



# ST. ANDREW ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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

<b>Pastor:</b>	<b>Rev. Berchmans Francis</b>
<b>Deacon:</b>	<b>Rev. Mr. Andre Nicol</b>
<b>Deacon:</b>	<b>Rev. Mr. Joey Terhljan</b>
<b>Minister of Service:</b>	<b>Kathie Terhljan</b>
<b>Secretary/Bookkeeper</b>	<b>Angela Grimolizzi</b>
<b>Custodian:</b>	<b>Kerry Baraniuk</b>

### Office Hours

Tuesday to Thursday - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 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 807 684-6000 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.



### Baby Change Tables

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*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.*

If Christmas is going to be a deeply religious experience and not just a pagan festival of merriment, the holy season of Advent must be taken seriously and not robbed of its meaning. The days leading up to the celebration of Christ’s birth are meant to be a time of hope and renewal. The Lord is close at hand, but his presence cannot be felt in our lives unless we open our hearts fully and make room for him through prayer and repentance.

John the Baptist gives us some down to earth advice on how to smooth a pathway for Christ to come into our lives. Among the valleys to be filled in, are, no doubt, the many gaping sins of omission, our neglect of family and neighbours, those wasted opportunities in life for helping others and for soul-making. The mountains of our pride can only be levelled out by the daily practice of the virtue of humility. If we are to make a clear pathway for God to come into our hearts we have to turn away from sin, resolve to conduct ourselves better and humbly ask Jesus to give us his light instead. There are pockets of silence every day; moments when we are alone and can turn to God in silent prayer. Time spent in prayer helps us to acknowledge our failings and gives us great courage in grappling with the shadowy side of life. Through prayer we come to know God and enjoy the blessings that he wants to pour out upon us. This Advent let us ask the Spirit to lead us by prayer and repentance through that doorway. Then on his arrival we will be found without stain of sin and at peace.

**THIS WEEK – December 9<sup>th</sup> to December 15<sup>th</sup>**

**PARISH MASS SCHEDULE:**

Date		Location	Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
Tues.	Dec 10	Our Lady’s Chapel	12:10 pm	The Kashak Sons & Families	Monica
Wed.	Dec 11	Our Lady’s Chapel	12:10 pm	Dorothy Nesbitt	Kathie & Joey Terhijan
Thurs.	Dec 12	Our Lady’s Chapel	12:10 pm	Special Intention of Mark Simpson	Kathie & Joey Terhijan
		St. Joseph’s Chapel	4:15 pm	Rita Nevins	The Nevins Estate
Fri.	Dec 13	Our Lady’s Chapel	12:10 pm	Special Intention of Dave Turmaine	Mark Simpson
Sat.	Dec 14	Main Church	5:00 pm	Special Intention of Mimi Zugic	Mark Simpson
Sun.	Dec 15	Main Church	10:00 am	Nicola Pilat	The Family

**FEAST DAYS:**

- Dec 9 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Dec 10 Our Lady of Loreto
- Dec 11 St. Damasus I
- Dec 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Dec 13 St. Lucy
- Dec 14 St. John of the Cross
- Dec 15 Third Sunday of Advent



*Readings:  
Zephaniah 3.14-18a  
Philippians 4.4-7  
Luke 3.10-18*

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**

– The Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council, founded by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, established this day of prayer held on **December 12<sup>th</sup>**, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. On this day we are invited to join our Indigenous sisters and brothers in a special way through prayer and acts of solidarity.



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Our Priests:** Please pick up a “Pray for Priests” Calendar for December at the entrance to the church.

**The Sick of our Parish:** Joseph Bechta, 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:** Gerry Gagnon, Emmi Janko, Paul Morrison, Walter Respondek, Nora Zsakai and in **Care Homes:** Christine Cerutti, Richard Harkof, Suzanne Michaud, Betty Ann Mutrey, John Peloza, Susan Respondek, Maura Robinson, Ed Sepanary, Rae Scarnati, Vi Trevisanutto, Andelina Wood.

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

**Pope’s Prayer Intention for December:** Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthens us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.


## “HOLY MOMENTS” WEEKLY CHALLENGE




**SEEK PEACE** – In this week’s Gospel, John the Baptist reminds us that prayer and repentance are ways to prepare for the Lord’s coming. The Sacrament of Reconciliation brings us closer to God and helps us to find peace in our hearts.

This week, let us prayerfully reflect on our failures and missteps and make a conscious effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation by attending a communal Penitential Service or by seeking out this sacrament through individual Confession.

**ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE**  
with **General Absolution** will be held on  
**Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**  
at **7:00 p.m.**



## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	PARISH COLLECTIONS			
	COLLECTION ENVELOPES	ELECTRONIC OFFERINGS	LOOSE COLLECTIONS	BUILDING FUND
<b>DECEMBER 1, 2024</b>	<b>\$2,020.00</b>	<b>\$333.00</b>	<b>\$203.70</b>	<b>\$5,540.00</b>

FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2024		
	NOVEMBER 2024	YEAR TO DATE
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>\$9,633.90</b>	<b>\$123,534.79</b>
<b>Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$21,851.13</b>	<b>167,008.54</b>
<b>Net Gain/Loss</b>	<b>-\$12,217.23</b>	<b>-\$43,473.75</b>

During the month of November we had additional expenses as follows:  
 \$5,882.50 – Insurance - 3<sup>rd</sup> Installment  
 \$9,994.85 – Final Payment for concrete pad replacement at the front of the church.  
 Fuel costs are also up due to the colder weather.

## PARISH EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



**BRUNCH WITH ST. NICK** is this **Sunday, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** The cost is \$20.00 per person and children under 10 years of age eat for free. Brunch includes Finn pancakes, sausage, bacon, quiche, home fries, hot dogs, dessert, as well as activities for the children and a special visit from St. Nick. **Funds raised will go towards the church’s Boiler Replacement Project.**



**St. Andrew’s CWL** will hold their **CHRISTMAS POTLUCK** in Baxter Hall on **Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** following the 12:10 p.m. Mass. All women of the parish are welcome to bring their favourite dish to share while enjoying an afternoon of faith, fun and fellowship. **To confirm your attendance, please contact Diane at (807) 767-2394 by Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.**



**Knights of Columbus Leo Council #1130** invites ALL men of the parish to the next **COR PROGRAM** session to be held on **Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** at **Holy Family Church**. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. with the session to follow at 9:00 a.m. Come and explore your faith and enter into a deeper relationship with Christ.

**ADVENT OUTREACH PROJECT** – During the Season of Advent, we are invited to be a light, giving hope to those who are in need. This year, St. Andrew’s CWL invites you to participate in our **Purse Project** in support of women in our community. To participate: pick up a list of needed items at the main entrance to the church. While you are out Christmas shopping, consider purchasing a few items from the list and drop them off in the collection boxes located at the main entrance to the church by **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**. On **Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** join us in Baxter Hall after the 12:10 p.m. Mass where items will be sorted for delivery to Faye Peterson Women’s Shelter and Beendigen Anishinabe Women’s Crisis Home.



**BISHOP’S CAMPAIGN**

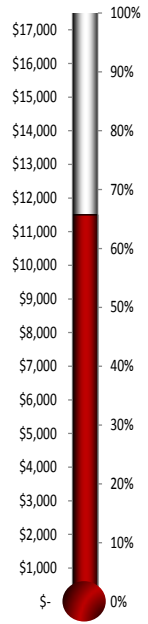
**Parish Goal**  
**\$17,500**

**Funds Raised To Date**  
**\$11,496.25**

Thank you to all who have contributed thus far.

**Funds Still Owing**  
**\$6,003.75**

If you have not yet contributed please consider doing so.



**The deadline for donations is December 22, 2024.**

**If we do not meet our commitment, the shortfall will have to be covered by Parish Funds.**



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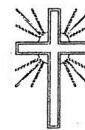


Knights of Columbus  
Leo Council #1130

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

For Membership information, Contact  
Mark Simpson 344-9737

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