



Saint Andrew Parish

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“I am the gate for the sheep... whoever enters through me will be saved.” *John 10:9*

Parish Information - COVID-19

Parish-wide Closures:

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

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.

The Archdiocese of Chicago is currently assessing plans to allow access to churches in light of Governor Pritzker’s recent announcement that houses of worship are considered “essential” services. Please visit our website at www.standrew.org in the coming days for more information.

Last Chance to Order Flowers for Mother’s Day

Saint Andrew Parish is selling beautiful hydrangea plants for Mother’s Day (or ANY DAY) to help raise much needed funds!! Saint Andrew staff will (safely) deliver them to your house*. These beautiful flowers are \$40 and all orders must be in by **Monday, May 3, 2020**.



Happy Hour with the St. Andrew! Friday, May 8, 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. (BYOB)
Meeting ID: 852 6757 5105
Password: 974058



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Pastoral Letter

by Deacon Eric Sorensen



*"In the light of Christ
our lives are renewed,
leaving behind
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we've outgrown."*

"April snow showers, bring May flowers." No, this is not the saying, just our reality in Chicago. Anyway we have arrived, it is the month of May, and indeed the flowers have emerged from their winter's sleep in the ground. Trees are greening with new buds of life. And for those who carry their allergy crosses, we know the seeds are falling and pollen is flying through the air.

This is always an exciting time of year for me with the rebirth of life awakening each Spring. The days grow longer, the sun returns with its warmth, and the birds are heard greeting each new day. I arise to light, and so does all of God's creation. Life breaks forth with such freshness, that "my soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord."

With the Lenten journey over, the Easter season arrives to reflect this renewal of life. As we witness the outward blossoming of God's creation, so too we feel the change taking place within us. The out-flowing gift of love received through the Paschal Mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The blessings of our renewed relationship with our loving Father, and our hope in the saving action of the Son of God.

As we celebrate this Easter season, our dwelling in the paschal mystery with Christ brings forth the Pentecost of our renewal through the Holy Spirit. "Fifty day of surrendering in joyful faith and love as the Spirit of God takes possession of our lives! Fifty days of walking ever more deeply into the baptismal mysteries of death and resurrection. Fifty days to awaken our memory of God's presence and power in our lives, to look more closely at all the rich and varied textures of creation." *The Blessed Pentecost*, Nathan Mitchell.

This Easter season we emerge from our confines, yes, with masks and social distancing, to experience the warmth and the beauty of God's goodness this May. We awaken from our Lenten sleep to a love that is persistent and everlasting. With the dawn we are encouraged to change our lives. In the light of Christ our lives are renewed, leaving behind the self we've outgrown. And as the Baptismal rains fall, we are strengthened to bring The Good News to our families, to our parish community and out to the world.

God is Good --- Especially during these Times! Alleluia, Eric.



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 2	First Reading Second Reading Gospel 4:00pm	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 1 Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 3	8:00 am 10:00 am 5:30 pm	Our departed Parishioners +Robert Ledvina Our departed Parishioners
Monday 4	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 11:1-18 Jn 10:11-18 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 5	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 11:19-26 Jn 10:22-30 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 6	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 12:24—13:5a Jn 12:44-50 Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 7	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 13:13-25 Jn 13:16-20 +Aurora Vinzons
Friday 8	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 13:26-33 Jn 14:1-6 Our departed Parishioners
Saturday 9	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions 4:00pm	Acts 6:1-7 1 Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 10	8:00am 10:00am 5:30 pm	+Mauricia Castillo +Ann Danaher, +Charlie Sullivan +Carolina Betti and +Marjorie Ann Nelson Our departed Parishioners

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org



Scripture Reflection

by Deacon Mark Purdome



If we are to be good sheep, we must listen so that in the midst of all of the voices we recognize the one true voice to follow.

There's a notion that communication is additive. We contribute to a conversation, add our voice to a petition, we want to be heard. In these days of online meetings, we've had to learn a new social protocol for adding our voice to the mix. In the end, there are a lot of voices, some demanding, some quiet. Some voices are playful and friendly. Some voices are strident and angry. Some voices challenge us, some comfort us, some make us fearful. But which voice is God's?

There isn't really an easy answer, and it requires true discernment on our part in order to pick out our shepherd's voice among the noise. Fr. Ron Rolheiser explored this discernment in a spiritual reflection, and he pointed out that since God created all things, God's voice is inside many things that we don't label as "religious". Likewise, God's authentic voice isn't found in all of the things that are trumpeted as religious, because unscrupulous people twist God's message for power or wealth.

It isn't made any easier because we hear so many different cadences in the voice of Jesus: The voice of God is recognized in both whispers and soft tones, and in thunder and storm. We hear it in joy, health, and humor, but we also hear it in dying, suffering, and poverty. It can appear in our lives as something foreign, when we hear it in a stranger, or in the voice of the familiar. The voice of God is the one that most challenges and stretches us, even as it is the only voice that ultimately soothes and comforts us.

We recognize the voice of Jesus in what calls us to what's higher, to what sets us apart and invites us to holiness, just as it is also recognized in what calls us to humility, to that which refuses to denigrate our humanity.

In order to recognize the voice of the shepherd, we have to be discerning. We can't rely upon the easy and simple answer, the voice that caters to our lesser selves, nor can we rely on the loudest, the most insistent, or the one that claims to be the most religious. If we are to be good sheep, we must listen so that in the midst of all of the voices, all of the noise, we recognize the one true voice to follow.

There are a couple of keys we can use. We must be attentive. We must be watchful for the possibilities that hearing Jesus might have at any moment. And we know that the true voice we hear will be full of hope and encouragement. Rather than being destructive, belittling, or mean, we know that Jesus fills us with hope and encourages us to be our best selves.

Against the background of so much noise, let's help each other to listen for the voice of the shepherd, and continue to pray for each other as we are apart during this pandemic. Peace!



PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

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

In gratitude and for the safety and wellbeing of the men and women working in healthcare during this urgent time.

For the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed including Maria Martinez, Robert Ledvina, Aurora Vinzons, Mauricia Castillo, Ann Danaher, Charlie Sullivan, Carolina Betti, and Marjorie Ann Nelson.

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

