



PARISH BULLETIN

2nd Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2020

**Saint Andrew
Catholic Community
Week of December 6, 2020**

**Office Hours:
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM ... 1 - 5:00 PM
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

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

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

December 13, 2020 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

*8:00 AM Mass: **People of the Parish**

10:00 AM Mass: + **Ann Ricciardi**
12:00 PM Mass: + **John Benjamin**
Monday, December 14, 2020
Tuesday, December 15, 2020
Wednesday, December 16, 2020
Private Mass: + **Joe Norton**
Thursday, December 17, 2020
Private Mass: + **John Benjamin**
Friday, December 18, 2020
Saturday, December 19, 2020

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

Pray for

Marlyn Milne (Gutierrez)
Leilani Leclerc
Jerome "Mike" Mykisen
Bernardine Sather (sister of Irene Daly)
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.

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.**



Sanctuary Flowers

Donor: Barbara Kwiatkoski

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MAJ. KENNETH J. KWIATKOSKI, USAF

*Flower arrangement by: BC Florist
Owners: Kris & Dan Thompson*



Scripture Readings - December 6, 2020

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

Monday: Isaiah 35: 1-10/Psalm 85: 9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Luke 5: 17-26

Tuesday - Immaculate Conception: Genesis 3: 9-15, 20/Psalm 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Ephesians 1: 3-6, 11-12

Wednesday: Isaiah 40: 25-31/Psalm 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Matthew 11: 28-30

Thursday: Isaiah 41: 13-20/Psalm 146: 1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Matthew 11: 11-15

Friday: Isaiah 48: 17-19/Psalm 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Matthew 11: 16-19

Saturday: Zechariah 2: 14-17/Judith 13: 18bcde, 19/Luke 1: 26-38

Sunday - 3rd Sunday of Advent: Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11/Luke 1: 46-48, 49-50, 53-54/1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24/John 1: 6-8, 19-28

2nd Sunday of Advent

Reflection and Prayer

Reflection: Last Sunday we lit the first candle—the candle of hope. Today we light the second candle, the candle of peace. We light it knowing full well that peace is elusive, and in some parts of the world, it is almost completely absent. Yet in this season of Advent, we trust that God is never absent from us. God is always preparing something new. And even where there is war and discord, whether between countries, within families, or within our own hearts, God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities.

"Behold the Lord will come . . . John the Baptist knows that God is preparing something very great, something for which he is to be the instrument; and he himself points in the direction that the Holy Spirit shows him. We know much more now about what it was that God had in mind for humanity. We know Christ and His Church, we have the sacraments. The doctrine of salvation has been perfectly marked out for us . . . We know that the world needs Christ to reign, we know that the happiness and salvation of all mankind depend on Him. We have Christ Himself; the same Christ whom John the Baptist knew and announced. We are witnesses and precursors. We have to bear witness and at the same time we have to show others the way. Our responsibility is great, because to be Christ's witnesses implies first and foremost that we should try to live our lives according to his doctrine, that we should struggle to make our actions remind others of Jesus."

~from In Conversation with God, Daily Meditations, Volume One: Advent and Christmastide

What hinders Jesus' joyous coming into our lives and living His doctrine (both as individuals and as communities of faith) is sinfulness. Yes, Jesus has died to take away our sins, but we must show that we have accepted this gift of forgiveness. Part of forgiveness is our need to admit our "missing the mark" and our firm purpose of amendment. Jesus is always willing to forgive, but that does not give us free reign to remain in our sinful habits. We must repent, ask for forgiveness, and be willing to show our desire to live sinless lives.

One way we show our desire to live sinless lives is to work for peace through a proper relationship with others without discord, hatred, or misunderstanding. Kindness should be the way we treat others. That can only happen when we respect others and treat them in caring ways. Truth requires that we are honest and not phony. It means we do not deceive. Justice is our working for the fair treatment of all people.

Advent is a special opportunity we have, not just to clean and decorate our homes in preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth, but more importantly, a time to clean our inner homes (our hearts/souls) and prepare to welcome Jesus as He comes to us.

Prayer:

"O holy, patient, and loving God, in this season of grace-filled longing, we await the coming of your Son and our Savior. It is difficult for us to remember that this is a holy time. There are many distractions: commitments seem to pile up, and expectations are high. In the midst of our busy world, our busy lives, we need your help to remind us of what is important and necessary. While many of those things that we do not need will come to us in packages gleaming and bright, the one gift that will last comes from you alone, gracious God, as we grow in our awareness of your love. Bless us, our family and friends, and the food and the company that we share. Increase in us a growing urgency to celebrate the birth of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen."

~ from The Essential Advent and Christmas Handbook

**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.**

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

***Mass Reservation Sign-up
has been sent to your email.***

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 15 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

MONTH OF DECEMBER

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The Annual Retirement Fund for Religious

December 13, 2020

The Annual Retirement Fund for Religious was launched by the Catholic Bishops of the United States in 1988 to address the profound shortage in retirement funding among communities of women and men religious. Most senior religious ministered for years on small stipends, leaving their congregations with insufficient retirement savings. Additionally, rising health care costs and decreased income compound the struggle they now face.

This Advent, let us offer a gift to our devoted retired sisters, brothers and priest religious, providing medication, nursing care, and more to the tens of thousands of

elderly religious. This gift also ensures that younger members of these communities can continue the good works of those who served before them.

**The Diocese of Las Vegas Retired Priests
December 20, 2020**

This collection will supplement the Priests Retirement Fund for the Diocese of Las Vegas.



**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.



MASSES for Christmas
Christmas Eve - Thursday,
December 24th
4 PM Mass
7 PM Mass During the Night

Christmas Day - Friday
December 25th
10:30 AM Mass

*Mass Sign-up Registrations will go out
Monday, December 18th by 12 Noon*

Taste of Christmas
In spite of COVID-19

TO KEEP OUR ANNUAL TRADITION ALIVE...
How about sending in your favorite
Christmas "goodies" recipe that you are willing to share?!
We will gather all the recipes and put in in a special EMAIL Recipe Book that will go
out on December 20th just in time for Christmas.

We are looking for recipes for pies, cookies, candy, cakes,
no bake kids treats, "sweet" breads, jams, jellies, and more.

This would be the time to pull out a favorite recipe (if you haven't already done so) that has been passed down from one generation to the next.

Please send your recipe in an email to standrewbc@gmail.com to be copied into the special EMAIL Recipe Book. If you have a picture of the "goodie," we will do our best to include it with the recipe.

If you have more than one favorite recipe, please number them as 1st choice, 2nd choice, etc. If space permits, we will include your additional recipes.

***This may be the start of a St. Andrew Catholic Community Recipe Book that we can add to and use in the future as a fundraiser.
Just a thought!***

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 22, 2020 is \$60,855.00 and \$58,470.00 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 9nd 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.*

St. Andrew Catholic Community 2021 Calendars

will be blessed and distributed THIS Sunday
after MASS as you leave church.

You can also pick up a blessed calendar from the Parish Office
during office hours 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 ([link below](#)) to shop for your loved ones during this holiday season. **From now until Christmas, they will also be selling their handcarved religious items in a Kiosk at the Galleria Mall in Henderson. The kiosk is located downstairs near the elevator.**

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 assistance).

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

Telephone: 702-821-0876 Suzan

**COMING UP in 2021
BOOK STUDY GROUP on ZOOM
Thursday, January 7th from 6 -7 PM,**

See this Christ, after the holidays, Book Study Group on Zoom

Parishioner Linda Lysakowski's second book that she has written with a study guide for those who want to read and discuss with others will be offered in a Book Study Group on Zoom after the holidays. She will again be leading the eight week virtual study group based on her second book, ***See This Christ.***

This Book Study Group starts on Thursday evening, January 7th from 6 - 7 PM, running for eight weeks.

You can get the book and study guide here:

See This Christ: Buy it on Amazon here: <https://amzn.to/3hrTUVo>

See This Christ Study Guide: Buy it on Amazon here: <https://amzn.to/2OMRDHV>

She also has a few copies of the book and study guide here for anyone that does not use Amazon.

**To sign-up for this Study Group and receive the ZOOM link,
contact Linda at Linda@LindaLysakowski.com**

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](https://www.bishopgorman.org/admissions)**

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