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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 Grimalizzi
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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*I will get up and go to my father and say to him;
Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.*

The father in our gospel story is someone whose love never changes and is present all the time; as much when the son goes off as when he returns. That's where the gospel story tells us something about the gracious goodness of God – his warmth with sinners and the length of his merciful arm. God never changes. Somehow in a way beyond our understanding he knows the weakness, the waywardness and the perversity of the human heart and makes allowances. His love for us remains; he is always willing to forgive. Lent is a time for growing in an appreciation of the beautiful and comforting truth that every person has a place in the heart of God. This gospel tells us what coming home to God is really like.

THIS WEEK – March 31st to April 6th

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE:

Date	Location	Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
Tues. Apr. 1	Our Lady's Chapel	12:10 pm	Teresa Grassia	Kathie & Joey Terhlan
Wed. Apr. 2	Our Lady's Chapel	12:10 pm	Spec. Int. of Katie Lorof	Lorraine Paola
Thurs. Apr. 3	Our Lady's Chapel	12:10 pm	People of the Parish	The Pastor
	St. Joseph's Chapel	4:15 pm	Rita Nevins	The Nevins Estate
Fri. Apr. 4	Our Lady's Chapel	12:10 pm	Spec. Int. of Mark Simpson	Anita Schick
Sat. Apr. 5	Main Church	5:00 pm	Maria Kovacic	The Family
Sun. Apr. 6	Main Church	10:00 am	Spec Int. of Lyle Jacomb	Ann Kossar

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2025 – FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in Our Lady's Chapel prior to the 12:10 p.m. Mass starting at 11:30 a.m.

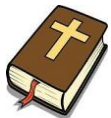


Stations of the Cross will be offered every Friday during Lent immediately following the 12:10 p.m. Mass.

FEAST DAYS:

April 2 – St. Francis of Paola
April 4 – St. Isadore
April 5 – St. Vincent Ferrer

SUNDAY APRIL 6, 2025 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Readings:
Isaiah 43.16-21
Philippians 3.8-14
John 8.1-11



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 \$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 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, 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 April: Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person and will help us face the crises of our times.



2025 JUBILEE YEAR: PILGRIMS OF HOPE: Patience, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, sustains our hope and strengthens it as a virtue and a way of life. May we learn to pray frequently for the grace of patience, which is both the daughter of hope and at the same time its firm foundation. *Pope Francis...excerpt from SPES NON CONFUNDIT.*

“HOLY MOMENTS” WEEKLY CHALLENGE


EMBRACE MERCY AND FORGIVENESS – In today’s gospel of the prodigal son, we are reminded of God the Father’s mercy and forgiveness, but do we offer that same level of mercy and forgiveness to others?

This week, let’s reflect on one person in our lives that we need to forgive. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us to see that person through God’s eyes of mercy so that we might take the first step towards forgiveness and reconciliation.

*“Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.”*

The Lord’s Prayer

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

 March 23, 2025	PARISH COLLECTIONS			
	COLLECTION ENVELOPES	ELECTRONIC OFFERINGS	LOOSE COLLECTIONS	SPECIAL PROJECTS/ BUILDING FUND
	\$887.00	\$313.00	\$226.25	\$50.00

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



Thank you to the **Royal Canadian College of Organists** for their Organ Recital held at St. Andrew’s on Sunday, March 9th. **\$191.90** was raised through a freewill offering in support of our Organ Maintenance Fund.

FIRST RECONCILIATION for children preparing for First Holy Communion will take place on **Sunday, April 6th following the 10 a.m. Mass**. Please keep these children and their parents in your prayers.



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.



CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE NEWS



St. Andrew’s Catholic Women’s League will be holding a **SPRING BAKE SALE** before/after each Mass on **Saturday, April 5th & Sunday April 6th**. Please drop off your baking (pre-cut, labelled and ready for selling) to Saunders Hall on **Friday, April 4th from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** If you need your baking picked up, please call Diane at (807) 767-2394.



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. The **Registration deadline is Friday, April 11th**.

IN THE DIOCESE



St. Agnes Church is hosting a **PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING** on Tuesday, April 1st from 7 to 9 p.m. with Mass, Anointing of the Sick and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Prayer Ministry will also be available for personal prayer during this time. Everyone is welcome.



TURN DEBT INTO HOPE CAMPAIGN – Resource mismanagement and unfair international conditions trap Tunisia in debt. Development and Peace – Caritas Canada’s partner, the Tunisian Economic Observatory (OTE), analyzes the country’s debt policies, and informs Tunisians about economic issues, enabling them to demand fairer and more equitable policies to promote sustainable development that benefits everyone. To sign the online global petition use the following link: <https://devp.org/en/campaign/turn-debt-into-hope/act-debt-2025/>

SOLIDARITY SUNDAY

The **Share Lent Collection** will take place at the masses next **Sunday, April 6th**. Please show your support and turn **“Debt into Hope”**.



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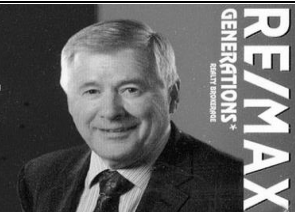
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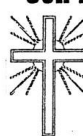
Meetings 2nd Tuesdays: Officers

4th Tuesdays: General

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

For Membership information, Contact
Mark Simpson 344-9737

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