



PARISH BULLETIN

4th Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

**Saint Andrew
Catholic Community
Week of December 20, 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

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 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

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

December 27, 2020 - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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

10:00 AM Mass: + **Sally Rua**

12:00 PM Mass: + **Rosalia Luevano**

Monday, December 28, 2020

Tuesday, December 29 2020

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

Private Mass: + **John Benjamin**

Thursday, December 31, 2020

Private Mass: + **Nello Garletti**

Friday, January 1, 2021

9:00 AM Mass: + **Jerry Biggs**

Saturday, January 2, 2021

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

Pray for

Bernardine Sather (sister of Irene Daly)

Renate Britton

David Weir

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, the 5 bicyclists who were killed on Highway 95 near Searchlight recently 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 **Carol McKeever** (*mother of Tim McKeever*) and **Pam Saindon** (*wife of Paul Saindon*), **formerly of our parish before moving to California.**

UPCOMING FUNERAL at St. Andrew

Benjamin del Villar Thursday, January 7, 2021:

9 AM Rosary and Viewing

10:30 AM Funeral Mass

12 PM Burial at the VA Cemetery

Registration is not required to attend the Rosary or Mass, but all COVID-related procedures must be followed: e.g. having your temperature taken upon arrival, wearing a mask at all times, etc.

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: Tracy Sabol

Wishing our St. Andrew Community

a Very Merry Christmas!

Flower arrangement by: BC Florist

Owners: Kris & Dan Thompson



Scripture Readings - December 20, 2020

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

Monday: Song of Songs 2: 8-14/Psalm 33: 2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Luke 1: 39-45

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 1: 24-28/1 Samuel 2: 1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Luke 1: 46-56

Wednesday: Malachi 3: 1-4, 23-24/psalm 25: 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Luke 1: 57-66

Thursday: 2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Psalm 89: 2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Luke 1: 67-79

Christmas Eve VIGIL: Isaiah 62: 1-5/Psalm 89: 4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25/Matthew 1: 1-25

Christmas Eve NIGHT: Isaiah 9: 1-6/Psalm 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Titus 2: 11-14/Luke 2: 1-14

Friday—Christmas Day: Isaiah 52: 7-10/Psalm 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Hebrews 1: 1-6/John 1: 1-18

Saturday: Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-49/Psalm 31: 3cd-4, 6 and 8 ab, 16bc and 17/Matthew 10: 17-22

Sunday: Genesis 15: 1-6, 21: 1-3/Psalm 105: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19

4th Sunday of Advent

LOVE

Reflection and Prayer

Love is the greatest of all the virtues on the Advent wreath and encompasses Jesus' entire purpose for being on earth ([1 Corinthians 13:13](#)). Mary has a natural motherly love for Jesus, and ultimately, we see God's love for everyone by sending his son for us ([John 3:16](#)). Jesus focused on preaching love throughout his ministry. Two of his greatest commands involve love: Love God, love your neighbor ([Matthew 22:36-40](#)).

Reflection:

"The spirit of Advent largely consists in living close to Our Lady during this time when she is carrying Jesus in her womb. We can think of the whole of our life as a somewhat longer Advent, a time of waiting for that definitive moment when we will at last find ourselves with God forever. The Christian knows that he has to live this advent beside Our Lady every day of his life if he wants to be certain of attaining the only thing in the whole of his existence that is really important—finding Christ in his life, and afterwards being with him in eternity. There is no better way of preparing for Christmas, which is now so close, than by keeping Mary company, getting to know her and deepening our love and trust in her. Mary imparts a great joy to our souls, because when we turn to her she leads us to Christ. " ~from In Conversation with God, Daily Meditations, Volume One: Advent and Christmastide

Prayer:

"O Creator God, our world is pregnant with the anticipation of the birth of your Son. We are bursting in our preparedness, for the feast of Christmas will soon be here. Everything seems to be in order: the plans are agreed to, the tree is decorated, most of the gifts are wrapped, and we think we are ready. However, Lord, as we pause to offer this prayer, we realize that some things have been rushed, and, in the process, some important things have been forgotten. In this brief moment of quiet, help us to be at least thankful. Help us to appreciate the Word that comes to dwell with us. Help us to hope in the promise of His way, truth, and life. Help us to join with the angels who sing your praise. Grant us the lasting peace of this great season of joy. We pray in the name of our long-expected Lord. Amen." ~ from The Essential Advent and Christmas Handbook

Celebrate Mass - Staying Connected

We will again gather at St. Andrew to celebrate Mass together as a community for the **Christmas Masses, Thursday, December 24th at 4PM and 7 PM and Christmas Day Mass at 10 AM**, and next **Sunday, December 27th 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 for the Sunday Masses. *(You should have already received the link for the Christmas Masses)*. 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.



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.**



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 COLLECTION

The Diocese of Las Vegas Retired Priests

THIS SUNDAY

December 20, 2020

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

[Click Video Link](#)

Click on this video link for a presentation prepared for this year's **Diocese of Las Vegas Retired Priests Special Collection** which is **scheduled for this Sunday**. It contains reflections from some of our Diocese of Las Vegas retired priests, as well as words from our Bishop.



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 25th

***10:00 AM Mass**

***This is a change in the time to coincide with our Sunday 10 AM Mass Time.**

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

Taste of Christmas

In spite of COVID-19

Thank-you to those who sent in your recipes

TO KEEP OUR ANNUAL TRADITION ALIVE!..

Look for this recipe book with Christmas "goodies" in A SEPARATE EMAIL. Have FUN trying out the recipes!

We would love to see

pictures of

your

"new" creation

before the "goodies"

are all gone!

A Special Thank-You

A special thank-you to Elf, Maria Boyle who decorated our parish office reception area for Christmas. 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 too 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 23rd 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

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. 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

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.

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 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.*

The Prayer Shawl Ministry distributed for the holidays a total of 150 prayer pieces (quilts, shawls, hats, and scarfs) with 5 pieces held for last minute calls. These were provided to make Christmas or their holiday a little brighter to those in isolation and families in need

at:

Boulder City Long Term Care

Mountain View Care Center,

and Emergency Aid.

Thank-you Salome Jarvis, Jennifer Tuggle and Lori McHugh

for your help with the distribution. A special thanks to Barbara Kwiatkoski and Lynn Bishop who supplied over 20 beautiful

lap quilts and large quilts each.

They have been busy!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry also helped the Boulder City Lions Club

with their holiday distribution to homeless teens and other teens in need by providing 7 blankets and 25 hats and scarves. In addition, 65 hats went to a Las Vegas group of homeless and needy teens.

If you need more information about this ministry or you know of someone who is in need of a Prayer Shawl, please contact Peggy Caspar at 702-689-7055

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St. Andrew Catholic Community

2021 Calendars

You can pick up a blessed calendar from the Parish Office during office hours Monday - Thursday.

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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 cvlinda@cox.net

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** 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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