



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 the Saturday and Sunday Masses.

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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Repent says the Lord, the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

The Lenten invitation to repentance is not merely a call to turn away from evil, but a plea to produce the fruits of good living. The question is whether our love of God is evident in our treatment of others. We can begin by looking under our own roof at home and make a start at being more aware and more sensitive to our family members. Outside of the family circle we can meet God by caring for the poor, the sick, the elderly and the lonely. Reaching out to others in need demands getting out of ourselves and putting aside our selfish ways.

THIS WEEK – March 24th to March 30th

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE:

Date		Location	Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
Tues.	Mar 25	Our Lady’s Chapel	12:10 pm	Jayne DeLuca	Jean & Girls
Wed.	Mar 26	Our Lady’s Chapel	12:10 pm	Spec. Int. of Mark Simpson	Kathie & Joey Terhljan
Thurs.	Mar 27	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 28	Our Lady’s Chapel	12:10 pm	Brandon Wanakamik	Gerald
Sat.	Mar 29	Main Church	5:00 pm	Anne & Bill Hughes	Kathie & Joey Terhljan
Sun.	Mar 30	Main Church	10:00 am	Rosina Rosi	Stella & Family

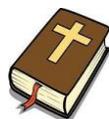
FEAST DAYS:

March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2025 – STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be offered each Friday during Lent immediately following the 12:10 p.m. Mass.



SUNDAY MARCH 30, 2025 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



*Readings:
Joshua 5.9a, 10-12
2 Corinthians 5.17-21
Luke 15.1-3,11-32*

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS NEEDED



Is there someone you know who needs prayers? The Catholic Church teaches that the Mass is the most powerful of all prayers and is of infinite value to the person for whom the mass is being offered. Each liturgy has a special intention associated with it. The suggested offering for a mass intention is currently \$10 as set by the diocese. Arrangements can be made through the parish office.

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, Susan Respondek, Maura Robinson, Ed Sepanary, Rae Scarnati, Vi Trevisanutto, Anadelina 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.



2025 JUBILEE YEAR: PILGRIMS OF HOPE: For the apostle [St. Paul], trials and tribulations mark the lives of those who preach the Gospel amid incomprehension and presecution (cf. 2 Cor 6:3-10). Yet in those very contexts, beyond the darkness we glimpse a light: we come to realize that evangelization is sustained by the power flowing from Christ’s cross and resurrection. In this way we learn to practice a virtue very closely linked to hope, namely *patience*. In our fast-paced world, we are used to wanting everything now. We no longer have time simply to be with others; even families find it hard to get together and enjoy one another’s company. Patience has been put to flight by frenetic haste, and this has proved detrimental, since it leads to impatience, anxiety and even gratuitous violence, resulting in more unhappiness and self-centredness. *Pope Francis...excerpt from SPES NON CONFUNDIT.*

“HOLY MOMENTS” WEEKLY CHALLENGE

BEAR GOOD FRUIT – In our gospel today Jesus shares the parable of the fig tree that had not produced any fruit and the gardener who wishes to save it by fertilizing it and nurturing it. Like the fig tree in our gospel, we will be known by the fruit we produce.

This week, let us prayerfully reflect on areas of our life where we might bear better fruit and ask the Master Gardener to help us identify one specific area that we can improve on this week.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."

(Galatians 5:22)

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	PARISH COLLECTIONS			
	COLLECTION ENVELOPES	ELECTRONIC OFFERINGS	LOOSE COLLECTIONS	SPECIAL PROJECTS/ BUILDING FUND
March 16, 2025	\$1,090.00	\$1,628.00	\$221.50	\$200.00

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



Many thanks to everyone who joined us for a delicious brunch in celebration of St. Patrick last Sunday. A special thank you to our amazing team of volunteers for all their efforts and to those who donated gift cards, ingredients and monetary donations to help keep our pricing more reasonable. **\$1,067.01 was raised in support of our Boiler Replacement Project.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS



The Knights of Columbus Leo Council #1130 will host a **CHURCH MEMBERSHIP DRIVE TRAINING SESSION** with Membership Information Officer, Mike Meady, on **Monday, March 24th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Baxter Hall.** Grand Knights, Membership Directors and their committees are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Knights of Columbus Leo Council 1130 **GENERAL MEETING** will be held on **Tuesday, March 25th at 7 p.m. in Baxter Hall.** All members are invited to attend.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS



St. Andrew's CWL Executive will hold their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, March 25th at 5 p.m. in the Rectory Board Room.**

The **72nd Annual Catholic Women's League Diocesan Convention** is being hosted by St. Patrick's Cathedral Council and will take place on **April 25th & 26th.** Registration forms can be found on the CWL bulletin board at the back of the church. For more information, please contact Diane Skinner at (807) 767-2394. **Registration deadline is Friday, April 11th.**



LENTEN OUTREACH PROJECT - During Lent, the parish is 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 in the vestibule of the church. A list of needed items is available at the main entrance.

IN THE DIOCESE



TURN DEBT INTO HOPE CAMPAIGN –Peru is facing an ecological debt crisis as extractive industries, often foreign-owned plunder its natural resources, harming the environment and human rights. These industries contribute to the unjust enrichment of the Global North at the expense of the Global South. Thus, as countries in the Global South incur financial debts that

further impoverish them, they are owed a mounting ecological debt by the Global North that is never settled. Our partners, the Episcopal Commission for Social Action (CEAS) and the Institute Bartolomé de Las Casas (IBC), work closely with affected communities, advocating for justice and sustainable alternatives. To sign the online global petition use the following link: <https://devp.org/en/campaign/turn-debt-into-hope/act-debt-2025/>



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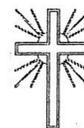


Knights of Columbus Leo Council #1130

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

For Membership information, Contact
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