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PARISH BULLETIN

**1st Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020**

**Saint Andrew
Catholic Community
Week of November 29, 2020**

**Office Hours:
8:30 AM - 12 ... 1 - 5:30PM
Monday - Thursday**

Confessions by appointment only
(Please make arrangements through the parish office)

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DECREE
**Dispensation from the Obligation to Attend Mass Extension
through December 31, 2020**

While I have granted permission to begin the reopening of public Masses, due to the ongoing gravity of the present moment and the restrictions being placed on us during the civil reopening plan, I hereby extend the dispensation for all Catholic faithful of the Diocese of Las Vegas and those Catholics visiting within the geographic boundaries of our Diocese, from the obligation of attending Sunday Masses through December 31, 2020. While we recognize that many are eager to return to Mass in our churches, it remains important for those who are elderly and otherwise at risk to refrain from returning to public Liturgies until it is manifestly safe to do so. For all the faithful, especially those who are sick, at high risk of becoming sick, and their caregivers, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is hereby dispensed.

**To Watch LiveStream
This Sunday at 8AM Sunday Mass
on our Youtube Channel**

[Click Here](#)

Act of Spiritual Communion

We are a Eucharistic people, and as Catholic Christians our Eucharistic celebrations represent “the source and summit” of our life as a community. Sadly, not all of us are able to gather physically for Mass, but we want to stay connected spiritually.

Here is an *Act of Spiritual Communion* for you to pray as we join in “Unity” at St. Andrew's LiveStream Mass at 8 AM on our Youtube Channel:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. As though you were already there, I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you; do not let me ever be separated from you. Amen.

Adapted from St. Alphonsus Maria de' Ligouri

Calendar & Mass Intentions

November 29, 2020 - 1st Sunday of Advent

*8:00 AM Mass: + **Richard Hawley**

10:00 AM Mass: + **Phyllis Castellano**

12:00 PM Mass: **People of the Parish**

Monday, November 30, 2020

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Private Mass: + **Joseph Testa**

Thursday, December 3, 2020

Private Mass: + **Phyllis Castellano**

Friday, December 4, 2020

Saturday, December 5, 2020

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Link to Livestream Sunday Mass on YouTube is also available on our website: standrewbc.org

Calendar & Mass Intentions

December 6, 2020 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

*8:00 AM Mass: + **Maj. Kenneth J. Kwiatkoski**

10:00 AM Mass: People of the Parish

12:00 PM Mass: + **John Benjamin**

Monday, December 7, 2020

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

9 AM Mass - Immaculate Conception: + John Benjamin

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

Private Mass: + **Ginny Wissing**

Thursday, December 10, 2020

Private Mass: + **Phyllis Castellano**

Friday, December 11, 2020

Saturday, December 12, 2020

Pray for

Marlyn Milne (Gutierrez)

Leilani Leclerc

Jerome "Mike" Mykisen

Bernardine Sather (sister of Irene Daly)

John & Jane (sister of Sue Zupanic)

Renate Britton

all those listed on our online PRAYER SITE list (www.standrewbc.org and select the PRAY FOR US tab), all deployed military serving our country, all the people who are ill and whose fears prevent them from seeing a doctor, for peace and an end to violence in our country, and for the repose of the souls of all your friends or loved ones who have recently passed away, especially, **Don Baer, father of Teri Baer.** *No services planned at this time.*

Prayers for those affected by COVID-19

Continue to pray each day for all those with COVID-19 and the doctors, nurses, and workers who provide them care, and those suffering from the economic impact the pandemic. We especially pray for a successful rollout of potential vaccines to fight COVID-19.

Words to those feeling lost or depressed

Walk with the Lord when your heart needs company. Take His hand when you feel all alone. Turn to Him when you need someone to lean on.

He is the only one you can always rely on.

Scripture reflection from Jenifer Tuggle

**We INVITE you to continue to peruse the bulletin --
new information continues to be added,
along with the protocols, procedures, or events that have
been in effect throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.
This repetition of pertinent information allows you to have ready
access to the information each week.**



Christmas Sanctuary Flowers

If you would like to help donate towards Christmas flowers (e.g., poinsettias) for the Christmas Season in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, we will be accepting donations. We will publish your name and intentions in the Christmas bulletin. Your donation or the Christmas Flower Offering Envelope can be mailed to the parish office or the offering can be given through OnLine Giving. If you have any special intentions please be sure to include them with your offering or contact the parish office to provide this information.



Scripture Readings - November 29, 2020

Sunday - 1st Sunday of Advent: Isaiah 63: 16b-17, 19b, 64: 2-7/Psalm 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19/1 Corinthians 1: 3-9/Mark 13: 33-37

Monday: Isaiah 11: 1-10/Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Luke 10: 21-24

Tuesday: Isaiah 25: 6-10a/Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3B-4, 5, 6/Matthew 15: 29-37

Wednesday: Isaiah 25: 6-10a/Psalm 23: 1-3

Thursday: Isaiah 26: 1-6/Psalm 118: 1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Matthew 7: 21, 24-27

Friday: Isaiah 29: 17-24/Psalm 27: 1, 4, 13-14/Matthew 9: 27-31

Saturday: Isaiah 30: 19-21, 23-16/Psalm 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Matthew 9: 35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday - 2nd Sunday of Advent: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11/Psalm 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14/2 Peters 3: 8-14/Mark 1: 1-8

1st Sunday of Advent *Reflection and Prayer*

Reflection:

The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word *Adventus*, which means "coming." In the 4th and 5th century it was a time of preparation for the baptism of new Christians. They spent 40 days in prayer and fasting to prepare for the celebration of the baptism of the new beginners. Today we celebrate advent over the four weeks leading up to Christmas each year, beginning this year on Sunday, November 29th.

The tradition for the first Sunday of Advent includes lighting the candle of **hope**. **This candle of hope symbolizes promises** delivered through the prophets from God, foretelling years in advance the arrival of Christ. During this time of anxious waiting and confusion amid a global pandemic, let us redirect our attention to the Lord's coming, which will help us welcome him with abundant joy at Christmas.

Prayer

"O holy Abba God, we are an expectant people, always rushing to accomplish things, only to experience time slipping through our fingers. We expect things to improve, hoping that somehow we will not always put you, and our relationship with you, on the back burner of our lives. For this reason, we pause for a moment in prayer. Be with us during this season of Advent. Help us to come to an appreciation of "holy waiting."

As once your people long ago waited for their Savior to be born, help us to enter into the spirit of celebrating the growing awareness of your Word in our lives. Let the power of your Word not be buried or forgotten because of the press of our other obligations." Amen.
~ from The Essential Advent and Christmas Handbook

St. Andrew Christmas Novena Prayer Patron Saint of St. Andrew Catholic Community Feast Day, Monday November 30, 2020

While a novena is normally a nine-day prayer, the term is sometimes used for any prayer that is repeated over a series of days. That is the case with one of the most beloved of all Advent devotions, the Saint Andrew Christmas Novena. The Saint Andrew Christmas Novena is often called simply the "Christmas Novena" or the "Christmas Anticipation Prayer," because it is prayed 15 times every day from the Feast of Saint Andrew the Apostle (Monday, November 30 until Christmas. It is an ideal Advent devotion; the First Sunday of Advent is the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saint Andrew.

St. Andrew Christmas Novena

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most-pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior, Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

The opening words of this prayer—"Hail and blessed be the hour and moment"—may seem odd at first. But they reflect the Christian belief that moments in the life of Christ—His conception in the womb of the Blessed Virgin at the Annunciation; His birth in Bethlehem; His death on Calvary; His Resurrection; His Ascension—are not only special but, in an important sense, still present to the faithful today. The repetition of the first sentence of this prayer is designed to place us, mentally and spiritually, there in the stable at His birth, just as an icon of the Nativity or a Nativity scene is meant to do. After having entered-into His presence, in the second sentence we place our petition at the feet of the newborn Child.

Prayed as a family, the Saint Andrew "Christmas Novena" is a very good way to help focus the attention of your children on the Advent season.

See separate emails from Jenifer for a family Advent wreath activity and an associated Advent Wreath Blessing.

**The Little Blue Books for the
Advent and Christmas Seasons
2020-2021**

**BOOK ORDER is HERE
for ALL who ordered these books back in August.**

**Please pick-up or make a payment (if applicable)
at the Parish Office
Monday through Thursday
during office hours.**

**Immaculate Conception
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS
Tuesday, December 8th, 2020
9 AM**

**Mass Reservation Sign-up
will be sent to your email and available
Tuesday, December 1st after 12 Noon.**

Celebrate Mass - Staying Connected

We will again gather at St. Andrew to celebrate Mass together as a community **next Sunday, December 6th at 8 AM, 10 AM, and 12 Noon.** Because we have people capacity limitations, we will **continue to have a pre-registration system for members of our community to sign up online for a Mass.** You will be sent an email with the link again on Monday by noon. Registration will be on a first come, first serve basis. **For those who do not use a computer, you will need to call the parish office each week to be signed up for designated reserved seating.**

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Those attending Sunday Mass must check-in at the Parish Hall before entering church. We encourage you to arrive 30 minutes to be able to "get to the church on time" and still follow this every important COVID-19 safety procedure.
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Giving during Coronavirus Pandemic

During this time since we won't be able to "pass the basket" (*including for our Special Collections*) you may mail your envelopes or donations directly to St. Andrew Catholic Community (1399 San Felipe Dr., Boulder City NV 89005). **Another option is OnLine Giving.** It is convenient, secure, and confidential. It is flexible as you can start, stop and change your contributions at any time. It is also simple with no need to contact your bank or the parish office (*unless you have a question*). You can contribute using direct withdrawal or a credit card. **Go to our website: standrewbc.org and click on Donate. If you are a new user, you will be taken to a screen to enter the offering first before creating your new account.** If you currently support our parish through Online Giving consider an **additional gift or special collection gift offering** to those listed by signing into your account with your username and password. Thank-you to all those who continued to support our parish during this pandemic. We really do appreciate it!

Offertory*
July - September 2020
Actual: \$83,760.00
Budget: \$92, 890.00
Deficit: < \$9,130.00>

Parking Lot*
Total Donations: \$105,483.95
**results available quarterly*

CSA

It is not too late to make a pledge and/or give a donation. Please send your pledge card and donation directly to the diocese using the envelope addressed to The Roman Catholic Bishop of Las Vegas, Catholic Stewardship Appeal, P O Box 26239, Las Vegas NV 89126-0239. Our name St. Andrew #12 is on the pledge card which will credit your contribution to our parish.

Our 2020 goal for St. Andrew is \$51, 673.00. Once we have reached this goal, all **funds raised above and beyond that goal are rebated back** to the parish 100%. **The total amount pledged as of November 8, 2020 is \$60,855.00 and \$57,895.00 received from 108 families.** We appreciate those who just recently sent in their donation as **it is never to late! Thank you so much to our now 108 families for their generosity and support!**

Breaking Open the Word

The next BOTW is on **Wednesday, December 2nd** using Zoom through an email invite on your computer or mobile device. If you signed-up or participated in previous Zoom Meetings, you will be sent on Monday afternoon the link to join this week's session. **If you would like to join Breaking Open the Word and this is your first time,** you will need to **contact the parish office** by email at standrewbc@gmail.com or 702-293-7500 **for the link. We still have space available. Please join us!**

Emergency Aid Collection Food Pantry Outreach *See Updated Pantry Hours*

Emergency Aid (600 Nevada Highway, Boulder City)
accepts non-perishable food donations.
Pantry Doors open at 8:30 AM and close at 11:45 AM:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
Open only on Saturdays following the 3rd Wednesday of the Month.
Food pantry is NOT open on Sunday or Wednesday)

3 4 Pantry
Christian Center Church
571 Adams Blvd, Boulder City, NV 89005
Tuesday evenings -- 6 pm – 7 pm

Sundays -- 12 pm – 1 pm

If you cannot get your donations to a pantry, please contact Jenifer Jefferies at 702-809-6209 text/call, or e-mail: jeniferj@cox.net. If you would like to make a monetary donation to the 3 4 Pantry (*who works with Emergency Aid*), make checks payable to the **Christian Center Church** – put **food pantry** in memo field.

Reaching Out - Going the extra mile

Shirley Reed thank-you for sharing your drawing talents each week to bring joy to the residents at our nursing homes! We are always looking for adults, teens, and children who would like to write cards or make their own cards, pictures, and drawings for the residents at our nursing homes. Even if you are not artistically talented, the residents appreciate all of them very much.

A special thanks to Jenifer Jefferies and the students at Bishop Gorman for the wonderful Thanksgiving cards that they did for the nursing homes. Thanksgiving and Christmas is a great time to make special cards for the nursing homes. If interested, please contact Linda Lysakowski at vlinda@cox.net or 702-580-1448 and she will see that they get distributed to the nursing homes or facilities that are allowing mail to be delivered or sent.

THANKSGIVING VIRTUAL PIE SOCIAL

A special thank-you Linda Lysakowski for setting up and leading this Zoom meeting to continue our Thanksgiving tradition in spite of COVID-19.

Our virtual pie social was very successful. The group gathered by Zoom and Deacon Tim led us in an opening prayer.

We found that the bakers among us were enjoying home-made pie and some of us bought our pies, but all were delicious, with pumpkin being the most popular. We shared how we planned to celebrate this year since it might be different from what we normally do. Several people were having quiet family celebrations, and several were planning Zoom gatherings with family throughout various time zones.

Monica and Matt Dell Orto asked the group what they have been thankful for this year during the pandemic. The answers were very inspiring--from those suffering loss and grief who were thankful for family and friends to those who were thankful for their co-workers. Almost everyone expressed thanks for the

closeness to the family of St Andrews which emerged through the need to communicate more through Zoom and phone calls. And we were all grateful to our wonderful shepherd, Father Ron.

Janice Haley asked the group: Is there some way you have used or plan to use your time and talent over the next year, to help people in need? We had an amazing array of talent being used to help those in need, including writing, calling, and serving the isolated in our community. Several expressed a desire to do more to help the grieving, the homeless, the hungry, the isolated, and those in prison. Much food for thought as we shared how we could help all people get “their share of the pie.”

We reflected on the words of Pope Francis: “For if goodness is not invested, it is lost, and the grandeur of our lives is not measured by how much we save but by the fruit we bear. The reason we have gifts is so that we can be gifts for others. And here, brothers and sisters, we should ask ourselves the question: do I only follow my own needs, or am I able to look to the needs of others, to whoever is in need? Are my hands open, or are they closed?”

Father Ron gave us a beautiful final blessing, reflecting on the fact that although 2020 has been an unprecedented year of turmoil and strife, we have much to be grateful for—especially our God, God’s creation, and the gift of Jesus Christ among us.

**St. Andrew Catholic Community
2021 Calendars
will be blessed and available for pick-up
NEXT Sunday
in the PARISH HALL before MASS**

**You can also pick up a blessed calendar from the Parish Office
during the week beginning NEXT Monday - Thursday.**

Around our Diocese

Bethlehem Wood Carving

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As you all know we always have helped our friends with Bethlehem Wood Carving, and supported their group by having them out here at our parish to sell their authentic hand-carved olive wood religious articles. Now, because of the COVID-19 restrictions, Suzan and

Amjard Jaraysah will not be visiting our parish and other parishes as well. They have launched a website to help the Catholics in the Holy Land. Please visit their website to shop for your loved ones during this holiday season. Your support will help to put food on the table for the Christian children and their families in the Holy Land as they have no other means what so ever for support (e.g., no government).

Bethlehem Wood Carving website:
<https://www.bethlehemwoodcarving.com>

Loving Hearts Adoption Services

Loving Hearts Adoption Services is dedicated to preserving the gift of life for all of God's Children. With compassion, clear communication, and integrity, we support all members of the adoption triad, empowering birth families, adoptive parents, and adoptees through the lifelong journey of adoption.

For more information:
go to: www.LovingHeartsAdoption.org or
Contact: Alexandra Hoops, Director of Adoption
Telephone: 702-385-3351

Bishop Gorman High School Placement Test:

BE A GAEL
HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST
For incoming 9th grade applicants
Saturday, December 5, 2020
Saturday, January 9, 2021

BISHOP GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL
DIOCESE OF LAS VEGAS

APPLY & REGISTER FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST AT:
BISHOPGORMAN.ORG/ADMISSIONS

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