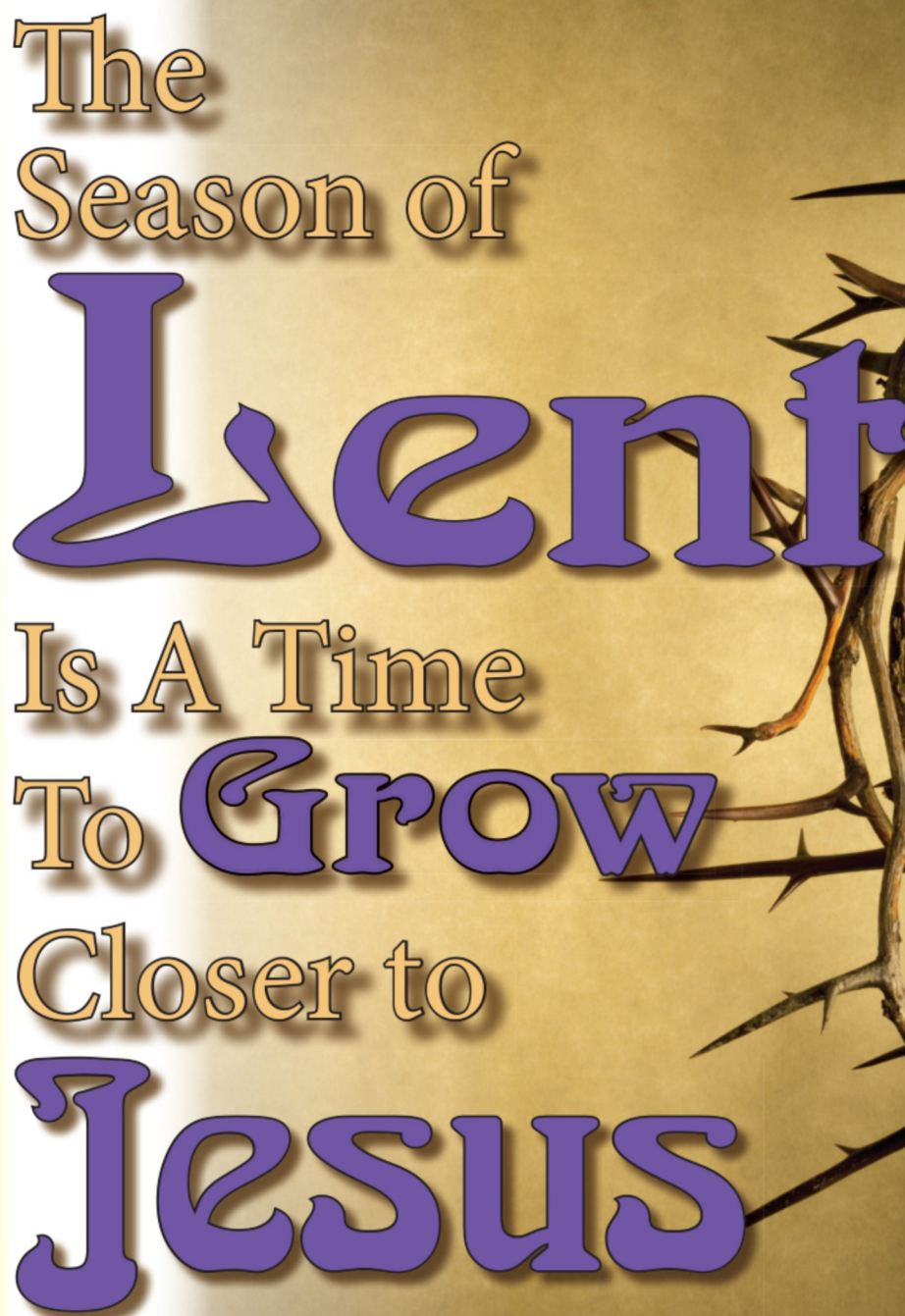


Saint Andrew

Roman Catholic Church



The
Season of
Lent
Is A Time
To **GROW**
Closer to
Jesus

February 18, 2024

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.



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Feb.	17	Sat.	4:00pm	The Gehm Family +
Feb.	18	Sun.	7:30am	Robert Orzack+
Feb.	18	Sun.	9:00am	Domenico DiFede+
Feb.	18	Sun.	10:30am	Sister Edmund McGourty +
Feb.	19	Mon.	7:30am	Michael Patrick Magi +
Feb.	20	Tues.	7:30am	Michael Walsh Family +
Feb.	21	Weds.	7:30am	Aiden James Serafica +
Feb.	22	Thur.	7:30am	Dr. Jon Wubben +
Feb.	23	Fri.	7:30am	Raucci family +
Feb.	24	Sat.	4:00pm	Patricia Ungrady +
Feb.	25	Sun.	7:30am	Josephine Wach +
Feb.	25	Sun.	9:00am	Joseph P. Donnelly +
Feb.	25	Sun.	10:30am	Vito Ratti +

Mariner Sands Mass Intentions

Feb.	17	Sat.	5:00pm	Masterson Family+
Feb.	24	Sat.	5:00pm	Donald Boehmcke+
Mar.	2	Sat.	5:00pm	Michael Walsh Family



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
10:00am in classroom A



Religious Education

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

February Schedule

Sun.	Feb. 18	CCD	CONFIRMATION 12 NOON
Wed.	Feb. 21	CCD	Grade: 6,7,8,9
Sun.	Feb. 25	CCD	Grade: 1,2,3,4,5
Wed.	Feb. 28	CCD	Grade: 6,7,8,9

PLEASE JOIN US for the

**Novena Mass In Honor of St. Michael
the Archangel
For the protection of our CHURCH**

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

Weekly Announcements



The Sanctuary
Candles are for
George Uccardi+



The Candles at the Shrine of Our Lady
of Perpetual Help are for
Mimi Porro



The Candle burning during
Adoration in the Chapel of the Two
Hearts is for
Fidel Romero



**Knights of Columbus – Tootsie
Roll Drive—Next weekend**

**Tootsie
Roll**

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting a tootsie roll drive following each mass next weekend, February 24 & 25, 2024, which will help support the goals of Willoughby Learning Center and the ARC (Advocates for the Rights of the Challenged), a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities of the Treasure Coast. St. Andrew parishioners have generously supported the drive in the past years. Thank you on behalf of the Knights of Columbus for your continuing support.



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

**PRAY FOR OUR
CATECHUMEN AND
CANDIDATES ENTERING
INTO THE CHURCH**

Candido Arreaga Bravo
Judith Marilyn Lopez
Ronaldo Roblero Roblero
Felipe Pascual Andres
Barbara Morley
Will Brodeur
Ryan Leahey





*Our Lady of Medjugorje
Message to Marija*

on January 25, 2024

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

40 Days in the Desert

First Sunday of Lent (Year B)

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. Mark 1:12-13

Today's Gospel from Mark presents us with a short version of the Temptation of Jesus in the desert. Matthew and Luke give many more details, such as Jesus' threefold temptation from satan. But Mark simply states the fact that Jesus was driven into the desert for forty days and was tempted.

What's interesting to note is that it was "The Spirit" who drove Jesus into the desert. Jesus did not go there against His will; He went there freely in accord with the will of the Father and by the direction of the Holy Spirit. Why would the Spirit drive Jesus into the desert for this time of fasting, prayer and temptation?

First of all, this time of temptation took place immediately after Jesus was baptized by John. And though Jesus Himself did not spiritually need that baptism, these two series of events teach us much. The truth is that when we choose to follow Christ and live out our baptism, we receive a new strength to fight evil. The grace is there. As a new creation in Christ, you have all the grace you need to conquer the evil one, sin and temptation. Jesus, therefore, set for us an example in order to teach us this truth. He was baptized and then was driven into the desert to face the evil one so as to tell us that we also can conquer him and his evil lies.

As Jesus was in the desert enduring these temptations, "the angels ministered to him." The same is true with us. Our Lord does not leave us alone in the midst of our daily temptations. Rather, He always sends us His angels to minister to us and to help us defeat this vile enemy.

What is your greatest temptation in life? Perhaps you struggle with a habit of sin that you fail at time and time again. Perhaps it's a temptation of the flesh, or a struggle with anger, self-righteousness, dishonesty or something else. Whatever your temptation may be, know that you have all you need to overcome it on account of the grace given to you by your Baptism, strengthened by your Confirmation and regularly fed by your participation in the Most Holy Eucharist.

Reflect, today, upon whatever your temptations may be. See the Person of Christ facing those temptations with you and in you. Know that His strength is given to you if you but trust Him with unwavering confidence.

My tempted Lord, You allowed Yourself to endure the humiliation of being tempted by satan himself. You did so to show me and all Your children that we can overcome our own temptations through You and by Your strength. Help me, dear Lord, to daily turn to You with my struggles so that You will be victorious in me. Jesus, I trust in You. <https://mycatholic.life/books/catholic-daily-reflections-series/lent-and-easter-reflections/2-first-week-of>

St. Andrew Catholic Church 2024 Lenten Schedule

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MASSES & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- Weekday Masses: 7:30am Mon.– Fri. (Stations of the Cross following Mass)
- Weekend Masses: Sat. 4:00pm Vigil; Sunday - 7:30am, 9:00am & 10:30am
- Fridays –5:30pm—Stations of the Cross Outdoors by the Lake)

Lenten Penance Service - March 21, 2024 Thursday @ 6:00pm. **This will be the last opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter.**

HOLY WEEK (THE TRIDUUM)

- **(Holy Thursday)** - March 28, 2024, Thursday 6:00pm—Mass of the Lord's Supper **(There is no 7:30am Mass)**
- **(Good Friday)** - March 29, 2024, Friday Beginning at 12:00 noon the Stations of the Cross & Chaplet of Divine Mercy. The church will remain open for prayer and Veneration of the Cross until 3:00pm
Good Friday Liturgy - 3:00pm: Veneration of the Cross, Communion Service followed by the Stations of the Cross & Chaplet of Divine Mercy **(The Divine Mercy Novena should begin on Good Friday)**
- **(Holy Saturday, The Easter Vigil)** March 30, 2024 Saturday at 7:45pm, Easter Vigil Mass **(There is no 4:00pm Mass nor confessions on Holy Saturday)**
- **Easter Sunday (The Resurrection of Our Lord)** March 31, 2024. Masses at 7:30am, 9:00am, & 10:30am

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY-FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

- **Divine Mercy Sunday (The Feast of Divine Mercy)** - April 7, 2024 12:00pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Chaplet & Mass of Divine Mercy.

NOTE OF IMPORTANCE:



The Adoration Chapel of the Two Hearts will close at 12:00pm on Holy Thursday and be closed Good Friday. Adoration will resume its normal schedule the Monday after Easter .

JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH PRAY FOR US.

Confession: Must we tell the priest all our sins?

The Sacrament of Reconciliation concerns all sins, but do we have to tell everything to our confessor?

Once during catechism class, I asked children whether they know how to start a confession. “You should start by committing a sin,” said one smart aleck. But must we actually confess every single sin we’ve committed?

The confession of “grave” sins

We’ve been all created to live in a loving communion with God. **It’s been our purpose ever since we received the grace of baptism and what we call the “present grace.”**

The source of joy and peace, this intimate relationship can be broken by sin. A person who seeks to reconcile with God and the Church must show contrition and “... confess to a priest all the unconfessed grave sins he remembers after having carefully examined his conscience” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* § 1493).

So, what we must confess are the “grave” sins, the ones that have destroyed our communion with God. **There are three conditions that define a “grave” sin:**

- Serious violation of the Lord’s commandments
- Our clear awareness of the gravity of the act
- Our freely willed choice to sin

We are responsible for maintaining a well-formed conscience, so that we are aware of what constitutes grave sin.

Confession of “venial” sins

Without actually breaking our bond with God, some sins still lead to estrangement. While these actions or omissions do not fundamentally undermine our goodwill toward the Lord, they progressively remove us from His presence.

Venial sins are offenses against charity, God’s love for us and our love for our neighbor. Such wounds against love, though not fatal to the life of grace, may have far-reaching consequences. A grain of sand in the eye can cause more pain than a greater quantity of sand piled on a foot! The Church invites us to confess these so-called “venial” sins, because they do damage to our relationship with God and with others. **What’s more, “the regular confession of our venial sins helps us to form our conscience, fight against evil tendencies, let ourselves be healed by Christ and progress in the life of the Spirit”** (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* § 1458).

Don’t put yourself first

Finally, it’s possible that our lifestyle, without being reprehensible, lacks clear priorities: we put ourselves and our appetites first. St. Paul tells us: “... whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God” (1 Cor. 10:31). **There are so many things we do for ourselves out of habit, instead of doing them for the glory of God!**

What God desires above all, is that we honor Him in all circumstances. In this sense, putting all means at our disposal to glorify Him is more righteous than empty penitential practices, like giving something up that we do not care that much about. We must totally transform the way we think and act, so God always comes first. *Father Nicolas Buttet*
<https://aletea.org/cp1/2020/08/17/confession-must-we-tell-the-priest-all-our>

Why can’t Catholics eat meat on Fridays in Lent?

When did the tradition start?

Have you ever accidentally eaten a piece of meat on a Friday in Lent and thought, “Darn! I forgot it’s Friday!”

It’s not easy to avoid meat on Fridays in Lent. Not to mention, it is also inconvenient. Have you ever wondered why we have this rule in place?

Well, the rule used to be that Catholics couldn’t eat meat on any Friday of the year. However, through the 1983 revised *Code of Canon Law*, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops were given authority to require American Catholics to abstain from meat on only Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and Fridays during Lent.

It is important to note that Catholics are still urged to offer a sacrifice on all Fridays, but it does not need to be abstaining from meat.

Jesus suffered and died on a Friday, so Christians have always honored Jesus’ sacrifice on Fridays in some form or capacity.

During Lent, we especially remember how Christ sacrificed his flesh for us. To offer penance for our sins on the day that Jesus died to save us from sin, we abstain from “flesh meat” which is meat from mammals and poultry, what the USCCB considers “land animals.” The Latin word for meat is *carnis*, which has only applied to meat derived from land animal flesh.

So, how come we ARE allowed to eat fish on Fridays?

The USCCB explains how fish are cold-blooded animals and do not come from the land, so fish is not the same as *carnis* meat. Also, historically, meat was more expensive and eaten mainly at celebrations and festivities, while people ate fish on a daily basis. So, the Early Church was asking people to sacrifice something celebratory during Lent.

Whenever we have to say no to meat on Fridays, as hard as that can be, it is a great opportunity to reflect on the sacrifice Christ made for us and remember the purpose of Lent. Some people choose to abstain from meat on Fridays all year round. While this practice is not required in the Church, it is a good opportunity to remember how Christ suffered and died for us on a weekly basis throughout the year. <https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/why-cant-catholics-eat-meat-on-fridays-in-lent/>

The cleansing power of water

Today’s first reading speaks to us of Noah’s Ark. The flood that God sent upon the world in Noah’s day was a cleansing of evil. Now, God cleanses us not by floods, but by the waters of baptism, which bring to us a whole new kind of life: the life of God within us.

Our special efforts in Lent to come closer to God are a response to what has already happened to us! Because we have received the new life of God, we have to reform our lives and live as his sons and daughters. We have to *become who we already are*. The holy water we use when we come in and out of Church is a reminder of the cleansing waters of baptism, and a reminder of the new life we are called to live.

God is a God of life, and therefore we are the People of Life. This Lent, let’s look for ways to foster respect for life, especially the sick, the disabled, and the unborn. <https://www.priestsforlife.org/liturgy/liturgicalresource-cycles.aspx?id=104>