



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

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

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.



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Rejoice and leap for joy; for surely your reward is great in heaven.

The Beatitudes are such a familiar part of the gospel that when we hear them read during the liturgy we can easily miss their meaning. The message they contain may take a lifetime to learn, but unless we take it to heart there will be no entry into the kingdom of heaven. They explain how to spend this life in order to attain everlasting happiness in heaven. Following Christ is not meant to be easy and it is a challenge we must face every day. We are invited to do things that do not come naturally to us like being humble, showing mercy and opening our hearts to those in need. The message is challenging for us because it is at odds with our customary way of thinking. Many of us who profess Jesus to be our Saviour, live life without any thought for our religious beliefs. As we face the task of developing a proper relationship with God, we are frightened by the deep demands which the beatitudes make on us. We are called not to worship wealth, food or comfort, but to worship the God who alone can grant us all good things.

THIS WEEK – February 17th to February 23rd

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE:

Date		Location	Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
Tues.	Feb 18	Our Lady’s Chapel	12:10 pm	Dorothy & Joe Bechta	Judy & Don Brown
Wed.	Feb 19	Roseview Manor	10:30 am	Rita Nevins	Nevins Estate
Thurs.	Feb 20	Our Lady’s Chapel	12:10 pm	Ramona Shasko	Kathie & Joey Terhljan
		Our Lady’s Chapel	12:10 pm	People of the Parish	The Pastor
		St. Joseph’s Chapel	4:15 pm	Rita Nevins	Nevins Estate
Fri.	Feb 21	Our Lady’s Chapel	12:10 pm	Ross & Brown Families	Judy & Don Brown
Sat.	Feb 22	Main Church	5:00 pm	Adriana & Sebastian Aguirre	J.D. Castillo Santamaria
Sun.	Feb 23	Main Church	10:00 am	Donna & Oley Hamilton	Ann & Lyle

FEAST DAYS:

- Feb 17 Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
- Feb 21 St. Peter Damian
- Feb 22 Chair of St. Peter
- Feb 23 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Readings:
 1 Samuel 26.2,7-9,12-13,22-25
 1 Corinthians 15.45-49
 Luke 6.27-38

2025 JUBILEE YEAR: PILGRIMS OF HOPE:

The logo designed for the Jubilee Year shows four figures to indicate humanity coming from the four corners of the earth. The figures embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and brotherhood which joins the peoples. The figure at the head is holding onto the cross; a sign of our faith which embraces, but also of hope which can never be abandoned especially in moments of great need. The waves underneath indicate that life’s pilgrimage does not always move in calm waters. The lower part of the cross has been turned into an anchor which stands out in the wave of life’s circumstances and the events of the world that often demand a greater call to hope. The image demonstrates that the pilgrim’s journey is not individual, but communal and marked by a growing vitality leading us always closer to the cross. The cross turns towards humanity, not leaving it alone, but going out and meeting it to offer it the certainty of its presence and the sureness of hope.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our Priests: Please pick up this month’s “Pray for Priests” Calendar at the main entrance to the church.

The Sick of our Parish: Joseph Bechta, Catherine Carr, Mary Carr, Joseph Fink, Wayne Harman, Ann Kossar, Joan Krisko, Bridget Lefave, Stephanie Lenton, Marie 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, Anđelina Wood.

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

Pope’s Prayer Intention for February: Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ’s mission in the priesthood and religious life.

“HOLY MOMENTS” WEEKLY CHALLENGE

LOOK FOR THE SILVER LINING – This week’s gospel is a reminder that “every cloud has a silver lining.” Jesus shares that life can be filled with many woes, but even the most challenging times can be filled with hidden blessings. We just need to be open to them.

This week, when you face a difficult moment, pause and ask God to be with you in it. Ask Him to bless you through your difficulty and to help you to see the situation in a different light trusting that He can bring good even out of the darkest of times.

*“God is more anxious to bestow
His blessings on us
than we are to receive them.”*

St. Augustine

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	PARISH COLLECTIONS			
	COLLECTION ENVELOPES	ELECTRONIC OFFERINGS	LOOSE COLLECTIONS	BUILDING FUND
February 9, 2025	\$1,160.00	\$526.00	\$166.00	\$1,145.00

FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2025		
	January 2025	YEAR TO DATE
Operating Income	\$7,737.75	\$7,737.75
Operating Expense	\$13,504.44	\$13,504.44
Net Gain/Loss	-\$5,766.69	-\$5,766.69

During the Winter the weather sometimes makes it more difficult to attend Mass. With our ELECTRONIC OFFERING PROGRAM you can continue to support the parish financially even when you can’t make it to Mass. Registration Forms are available on the Forms Rack at the back of the church or on our website.

PARISH EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Join us in Saunders Hall for **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** this **Sunday, February 16th** from **10:30 am to 1:00 pm**. The cost is \$20 and includes Finn Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon, Home Fries and Dessert. Children under 5 eat for free. **Proceeds from this event will go towards our Boiler Replacement Project.**



2024 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS are now available and can be picked up at the back of the church before and after the weekend masses. Receipts will be available for pick up at the parish office Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



St. Andrew’s Parish will host the **SACRED HEART ICON** as part of the **2025 Knights of Columbus Icon Pilgrimage Tour**. The icon depicts the most famous image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, painted in 1767 by Pompeo Batoni which is now venerated in the Church of the Gesù in Rome. The reproduction bears the blessing of Pope Francis, through the Papal Almoner, and is one of more than 300 icons traveling across the world for veneration and use in prayer services. **The icon will be on display in the Chapel for the weekday masses from Tuesday, February 18th to Friday, February 21st and in the main church for masses on Saturday, February 22nd and Sunday, February 23rd. A special Sacred Heart Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, February 21st from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Our Lady’s Chapel. All are welcome to attend.**

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MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAMS are being offered at the following parishes for couples planning to marry in 2025 or 2026: **St. Anthony – Friday, February 21st from 7 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, February 22nd from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.** and **St. Agnes – Friday, March 28 (evening) and Saturday, March 29 (all day).** For more information or to register please contact these parishes.



A **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE SHARE LENT ONLINE WORKSHOP** will take place on **Saturday, February 22nd from 10 a.m. to Noon via Zoom**. Come and Learn about this year’s campaign: **“Turn Debt into Hope”**, as we journey with partners from Tunisia and Peru in their pursuit of

justice and alternatives to poverty. All are invited to participate. To register, please use the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84811212121>



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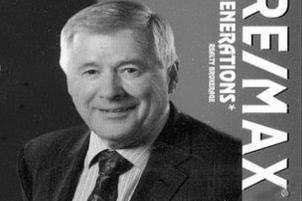
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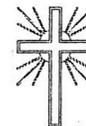
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4th Tuesdays: General

7:00 p.m. St Andrews R.C. Church

For Membership information, Contact
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