



# PARISH BULLETIN

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

**December 13, 2020**

**Saint Andrew  
Catholic Community  
Week of December 13, 2020**

**Office Hours:**

**8:00 AM - 12 ... 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**

**from Bishop George Leo Thomas**

"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 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](http://standrewbc.org)

**December 20, 2020 - 4th Sunday of Advent**

\*8:00 AM Mass: + **Ginny Wissing**

10:00 AM Mass: + **John Benjamin**

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

Monday, December 21, 2020

Tuesday, December 22 2020

Wednesday, December 23, 2020

Private Mass: + **Tony Wirtz**

**Christmas Eve, December 24, 2020**

4:00 PM Mass: + **Carol Bower**

7:00 PM Mass: **People of the Parish**

**Christmas Day, December 25, 2020**

10:00 AM Mass: + **Jerry Biggs**

Saturday, December 26, 2020

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Link to Livestream Sunday Mass on YouTube is also available on our website: [standrewbc.org](http://standrewbc.org)

## **Pray for**

Jerome "Mike" Mykisen

Bernardine Sather (sister of Irene Daly)

Renate Britton

David Weir

all those listed on our online PRAYER SITE list ([www.standrewbc.org](http://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, **The 5 bicyclists who were killed on Highway 95 near Searchlight on Thursday, for the family and friends they leave behind, and for greater safety measures for our bicyclists**, and for the repose of the souls of all your friends or loved ones who have recently passed away, especially **Ben DelVillar (92)** and **Jim Nagy (96), former parishioner.**

**Funeral Services for DelVillar Thursday, January 7, 2021:**

**9 AM Rosary and Viewing**

**10:30 AM Funeral Mass at St. Andrew**

**12 PM Burial at the VA Cemetery**

## **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.**

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## **Sanctuary Flowers**

*Donor: Tracy Sabol*

### **In Memory of**

**Jerry L. Biggs, Mary's husband**

**March 16, 1945 — November 18, 2020**

*Flower arrangement by: BC Florist*

*Owners: Kris & Dan Thompson*

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## **Scripture Readings - December 13, 2020**

**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

**Monday:** Numbers 24: 2-7, 15-17a/Psalm 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Matthew 21: 23-27

**Tuesday:** Zephaniah 3: 1-2, 9-13/Psalm 34: 2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19-12/Matthew 21: 28-32

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 45: 6c-8, 21c-25/Psalm 85: 9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Luke 7: 18b-23

**Thursday:** Genesis 49: 2, 8-10/Psalm 72: 1-2, 3, 4ab, 7-8, 17/Matthew 1: 1-17

**Friday:** Jeremiah 23: 5-8/Psalm 72: 1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Matthew 1: 18-25

**Saturday:** Judges 13: 2-7, 24-25a/Psalm 71: 3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Luke 1: 5-25

**Sunday - 4th Sunday of Advent:** 2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Psalm 89: 2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/Romans 16: 25-27/Luke 1: 26-38

### 3rd Sunday of Advent

#### *Reflection and Prayer*

**Reflection:** We have lit the first two candles, one for hope and one for peace. Today we light the third candle, the candle of joy. This should be the easy one, because joy is all around us—in the gathering together and staying connected through available technology tools for coping during this COVID-19 pandemic. But how often do we let our preparations—or our memories—push joy to the side? Joy is like an underground spring that wells up within us, but joy is also a choice, an attitude. Like a muscle, it needs to be exercised. So today, we open ourselves to joy, trusting that God has already planted it in us and reminding us of the Joy of the fulfillment of the promise of God to send a savior by the birth of Jesus. This Sunday is known as Gaudete Sunday from the Latin word meaning "to rejoice."

#### **Prayer:**

#### **A Personal Prayer for Joy:**

Psalm 51:12 says, "Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.."

Lord, would you restore the joy of our salvation? Help us to be willing to follow you with all we have. As we read the Scriptures that remind us who you are and the ways you love us, ignite in us a sense of joy that overflows out of our hearts! Let this holy joy be contagious and spill over onto the lives of those around us. May your peace that surpasses all understanding be upon us...especially as we're wrapping up a year that has felt very scary and uncertain. Encourage our hearts with the knowledge that with you we can live in your perfect peace, no matter our circumstances. We thank you for the joy and peace you give! Amen.

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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.**

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## **Celebrate Mass - Staying Connected**

We will again gather at St. Andrew to celebrate Mass together as a community next **Sunday, December 20th at 8 AM, 10 AM, and 12 Noon**. Because we are 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](http://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**

**THIS SUNDAY**

**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**

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**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**

*This 7PM Christmas Eve Mass will be LIVESTREAMED  
and available to watch at another time at your convenience.*

**Christmas Day - Friday**

**December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**10 AM Mass\***

*\*changed to coincide with Sunday Mass time*

*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 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](mailto:standrewbc@gmail.com), bring a copy of the recipe to the office, or send it in the mail to us. It will 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!*

## A Special Thank-You

A special thank-you to Elf, Maria Boyle who spent a day this week decorating our parish office reception area. Stop by and enjoy!

*Thank-you, Maria, for sharing your gifts and talents with us!*

## 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 December 6, 2020 is \$62,055.00 and \$59,685.00 received from 109 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 16th 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](mailto:standrewbc@gmail.com) or 702-293-7500 for the link. **We still have space available. Please join us!**

## **Emergency Aid Collection**

### **Our Monthly Collection**

*Please do not bring to the Parish Hall*

*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](mailto: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. **Christmas will be soon here and it is a great time to make special cards for the nursing homes.** If interested, please contact Linda Lysakowski at [cylinda@cox.net](mailto:cylinda@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**

**You can 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**

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**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 [cvlinda@cox.net](mailto:cvlinda@cox.net)**

## **AROUND THE DIOCESE OF LAS VEGAS**

### **HOLY LAND UPDATE: REALITY - TRUTH – NEEDS**

THIS EXCITING AND INFORMATIVE PRESENTATION ON THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE STATE OF THE HOLY LAND WILL BE INTRODUCED AND DISCUSSED BY TWO HOLY LAND EXPERTS WHOSE PERSPECTIVE OF THE HOLY LAND IS UNMATCHED:

PROFESSOR SIR NICHOLAS WITTNER, KGCHS, OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, AND DAME DENISE SCALZO, DGCHS, WHO HAS MADE NEARLY 100 TRIPS TO THE HOLY LAND. THEY WILL BE SHARING THEIR EXPERIENCES, INSIGHTS AND VAST KNOWLEDGE OF THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE STATE OF THE HOLY LAND IN A PRESENTATION ABOUT WHAT IS “REAL” IN OUR LORD’S HOMELAND. IT PROMISES TO BE INFORMATIVE, FACT-FILLED, INTERACTIVE, AND DYNAMIC, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL THERE.

THEIR PRESENTATION WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A Q & A SESSION, MODERATED BY OUR OWN **FR. BILL KENNY, PASTOR OF HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC COMMUNITY. DATE: SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2021 TIME: 11AM – 3PM, FOLLOWED BY MASS. PLACE: ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1807 PUEBLO VISTA DRIVE, SUMMERLIN, NV.**

**RESERVATIONS:** IN ADVANCE AND REQUIRED, **BY EMAIL TO: [bdeb65276@gmail.com](mailto:bdeb65276@gmail.com)** SEATING IS LIMITED, SO HURRY!

**ALL WELCOME: MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS OF THE EOHSJ ARE INVITED. COST: NO CHARGE, AND LUNCH IS INCLUDED. DONATIONS APPRECIATED.** SPONSORED BY: THE LAS VEGAS COUNCIL OF THE EQUESTRIAN ORDER OF THE HOLY SEPULCHUR JERUSALEM, WESTERN LIEUTENANCY.

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