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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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Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness: there he was tempted.

In the desert Jesus is confronted by the forces of evil on three occasions and is subjected to severe temptations in the depth of his soul. The devil meets him face to face and, in an effort to turn him away from God’s plan of redemption, offers him false happiness with enticements of security, power and fame. None of these temptations got the better of him and he emerged victorious, but after a prolonged struggle. Temptation is a real test and the worst thing about it is that it is always an attraction. When tired and hungry, it would have been easy for Jesus to turn stones into bread for his own comfort and allow his feelings to influence his actions. The temptations of Christ are those faced by all Christians. They test our faith and force us to make decisions either for or against God. As followers of Christ, we must be ready to stand and be counted as we are constantly at risk from the evil one. Because Jesus experienced temptation himself, he understands us in our weaknesses and is there to give us hope and encouragement.

THIS WEEK – March 10th to March 16th

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE:

Date		Location	Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
Tues.	Mar 11	Our Lady’s Chapel	12:10 pm	Luiz Da Silva	Agostino Carvalho
Wed.	Mar 12	Our Lady’s Chapel	12:10 pm	Spec. Int. of Mark Simpson	Monica Kashak
Thurs.	Mar 13	Our Lady’s Chapel	12:10 pm	People of the Parish	The Pastor
		St. Joseph’s Chapel	4:15 pm	Rita Nevins	The Estate
Fri.	Mar 14	Our Lady’s Chapel	12:10 pm	St. Andrew’s CWL	Kathie & Joey Terhljan
Sat.	Mar 15	Main Church	5:00 pm	Deceased Members of the Hornblower Family	Russell Hornblower
Sun.	Mar 16	Main Church	10:00 am	Spec. Int. of Lyle Jacomb	Ann Kossar

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025 – STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be offered every Friday during Lent immediately following the 12:10 p.m. Mass.



SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Readings:
Genesis 15.5-12, 17-18
Philippians 3.17-4.1
Luke 9.28b-36

2025 JUBILEE YEAR: PILGRIMS OF HOPE: By his perennial presence in the life of the pilgrim Church, the Holy Spirit illumines all believers with the light of hope. He keeps that light burning, like an ever-burning lamp, to sustain and invigorate our lives. Christian hope does not deceive or disappoint because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God’s love:...”For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, not things present, nor things to come, nor powers, not height, not depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom 8:38-39). Here we see the reason why this hope perseveres in the midst of trials: founded on faith and nurtured by charity, it enables us to press forward in life. As St. Augustine observes: “Whatever our state of life, we cannot live without these three dispositions of the soul, namely, to believe, to hope and to love.” [1]

Pope Francis ...excerpt from SPES NON CONFUNDIT.

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 Behta, 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, Andelina Wood.

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

Pope’s Prayer Intention for March: Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other’s gifts, even in their differences.

“HOLY MOMENTS” WEEKLY CHALLENGE



SPEND SOME TIME IN THE DESERT – In today’s gospel we are told that after his baptism in the Jordan, and filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus went to the desert to grow closer to God. Lent gives each of us an opportunity to grow closer to God by incorporating prayer, fasting and giving into daily life.

This week, let’s look at how we can set aside time each day to grow closer to God by fasting from our screen time, social media and cell phone use and instead discover how we can give ourselves to God in prayer.

“The ultimate goal of fasting is to help each one of us to make a complete gift of self to God.”

Pope Benedict XVI

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	PARISH COLLECTIONS			
	COLLECTION ENVELOPES	ELECTRONIC OFFERINGS	LOOSE COLLECTIONS	SPECIAL PROJECTS/ BUILDING FUND
March 2, 2025	\$1,255.00	\$313.00	\$171.85	\$474.00

FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2025		
	February 2025	YEAR TO DATE
Operating Income	\$8,728.50	\$16,904.85
Operating Expense	\$13,903.37	\$27,758.72
Net Gain/Loss	-\$5,174.87	-\$10,853.87

Last month’s gas bill was **\$4,214.27**. As you can see during the winter month’s heating the church is quite costly. Hopefully, once a new more-efficient boiler is installed over the summer, we will see some improvement in our fuel costs.

PARISH EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



The Royal Canadian College of Organists will present an **ORGAN RECITAL** this **Sunday, March 9th at 2 p.m.** The concert is dedicated to the memory of Robert Love and will feature our 1930 Casavant Opus 1406 pipe organ. A free will offering is welcome in support of the RCCO Thunder Bay and St. Andrew’s Organ Fund. All are welcome.

LENTEN RETREAT - St. Andrew’s CWL will host a retreat with Fr. Terry Sawchuk on **Monday, March 10th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Saunders Hall.** The theme for this retreat is *“The Joy of Jubilee – Living a Holy Year”*. All are welcome. Please bring a non-perishable food item in support of the Dew Drop Inn.

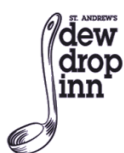


Parents please note that there will be **no CHILDREN’S LITURGY** this **Sunday, March 9th and next Sunday, March 16th.** Our program will resume Sunday, March 23rd

St. Andrew’s **Catholic Women’s League** will hold their **MONTHLY GATHERING** in **Baxter Hall on Friday, March 14th following the 12:10 p.m. Mass and Stations of the Cross in Our Lady’s Chapel.** Lunch will be provided. All women of the parish are welcome.



Our **ST. PADDY’S BRUNCH** will be held on **Sunday, March 16th from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** The cost: Adults \$20.00, Students \$15.00, Children (under 10) \$10.00. The meal includes: Finn’s Pancakes, Sausage, Quiche, Irish Potatoes (Colcannon), Corned Beef & Dessert. Wear something green and join us for a celebration of the little bit of Irish in all of us! Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards our Boiler Replacement Project.



LENTEN OUTREACH PROJECT - The Season of Lent offers us an opportunity to live generously, to show gratitude for God’s gifts and to share those gifts with others. During Lent, the parish will be conducting a **“40 for 40” Food Drive** in support of the **Dew Drop Inn** soup kitchen. We invite you to participate, as you are able, by collecting non-perishable food items throughout Lent. Each weekend when you come to mass, drop off your donations in the bins that are set up in the vestibule of the church. A list of needed items is available at the main entrance.

IN THE DIOCESE



ACTION CARD CAMPAIGN - Across the Global South, peasant and rural communities have fought hard to assert their rights to land, water, seeds, food sovereignty, a healthy environment and more. But how can they protect these rights when a powerful foreign corporation shows up in their region, intent on extracting resources, and indifferent to polluting the environment? Together, let’s call on Canada to adopt **mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence legislation** so that no Canadian company can trample on peasants’ rights. Do your bit by signing the attached action card and mailing it to Development and Peace by April 17th.



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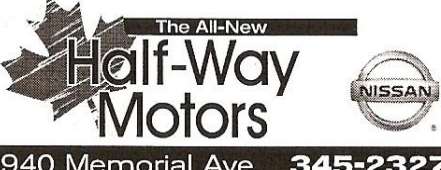
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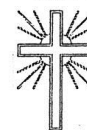


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4th Tuesdays: General
7:00 p.m. St Andrews R.C. Church

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