



Saint Andrew Parish

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“Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts..” *1 Peter 3:15*

Parish Information - COVID-19

If you need to make contact with the parish staff, please call 773-255-3016 and leave a message.

Parish-wide Closures:

All Saint Andrew Parish 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.

Make the Most of Your Stay-at-Home Join **REBOOT: Update Your Spirituality**

The next session of REBOOT starts on **Monday May 18, 2020** from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. This adult religious exploration program lasts for six weeks and takes place over ZOOM. Sign up at www.standrew.org/reboot

Saint Andrew Parish Happy Hour Zoom Call

Friday, May 29, 2020 at 7:00pm

Join us on Zoom for Friday night cocktail and conversations with Fr. Sergio Romo and friends from Saint Andrew.

Log into Zoom and use the following meeting ID and password to join the call.

Meeting ID: 847 0560 5206
Password: 070290



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Pastoral Letter

by Fr. Sergio Romo, Pastor



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Dear Parish Family,

When we began the stay at home order several weeks ago, it was certainly a disappointment to me. The prohibition on public gatherings interrupted the celebration of Holy Week and Easter which are my most cherished times of ministering as a priest. At that time, I had hoped that the rates of infection would quickly decrease and we would be able to gather in the church for the celebration of Pentecost which is next week. Unfortunately, that hope will not be realized.

This past week, the Archdiocese laid out a plan for reopening and identified within the plan that the most common public gatherings for Catholic worship are still several weeks, if not months away. The plan was hopeful however in that it outlined the steps that we can take now to move us safely and responsibly toward the goal of an eventual reopening.

The first phase of the Archdiocesan plan allows us to open Saint Andrew Parish for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals with less than 10 people in attendance and also the Sacrament of Reconciliation (See the full instructions at <https://www.archchicago.org/coronavirus/reopening>). Not every member of our community will participate in these services and I would ask that most households maintain the expectation that the best way to pray and deepen your relationship with God will be through your own private prayer and devotions such as the weekly email "Your Sunday Connection" that we offer online.

There is a detailed list of expectations, training, and compliance that we must complete before we can enter into this first phase. We hope to begin these preparations in the week ahead which would allow us to hold some gatherings as early as May 23, 2020 but possibly later.

Another part of this first phase are protocols that will allow us to open the church for private prayer. To enter this phase, we will need a team of volunteers and staff to complete training in order to ensure the proper measures are in place. Even if we work swiftly on these measures, Saint Andrew parish could not open for private prayer before May 30, 2020 and very likely not until the subsequent weeks of June or even July.



(Pastoral Letter Continued...)

The question that many are asking is “When will we be able to come back to Mass?” To answer that question, I would offer this point of reference. The second phase of opening, including gatherings of only 10 people or less for public Mass, is still so distant to us that we haven’t even received the worksheet outlining the steps we need to complete in order to open. In addition, as pastor, assuring the health and well being of all clergy, staff, volunteers and parishioners at Saint Andrew, while providing services, will be the overriding principle that will determine exact dates for opening each of the phases.

At this time, what I need most is to identify individuals who would be willing to join a team to help us meet the compliance requirements so that we can open for Baptisms, Funerals, and Weddings. To volunteer for this team, a candidate must be under the age of 65, over the age of 16, and not have any underlying medical conditions. If you would like to volunteer for this team, please let us know by informing us at info@standrew.org or by calling 773-525-3016. I am grateful for those who can step forward to serve at this time.

Please know that you are in my prayers and I ask for your prayers as well, especially for those who have contracted COVID19. The Second Reading this weekend asks us to “give a reason for our hope.” Saint Peter’s words rightfully imply that Christ is our hope. The reason I can see Christ during this time is by the light of Christ that shines through all of you. Let us continue to be that light for and with one another.

In Christ’s Light,

Fr. Sergio Romo

Support the (slow) Reopening of the Church

To complete the requirements needed for reopening the church, we are in need of several volunteers. Volunteers must meet the following criteria and their efforts will make it possible for families in need of important liturgies (funerals, baptisms, weddings, etc) to receive these Sacraments.

- Must be between the ages of 18 and 65
- Not have any underlying health conditions. (ex. diabetes, cancer treatments, etc)
- the ability to participate in online training through webinars
- the ability to attend and participate in liturgical gatherings of less than 10 people intermittently over the next few weeks.

Volunteers will be divided into the following teams: Set-up team, Greeting team, Clean-up team.

To express interest in volunteering, please contact us at info@standrew.org or call 773-525-3016.



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

Catholic Social Teaching

Over the past several months, the Learn At Home section has been introducing our parish to the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching (CST). We'd like to take this opportunity to review! Perhaps you can devote one day a week to each theme, learn how to take action, promote awareness, and enact change.

Life and Dignity of the Human Person - God made each person, so every life is important and should be protected.

Call to Family, Community, and Participation - God made us to be part of communities, families, and countries, so all people can share and help each other.

Rights and Responsibilities - God wants us to help make sure everyone is safe and healthy and can have a good life.

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable - God wants us to help people who are poor, who don't have enough food, a safe place to live, or a community.

Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers - Work is important in God's plan for adults and their families, so jobs and pay should be fair.

Solidarity - God made everyone, so we are all brothers and sisters in God's family wherever we live.

Care for God's Creation - The world was made by God, so we take care of all creation.

To learn more, check out these [prayer resources and informational videos](#) from Catholic Relief Services. Click on the blue text to access a link to the website.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

MAY

Saturday Vigil 16	First Reading Second Reading Gospel 4:00pm	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21 +Marissa Marin,+Dick Kopecky
Sunday 17	8:00 am 10:00 am 5:30 pm	+Marissa Marin +Marissa Marin, +Jean and Edward Daugherty +Marissa Marin
Monday 18	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 16:11-15 Jn 14:27-31 +Ramon Romo
Tuesday 19	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5-11 +Petra Romo
Wednesday 20	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 Jn 16:12-15 Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 21	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 18:1-8 Jn 16:16-20 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 22	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 18:9-18 Jn 16:20-23 Our departed Parishioners
Saturday 23	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions 4:00pm	Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20 +Elaine Lauetta
Sunday 24	8:00am 10:00am 5:30 pm	Our departed Parishioners Our departed Parishioners Our departed Parishioners

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org



Scripture Reflection

by Deacon Eric Sorensen



*"Our Lord Jesus
Christ has not
abandon us.*

*Our Shepherd is
risen and is with us
always, leading us
by the Holy Spirit."*

Yes, we always awake to a new day, but what kind of day? Is it just another Covid-19 day, trying to cope with stay-at-home restrictions? A day facing the loneliness of being isolated, or perhaps too much family? One awash with worries of unemployment, shelter, and food? Or a day to break from current news and to search for some hope to buoy up our spirits?

Jesus was well aware of our need for hope, even before the shepherd was struck and the sheep scattered. At the last supper, the first Advocate, Jesus, promised "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you." He will send another Advocate after he ascends, "to be with you always, the Spirit of truth." In this truth lies our hope, in the promise of the presence and action of the Holy Spirit in each of us.

I was born during an earlier time when the current news was also desperate. It was the Polio epidemic of the late 40's and early 50's. A virus that attacked the nerves of ones muscles, crippling predominately children. A virus of unknown origin, undiscovered transmission, and no known cure, so *social distancing* was practiced. We stayed at home. Yet our hopes were raised with the March of Dimes for a cure. Salk's vaccine was successfully tested in 1954, which brought great relief and joy, leading to happier days in our lives.

When we place our trust in Christ's promise, setting aside our worries for a day, we receive help through the graces of the Holy Spirit. Buoyed up by hope, we are kept from discouragement; sustained during these times of isolation; and are led to the happiness that flows from God's love. Our hope is not in vain, but inspires us to love, just as our Father loves us.

In 1732 Alexander Pope penned, "Hope springs eternal." So, let our hopes raise our spirits above all the news of these times - to spring eternal. One that keeps our focus on God's Kingdom and the promise of eternal life. A hope that encourages us to "always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." (1 Peter 3:15) Our Lord Jesus Christ has not abandon us. Our Shepherd is risen and is with us always, leading us by the Holy Spirit. Now, this is a New Day!



PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

For the health and wellbeing of: Katie Lenord and for all who are recovering from the effects of COVID-19.

For the graduates of schools as they transition and celebrate their accomplishment in the midsts of social distancing.

For the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed including Marissa Marin, Dick Kopecky, Jean and Edward Daugherty, Petra Romo, Ramon Romo

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	1,658,292
Interest on Income	23,867
Total Income	1,682,159
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	870,812

April, 2020 Offering

Envelopes Collection	3875
Automated Giving	16,528
Loose Cash	85
Total Offertory	20,488
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
Easter, 2020	
Envelopes	5,323
Electronic	12,085
Loose	75
Total	17,483

