



# 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

<b>Pastor:</b>	To be Assigned
<b>Deacon:</b>	Rev. Mr. Andre Nicol
<b>Deacon:</b>	Rev. Mr. Joey Terhljan
<b>Minister of Service:</b>	Kathie Terhljan
<b>Bookkeeper:</b>	Isabella Hotrum
<b>Custodian:</b>	Kerry Baraniuk

### Office Hours

Monday to Wednesday - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

### 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.



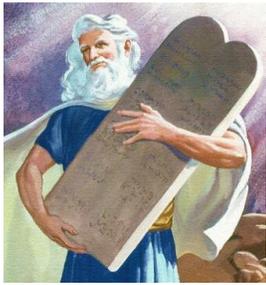
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In our Gospel today, we continue with a further teaching from the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus tells his disciples that it is not enough to follow the letter of the law, but to embrace the spirit of the law. He warns against the effects of anger, lust and dishonesty which result in breaking down relationships with others and with God. He encourages us to keep our inner attitudes and motivations in check and to not become complacent by only doing the bare minimum to get by. As we journey towards Lent, let us reflect on how our practices of fasting, almsgiving and prayer will lead us to look inward so that we might experience a conversion of mind and heart leading us to a closer relationship with Christ.

**THIS WEEK – February 16<sup>th</sup> to February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**

**PARISH MASS SCHEDULE:**

Date		Location	Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
Tues.	Feb 17	Our Lady’s Chapel	12:10 pm	Spec. Int. of Margaret & Joe Stocco	Mark Simpson
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Feb 18</b>	<b>Main Church</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Joan Krisko	Rhea Ste. Croix
Thurs.	Feb 19	Our Lady’s Chapel	12:10 pm	Rick Porichuk	Monica Kashak
		St. Joseph’s Chapel	4:15 pm	John Young	Mimi Zugic
Fri.	Feb 20	Our Lady’s Chapel	12:10 pm	Brandon Wanakamik	Gerald
Sat.	Feb 21	Main Church	5:00 pm	Joe Bechta	Jean Young
Sun.	Feb 22	Main Church	10:00 am	Vieno Tonts	Marian Tonts

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 11:30 a.m. in Our Lady’s Chapel**

**SOLEMNITIES, FEASTS & MEMORIALS**

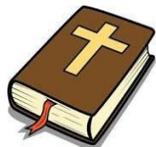
**Feb 17** – The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

**Feb 18** – Ash Wednesday

**Feb 21** – St. Peter Damian

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026**

**THE 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**



*Readings:*

*Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18, 25, 3.1-7*

*Romans 5.12-19*

*Matthew 4.1-11*

**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 is \$10 as set by the diocese. Arrangements can be made through the Parish Office or by filling out a Mass Intention Envelope located on the table at the back of the church and placing it in the Collection Basket.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

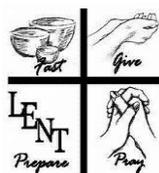
**Our Priests:** Please pick up this month’s “Pray for Priests” Calendar at the main entrance to the church.

**The Sick of our Parish:** Catherine Carr, Mary Carr, Joseph Fink, Wayne Harman, Ann Kossar, Bridget Lefave, Stephanie Lenton, Marie Lou Lopez, Clementine Petchenuk, George Petralia, Carmela Scali, Anne Scott, Robert Sliskovich, Liberto Soares.

**Parishioners at Home and in Long Term Care:** Christine Cerutti, Gerry Gagnon, Richard Harkof, Emmi Janko, Suzanne Michaud, Paul Morrison, Betty Ann Mutrey, Walter Respondek, Maura Robinson, Ed Sepanary, Rae Scarnati, Vi Trevisanutto, Andelina Wood, Nora Zsakai.

**Faithful Departed:** Especially those whose first anniversary of death occurs about this time, in particular, David Dalton.

**Pope’s Prayer Intention for February:** Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



The season of Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday. It is a time where the Church prepares for Easter through 40 days of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. Lent is an invitation to rearrange our priorities, to focus on what matters most and to take stock of our spiritual life. It’s a perfect time to leave behind old habits that no longer serve us and form new habits that give life to our entire being. How will you mark the Season of Lent this year? Are you ready? Now is the time to decide.

## THE MASS: STEP BY STEP



**INTRODUCTORY RITES: Veneration of the Altar:** A series of gestures shows respect for the altar, which since the 4<sup>th</sup> century has been the primary symbol of Christ in the church building. The lay ministers bow to it, the priest kisses it and he may also incense it. The kissing of the altar comes from the time when Christianity was still outlawed in the Roman Empire and Mass was secretly celebrated in the catacombs on the tombs of the martyrs. By kissing the tomb, the priest honoured the one who gave his/her life for the Faith. When Christianity became the religion of the Empire in 313 AD, the kissing of the altar continued as a reminder of the high price that was paid so that we could worship God in public, free from fear. It is also for this reason that the practice of placing relics of saints inside the altar of sacrifice continues to this day.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	PARISH COLLECTIONS				
	COLLECTION ENVELOPES	ELECTRONIC OFFERINGS	LOOSE COLLECTIONS	SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	SPECIAL PROJECT/ BUILDING FUND
<b>February 8, 2026</b>	<b>\$1,277.00</b>	<b>\$255.00</b>	<b>\$332.60</b>	<b>\$218.00</b>	<b>\$85.00</b>

	JANUARY	YEAR TO DATE
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>\$8,969.30</b>	<b>\$8,969.30</b>
<b>Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$7,388.44</b>	<b>\$7,388.44</b>
<b>Net Gain/Loss</b>	<b>\$1,580.86</b>	<b>\$1,580.86</b>

**BULLETIN ADVERTISERS WANTED:** We are currently looking for a few more advertisers to help reduce the costs associated with producing our weekly bulletin. If you know of someone who might be interested in advertising with us, please have them contact the parish office. Thank you.

**2025 TAX RECEIPTS** are now available at the back of the church. If you have not already picked yours up, we encourage you to do so. This will save on postage and assist in reducing our office expenses. Thank you.

## PARISH EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



**Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>** is **ASH WEDNESDAY** and marks the beginning of the holy season of Lent. **Mass with the distribution of Ashes will be held in the main church at 7 p.m.**

**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. This Lent, the parish will be conducting our annual **"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 will be set up 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 invites you to join them for the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** every Friday during Lent following the 12:10 p.m. Mass.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS



Knights of Columbus Leo Council #1130 invites all men of the parish to the next **COR SESSION** to be held **Saturday, February 21 at 9 a.m. at the Columbus Centre**. A great opportunity to explore your faith during this Lenten Season.



Our **CHILI SUNDAY** fundraiser raised **\$1,027.12** towards our Boiler Replacement Project. Many thanks to our Special Events Committee and Volunteers for assisting with this event, to those who donated ingredients and made monetary donations and, of course, to all who came out to enjoy the delicious food and fellowship.

## IN THE DIOCESE



St. Agnes Parish will be holding a **MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE** starting **Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and concluding Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> following the 5:00 p.m. Mass**. The registration fee is \$120. To register please call the St. Agnes Parish Office 807 475-7489 or visit their website at <https://www.stagnesrc.ca/prepsacraments.html#matrimony> Participation in a Marriage Preparation Course is a pre-requisite to marriage in the Catholic Church. If you are planning to marry in 2026 or 2027, we encourage you to register for this session.



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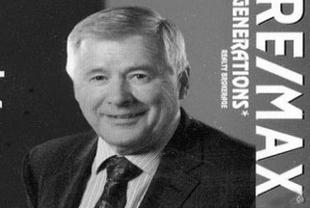
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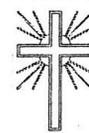


### Knights of Columbus Leo Council #1130

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

For Membership information, Contact  
Mark Simpson 344-9737

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