



Saint Andrew Parish

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“The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road.
while others cut branches from the trees
and strewed them on the road.” *Matthew 21:8*

Parish Information - COVID-19

Parish-wide Closures:

All of Saint Andrew Parish's buildings are **closed to the public**. During COVID-19 "stay in place" order, the parish staff is working remotely with periodic check-ins. If you need to make contact with the parish staff, please call 773-525-3016 and leave a message. Someone on staff will check voicemails every half hour from M-F 8:00am to 8:00pm and on Saturday and Sunday from 8:00am to 2:00pm.

The Archdiocese of Chicago has instructed all parishes that there will not be public Masses during Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Saturday, or Easter Sunday. Saint Andrew parish's encourages you to celebrate these holy days with private gatherings in your household. More information on how to do this can be found on page 4 & 5 of the bulletin.

Looking for a way to help? Volunteer at the GCFD!

While everyone is asked to social distance and stay at home, caring for those with food scarcity **is a necessity**. You can help! The demand for food from Greater Chicago Food Depository has increased and volunteers are needed more than ever.

Saint Andrew's next scheduled date to volunteer at the GCFD is next **Saturday April 11, 2020 from 8:30am to 11:15 am**. The request for volunteers has changed slightly during the "stay at home" order. Right now, volunteers must be between the ages 18 and 60. Do not volunteer if you are sick or have been recently exposed to someone with a known contagious illness. Volunteers sort food that is distributed to numerous food pantries around Chicago. Volunteers are organized with strong social distancing, food safety precautions, and sanitary gear. Contact Nancy Holland at neh213@gmail.com to express interest and volunteer.



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Pastoral Letter

by Deacon Eric Sorensen



*"In these uncertain times, there is **one certainty** --- God's Love."*

Now we wait in silence before the tomb of Jesus. Churches are closed, businesses shuttered, our busy lives silenced. Silenced? Not in my extended family which branches blossoms of love. A beehive of sharing, and caring, and spreading our love, through phone calls, FaceTime, Google Hangouts, and Zoom sessions with my children, grandchildren, parent-in-laws, brothers and sisters, friends We are not without hope, because we *are* sharing the love of God that has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. (*Romans 5:5*)

Yes, we "stay-at-home," but we gather as the Domestic Church, the Christian Family. In these days when our public gatherings are suspended, the domestic church is clearly "ground zero" for our response of faith. Now it falls squarely on all families to make their homes sacred spaces for family prayer, for participation in our *Your Sunday Connections*, for reception of Spiritual Communion through the virtual Sunday Mass with Cardinal Cupich, --- for reflections on how we have taken our Lord for granted in our lives.

Yet, in these times we are overwhelmed by the crosses in our lives. Our children express their anxieties, and we too feel the weight bearing down on us. Such was the cross borne by Chicago native Horatio Spafford after the Chicago fire in 1871. From the traumatic events in his life he was inspired to write the hymn, "It is Well with My Soul," because he found that he did not bear his losses alone. As shared by the diaconate community, I invite you to watch a video of the song "It is Well:" You can find the video at this link - [It is Well](#), and you can find the words to Spafford's poem at this link - [It is Well Poem](#)

In these uncertain times, there is *one certainty* --- God's Love. If God can use the horrific death on the cross of his innocent Son to save you and me, then he can use this trial to bring his grace, his love to us. "In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he has loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins." (*1 John 4:10*)

We all are one family in Christ. So, let us swing open the doors of our domestic churches to the overflowing gift of love from Christ this coming Easter. For nothing is impossible for God. Our Father so graciously gave his Son, that we *all* may believe that we are God's children; that we may boast in our hope, for Christ *is* with us; and that we may rejoice in the *certainty* of Christ's love for each of us.

God's Embracing Love, Eric.



Holy Week 2020

An Invitation to Celebrate the Domestic Church

During the last few weeks of the “stay at home” order, the pastoral staff of Saint Andrew have been reminding Saint Andrew parishioners of something essential to Catholicism, the role of the Domestic Church. When it is possible to do so, a healthy parish community has a “**both/and**” understanding of itself. The parish community’s members balance **both** public worship of God within the parish church **and** the private worship of God in each household. If both are nurtured, then in uncertain times when public worship is suspended, the members of the church are still nurtured by the celebration of private worship within each household. The worship of God should never be **either/or**.

As you may know, the Archdiocese of Chicago has cancelled all public liturgies including the sacred Holy Week celebrations of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday. The Archbishop will celebrate these liturgies privately on behalf of the people of the Archdiocese.

To help you celebrate at home, we encourage you to watch the live streamed liturgies from Chicago’s Holy Name Cathedral which can be found at <https://radiotv.archchicago.org/television/broadcast-masses>



You are also encouraged to celebrate Holy Week by participating in the instructions found on page 5 of this bulletin. May these prayer experiences help to enrich your own domestic church. Remember Jesus’ promise to us, “*Wherever two or three are gathered in my name, I am in their midst.*” Matthew 18:12.

Join a REBOOT Group:

Want to use the time during the “stay at home” order to Update your Spirituality? Our six-week course is adapted to be done by tele or video conference during this time. Groups of 6-8 people will form in an ongoing basis as individuals sign up. Find out more and register on our website at www.standrew.org/reboot



Holy Thursday

What to look for: Expect from Saint Andrew Parish a Flocknote on Thursday morning with a homily reflection and instructions on how to do a prayer service at home that recalls Jesus' Last Supper.

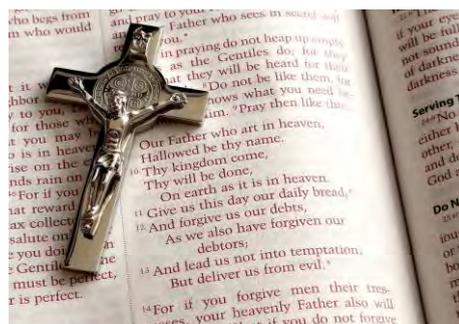
What to do: The prayer service provided in the Flocknote will invite members of your household to wash one another's feet. This often done by parents to children or caregivers for the elderly. But this humble sign instituted by Christ at his Last Supper recalls for us that we must serve one another as Christ served us, not from a place of lording over others with power, but from a place of humility.



Good Friday

What to look for: Expect from Saint Andrew Parish a Flocknote on Friday morning with a homily reflection and a video of the Stations of the Cross that has been narrated by fellow parishioners.

What to do: Watch and meditate on the video of the Stations of the Cross. Take the crucifix that you keep in your house and hold it in your hands for prayer. Take a moment to venerate the crucifix of your house and recall Christ's Passion and Death.



Easter Sunday

What to look for: Expect from Saint Andrew Parish a Flocknote on Saturday with a homily reflection and a prayer service for Easter including a blessing of Easter Baskets and the renewal of the Baptismal Promises.

What to do: Using the materials provided, bless your household's Easter basket and make a renewal of your baptismal promises. Conclude by taking a photo of your household together and submit the photo to be used in our Easter Photo Mosaic at the following web page www.standrew.org/easterphoto The photos will be joined together to create a beautiful photo mosaic not unlike the butterfly mosaic you see here.



Not getting Flocknotes (emails)? Sign up for them today at <https://standrewchicago.flocknote.com/>



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

What is “Maundy” Thursday?

Have you ever heard someone call Holy Thursday Maundy Thursday? The word “maundy” comes from the Latin word “mandatum,” which means “command.” Jesus gave his disciples their final command when he celebrated the Last Supper with them, which we celebrate on Holy Thursday.

Before they ate the Passover meal, Jesus washed his disciples’ feet. This was an incredible act of service, since washing a person’s feet was the responsibility of the lowest servant in the house. Remember, Jesus and his disciples wore sandals, and walked in dusty streets littered with animal droppings and garbage. Feet were filthy! No one wanted this job.

Jesus wanted to wash his disciples feet because he was modeling the kind of behavior he expected of them. After supper, Jesus said to them, “I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.” (John 13:34)

Many people are asking how they can help others during the pandemic. This week, let’s remember that serving each other begins at home. For this reason we encourage families to participate in their own foot washing at home on Holy Thursday, April 9th. You will receive an email later this week with some instructions and prayer resources, as well as an alternative plan for parents with very small children (and their tickly toes).

If you already receive our Sunday Connection and E-bulletin, you will be included in the email list. If you are reading this bulletin online and would like to receive email communications, please sign up here:

<https://standrewchicago.flocknote.com/>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

APRIL

Saturday Vigil 4	Gospel with Palms Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions 4:00pm	Jn 10:31-42 Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54	+Jack Stanton, +Maureen Stailey and +Nellas Chirchirillo
Sunday 5	8:00 am 10:00 am 5:30 pm	+Maureen Stailey +Robert Ledvina and +Julio Ramirez Our departed Parishioners	
Monday 6	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 42:1-7 Jn 12:1-11 Our departed Parishioners	
Tuesday 7	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 49:1-6 Jn 8:21-3 Our departed parishioners	
Wednesday 8	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 50:4-9a Mt 26:14-25 +Daniel Nicholas Kadjan	
Holy Thursday 9	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15	
Good Friday 10	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Is 52:13—53:12 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1—19:42	
Holy Saturday 11	First Reading Second Reading Third Reading Fourth Reading Fifth Reading Sixth Reading Seventh Reading	GEN 1: 1–2:2. GEN 22: 1-18 EX 14: 15–15:1 IS 54: 5-14 IS 55: 1-11 BAR 3:9-15, 32–4:4 EZ 36:16-17A, 18-28 ROM 6:3-11	
Easter Sunday 12	Gospel First Reading Second Reading Gospel	MT 28:1-10 ACTS 10:34A, 37–43 COL 3:1-4 JN 20:1-9	

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org



Scripture Reflection

by Deacon Mark Purdome



“I think Palm Sunday calls for a lot of imagination, especially this year as we celebrate it in an isolated way that most of us would never expect.”

As a young child, Palm Sunday was one of those days when my behavior in church didn't live up to my dad's standards. After all, they gave me something to play with - a palm - on my way in, and the readings were long. My fidgety self turned the palm into rocket ships or swords, at least until it was taken away from me by a father who didn't always appreciate my childhood imagination.

I think Palm Sunday calls for a lot of imagination, especially this year as we celebrate it in an isolated way that most of us would never expect. We need to imagine the scene so that we can understand some of the deep symbolism. And we need to imagine the emotion so that we can feel the shock and loss of the disciples and the followers of Jesus.

We start Palm Sunday with something a little unusual: an extra Gospel. Here we recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as royalty. The palm branches were spread on the ground to soften the way. Fine clothing was laid on the road to give the arriving dignitary true "red carpet" treatment. It is easy to imagine the excitement of the crowd, the feelings of hope for the future.

But the joy and excitement of the procession quickly turns darker as we move into the recitation of the passion. Since we're not hearing the Passion in the middle of a church liturgy this year, perhaps you can take your time reading the story in Matthew (MT 26:14—27:66, <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/040520.cfm>).

First, look for the emotion. In the account of the Passion, there is intrigue, betrayal, and violence; joy, sadness, and suffering; mockery, judgement, and forgiveness. A huge range of emotion in just over 3,500 words. Let those emotions sink in. Imagine the conflict and uncertainty that each one felt.

Next, look for the symbols. From the crown of thorns to the torn veil of the sanctuary, everything in this Gospel has meaning. Fr. Ron Rolheiser recalls how, as a child, he thought the tearing of the veil was a dark symbol of violence, rather than a revelation that, through Jesus and the Paschal Mystery, we can now see into the inner life of God. So take some time with the symbols, and see if they strike your imagination with new insights.

Finally, imagine the hope. While we leave the characters in the story in an uncertain place, we have years of experience with the risen Jesus, so we know the outcome. We don't leave Jesus hanging on the cross, because we've experienced him in our lives. And in unsettled times like these, we need to keep hold of that experience. It will help us imagine a world when we will again be able to celebrate together!



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We would ask you to keep the following people and intentions in your prayers.

For the health and wellbeing of those who have requested our prayers, including Bea Hamilton and Beckett Ryba and for all who are ill in need of medical attention.

For all who are recovering from the effects of COVID-19.

For the repose of the souls of all the departed, especially Jack Stanton, Maureen Stailey, Nella Chirchirillo, Robert Ledvina and Julio Ramirez

If you would like us to keep a particular intention in the prayers of the parish, please submit your request to www.standrew.org/prayers You can also submit a request for the pastoral staff to light a candle in the church using this link. We will include your intentions in this bulletin when possible and the pastoral staff will personally pray for these intentions before the Blessed Sacrament.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Enrich – Expand - Grow

Income	1,651,376
Interest on Income	23,160
Total Income	1,674,536
Consulting Operating Expense	180,000
Archdiocesan Contribution	196,800
Church Lighting (Actual)	250,517
Church Lighting (Consultant)	10,480
Church Windows (Actual)	156,520
School Addition (Actual)	17,030
Total Expense	811,347
Balance	863,189

March, 2020 Offering

Envelopes Collection	10,256
Automated Giving	19,745
Loose Cash	1,911
Total Offertory	31,912
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
Christmas 2019	
Envelopes	24,138
Electronic	2,395
Loose	5,606
Total	32,139



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