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St. Andrew's Parish is a unique - diverse community of people who live and share life through trusting, loving and serving.

Our community is already gifted and enriched by many cultures and voices on a Mission to listen to the needs of others with an attitude of openness and acceptance for a deeper understanding and cooperation.

In our journey of life and faith, we work and strive to build a more peaceful and better society for a greater future. We like to share our talents by developing and maintaining a parish community that is active, vibrant and spiritually strong.

We look forward to preserving our faith traditions, reaching out to others as the living Body of Christ in this changing world.

Pastoral Team and Staff

Pastor:	Rev. Berchmans Francis
Deacon:	Rev. Mr. Andre Nicol
Deacon:	Rev. Mr. Joey Terhljan
Minister of Service:	Kathie Terhljan
Secretary:	Isabella Hotrum
Custodian:	Kerry Baraniuk

Office Hours

Tuesday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Closed for Lunch from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Daily & Weekly Mass Schedule
See Mass Intentions inside Bulletin

Parish Registration

New Parishioner Welcome Packages are available on the Forms Rack at the back of the church.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parish Registration and Baptism Formation are required. Please contact the office.

Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sundays from September to June during the 10 a.m. Mass. All children and parents are welcome.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Individual Confessions will be heard one-half hour before each mass.

Hospital/Home Visits

Please contact the Parish Office. In an emergency, if Father cannot be reached, please contact the TBRHSC at 807 684-600 and ask for the Priest on Call.

R.C.I.A.

Please contact the office for more information about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

Sacrament of Marriage

Parish Registration and a Marriage Preparation Course are required. Contact the office at least 12 months in advance.



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Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak.



The gospel tells us how Christ opened the minds of the disciples to the understanding of the scriptures. He explained why he had to suffer and rise from the dead on the third day. Moreover, they were to be his witnesses, preaching penance for the remission of sins, to all nations. Today our prayer is an invitation to Jesus to come into our lives so that our minds and hearts may be opened to let in God’s word. It is our turn to be witnesses to the gospel and to show forth the resurrection in our lives. The first disciples could not keep the Good News to themselves, but hurried to share their great joy with anyone who has ears to listen. Likewise our relationship with Jesus requires us to communicate the good news by our attitudes, values and lifestyle.

The Christian message is never fully ours until we have shared it with our family, close friends and the different people we meet in life. If we are to be witnesses to Christ’s gospel we must stop living in a half-hearted manner and show forth the resurrection in our lives. Drawing close to Christ implies Christian behaviour and being of one mind and heart with him.

THIS WEEK – April 15th to April 21st, 2024

FEAST DAYS: **Apr 17:** St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin, Protectress of Canada; **Apr 18:** Blessed Marie-Anne Blondin, Virgin; **Apr 21:** Fourth Sunday of Easter.

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE:

Date		Location	Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
Tues.	Apr 16	Our Lady’s Chapel	12:10 pm	Spec. Int. Abigail Hay	Hannah & Andrew Hay
Wed.	Apr 17	Our Lady’s Chapel	12:10 pm	Betty Gollat	Kathie & Joey Terhlan
Thurs.	Apr 18	Our Lady’s Chapel	12:10 pm	Spec. Int. Andrew Hay	Hannah Hay
		St. Joseph’s Chapel	4:15 pm	Rita Nevins	The Nevins Estate
Fri.	Apr 19	Our Lady’s Chapel	12:10 pm	Spec. Int. Mary Crook	Barbara & Allen Jaatinen
Sat.	Apr 20	Main Church	5:00 pm	Deceased Hornblower Family	Russell Hornblower
Sun.	Apr 21	Main Church	10:00 am	Philip Morin	Barbara & Allen Jaatinen

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS - Create a *Holy Moment* for someone by requesting a mass intention for them. Mass intentions are an excellent way to show you care and can be offered for a deceased individual, someone who is ill or celebrating a birthday or anniversary, as a way of saying “thank you” or to let someone know that you are thinking of them. Requested masses will be offered in our parish community. The suggested offering is currently \$10.00 as set by the diocese. Arrangements can be made by visiting the parish office or by calling (807) 345-5202.



SUNDAY, APRIL 21st, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings: Acts 4: 7-12; 1 John 3: 1-2; John 10: 11-18.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God’s call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way. Priestly, diaconal and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God’s people.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our Priests: **Apr 15:** Fr. Terry Sawchuk; **Apr 16:** Fr. Ireneusz Stadler; **Apr 17:** Msgr. Pasquale Stilla; **Apr 18:** Fr. Innocent Umezika; **Apr 19:** Fr. Allen Abidines; **Apr 20:** Fr. Joseph Arockiam; **Apr 21:** Fr. Henryk Augustynowicz.

The Sick of our Parish: Joseph Behta, Maria Bilyk, Catherine Carr, Mary Carr, Joseph Fink, Wayne Harman, Ann Kossar, Joan Krisko, Bridget Lefave, Stephanie Lenton, Mary Lou Lopez, Clementine Petchenuk, George Petralia, Carmela Scali, Anne Scott, Robert Sliskovich, Liberto Soares, Mimi Zugic.

Parishioners at Home: Nora Zsakai, Paul Morrison and our parishioners at Roseview Manor: Rae Scarnati; at St. Joseph’s Care Group: Richard Harkof, Andelina Wood; at Chartwell (Arundel): Maura Robinson.

Faithful Departed: in particular for those whose first anniversary of death occurs about this time.

Pope’s Prayer Intention for April: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

“HOLY MOMENTS” WEEKLY CHALLENGE



FORGIVE SOMEONE WHO HAS WRONGED YOU – Listening to the words of Jesus opens the path to repentance and forgiveness of our sins and opens the door to reconciliation with one another. Is there someone in your life that you need to forgive? This week, create a Holy Moment for yourself and the person you need to forgive by asking the risen Jesus to help you to open your heart to forgiveness and reconciliation.


As you accept this week’s challenge, remember Matthew Kelly’s advice...“*Open yourself to God. Make yourself totally available to Him. Set aside personal preferences and self-interest, and do what you prayerfully believe God is calling you to do.*”

“If we really want to love we must learn how to forgive.”

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	PARISH COLLECTIONS			
	COLLECTION ENVELOPES	ELECTRONIC OFFERINGS	LOOSE COLLECTIONS	SPECIAL PROJECTS/ BUILDINGFUND
APRIL 7th 2024	\$1,695.00	\$333.00	\$205.80	\$260.00

FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2024		
	FEBRUARY 2024	YEAR TO DATE
Operating Income	\$13,190.39	\$22,193.19
Operating Expense	\$14,608.18	\$27,711.94
Net Gain/Loss	-\$1,417.79	-\$5,518.75

Our figures for February are looking a bit better due to the GST/HST rebate of \$3,832.24 that we received this month. As a charitable organization we are entitled to apply for a rebate on the GST/HST that we pay for products and services over a 6 month period. The parish applies for rebates in January and July of each year.



THANK YOU to all who signed up for the March “**MAKE IT MONTHLY**” Promotion through our **CanadaHelps** portal. Your automated monthly contributions will not only ensure a steady stream of income for the parish, but your participation in this particular promotion will result in additional dollars being donated to our parish by CanadaHelps at a time when our parish finances can definitely use a boost.

PARISH EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Join us for our **SPRING BRUNCH** in Saunders Hall **this Sunday, April 14th from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** The cost is \$20.00 and children under 5 eat for free. The meal will include: Finn Pancakes, Quiche, Sausage, Ham, Country

Home Fries and Dessert. Proceeds from these Special Events fundraisers help to supplement the parish’s income. Please invite your family and friends to come out and enjoy a delicious meal while at the same time supporting our parish.

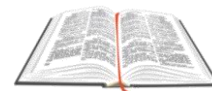
Knights of Columbus Leo Council #1130 invites all men of the parish to the next **COR PROGRAM** Session to be held on **Saturday, April 20th at 9 a.m. at the Columbus Centre, 301 May St. S.** The word “*cor*” is Latin for heart and the root of the word courage. Prayer, Formation and Fraternity all begin with the heart in relationship to God and each other. These three elements build and strengthen each other and help to provide consistency. Come and join us in exploring our faith so that we might enter into a deeper relationship with Christ.

PASTOR’S ABSENCE – Fr. Berchmans will be away from the parish from **April 1st to May 10th**. During his absence Fr. Marco Ladao will be celebrating Masses in the parish. We welcome Fr. Marco and wish Fr. Berchmans safe travels.



IN THE DIOCESE

The second evening of Msgr. Stilla’s **BIBLE STUDY SESSION** will be held at the Pastoral Centre this **Thursday, April 18th from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.** The theme is “*The Bible: Well Used to Teach, but Misused to Divide.*” All are welcome.



The **RIGHT TO LIFE ASSOCIATION OF THUNDER BAY AND AREA** will hold their **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** on **Tuesday, April 23rd at 7 p.m. at Summit Church, 515 N. Syndicate Avenue.** Keynote speakers will be Dr. Jaro Kotalik and David Shannon editors of the book *Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) in Canada.* *Please confirm your attendance on their website at www.thunderbay.life by Thursday, April 18th.*



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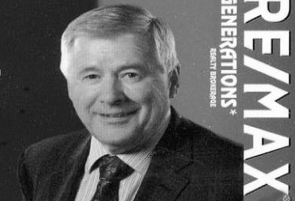
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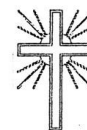


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Meetings 2nd Tuesdays: Officers
4th Tuesdays: General
7:00 p.m. St Andrews R.C. Church

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