

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. Berchmans Francis 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.

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.

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.



Baby Change Tables

are available in the Handicap Access Washrooms on the Main Level of the Church and in the Basement Donate Here through our CanadaHelps.org donation page using your Cell Phone or Mobile Device





PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - C



Christ became obedient for us to death, even death on a Cross. Therefore, God exalted him, and gave him the name above every other name.

Palm Sunday commemorates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Acclaimed as king and hailed as a conquering hero by the cheering crowd, he seemed to have arrived at the fulfillment of

his earthly mission. However, for Christ, it's the beginning of the last week of his life; a week of violent contrasts, which will end in grief and glory. Throughout the passion, our attention is focussed on Jesus who appears as a person completely absorbed in prayer, responding quietly and sensitively to each new moment of sorrow. During this most solemn week of the church year we are invited to take the road with the followers of Christ to Calvary and to be silently at his side. He wants the work of his cross to touch our lives so that we may break free of our sinful ways and be ready to quietly take up our daily crosses absorbed in prayer and sensitivity to the world around us.

THIS WEEK – April 14th to April 20th

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE:

I	Date	Location Time Mass Intention		Requested By	
Tues.	Apr. 15	Our Lady's Chapel	12:10 pm	Maria Kovacic	The Family
Wed.	Apr. 16	Our Lady's Chapel	12:10 pm	Special Int. of Bishop Alan Campeau	Kathie & Joey Terhljan
Thurs.	Apr. 17	Main Church	7:00 pm	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	
Fri.	Apr. 18	Main Church	3:00 pm	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE &	
				STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
Sat.	Apr. 19	Main Church	7:00 pm	EASTER VIGIL MASS	The Pastor
				People of the Parish	
Sun.	Apr. 20	Main Church	10:00 am	EASTER SUNDAY MASS	Ann Kossar
				Deceased Members of the Dimini	
				Family	

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025 - GOOD FRIDAY

The Church of God begins the Paschal Fast on Good Friday until the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening to honour the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare us to share more deeply in the joy of his resurrection.



SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025 - EASTER SUNDAY

Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43, Colossians 3.1-4, John 20.1-18++



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 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, 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: . In addition to finding hope in God's grace, we are also called to discover hope in the signs of the times that the Lord gives us. We need to recognize the immense goodness present in our



world, lest we be tempted to think ourselves overwhelmed by evil and violence. The signs of the times which include the yearning of human hearts in need of God's saving presence, ought to become signs of hope. Pope Francis...excerpt from SPES NON CONFUNDIT.

"HOLY MOMENTS" WEEKLY CHALLENGE

<u>COME AND JOURNEY</u> – Through the Paschal Mystery, the Lord Jesus redeemed the human race and gave perfect glory to the Father. By dying, Christ destroyed our death; by rising, he restored our life. Holy Week gives us an opportunity to journey with Jesus through his suffering, death and resurrection.

This week, let's join Jesus on his journey by participating in the liturgies beginning with Holy Thursday and closing with the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday.

"When we contemplate the sufferings of Jesus, He grants us, according to the measure of our faith, the grace to practice the virtues He revealed during those sacred hours."

St. Angela Merici

FINANCIAL INF	ORMATION
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	PARISH COLLECTIONS			
	COLLECTION	ELECTRONIC	LOOSE	SPECIAL PROJECTS/
	ENVELOPES	OFFERINGS	COLLECTIONS	BUILDING FUND
April 6, 2025	\$2,120.00	\$343.00	\$279.55	\$386.18

FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2025				
	March 2025	YEAR TO DATE		
Operating Income	\$11,715.95	\$31,754.92		
Operating Expense	\$10,707.10	\$38,826.48		
Net Gain/Loss	-\$1,008.85	-\$7,071.56		

BREAKING NEWS: The replacement boiler has arrived along with a bill of \$94,000 (includes HST). The amount owing will be paid from our funds on account with the Diocese. We still need to raise a little over \$100,000 to cover the installation which will take place this summer.

PARISH EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE NEWS



Mark your calendars for our <u>SPRING</u> <u>BRUNCH</u> on Sunday, April 27th from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm in Saunders Hall.

Our Church Kitchen is in need of the following items for our upcoming brunch: Red Potatoes, Green & Red Peppers, Onions, Butter, Eggs, Buttermilk, 3% Milk. Gift cards are also welcome. Bring in receipts from your purchases



and the parish office will be happy to issue a gift-in-kind receipt for income tax purposes.



Our parish <u>YARD SALE</u> will take place Saturday, September 6th. When doing your spring cleaning, please consider setting aside any gently used items for this event. Items

can be dropped off to Saunders Hall starting in July.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS



A big **THANK YOU** to all the bakers, donors, volunteers and to everyone who supported our Spring Bake Sale last weekend. **\$897.00** was raised in

support of St. Andrew's Council activities within the parish.

Could you or someone you know, perhaps a family member or friend, use a comforting visit? St. Andrew's CWL Service Committee has established a **FAITHFUL SERVANT**



GROUP of volunteers dedicated to reaching out to the sick and homebound of our parish. We are here to serve with prayers, scripture sharing or just a friendly visit. For more information contact Maria at 807 683-0429 or email: tmigarik@gmail.com.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE



TURN DEBT INTO HOPE CAMPAIGN – Thank you for supporting this year's campaign through your Share Lent donations. Thanks to your generosity our parish collected **\$880.00**. These donations will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. If you haven't yet had a chance to give to this year's campaign

you can still donate online at https://devp.org/en/make-a-donation/?tfa_87

The <u>GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION</u> is the only yearly request made by the Holy See of the dioceses and parishioners throughout the world. The collection helps the Church of the Holy Land to maintain Christian sites, so important for Christians everywhere, and to provide pastoral, educational and social works among the small Christian population. The Church and our Christian



brothers and sisters count on your help to retain a faith-filled Christian presence in this land of our Lord. Please give generously during your parish's Good Friday celebrations on April 18th. Contributions can also be made online by going to Commissariat.ca/supporting-us and donating via CanadaHelps or Interac e-transfer. Tax receipts will be issued.



BULLETIN ADVERTISING: Are you looking for a way to promote your business and services? Consider purchasing advertising space on this page. We publish 125 bulletins a week, 52 weeks a year for distribution to our parishioners and also post the bulletin on our parish website. The annual rate for a 1.25" x 2.75" advertisement is \$200.00. If you are interested or know of someone who is, please contact the office at (807) 345-5202 Tuesday through Thursday between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm or leave a message and we will get back to you to discuss specifics.