

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

A community that is centered in Jesus,
gathers in worship, witnesses the Gospel, and
ministers to the spiritual and material needs
of the people.



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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 30, 2020

ALL ARE WELCOME! ¡TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS!

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: 9am
(9am Thursdays: Communion Service)
Saturday Vigil: 5pm (Except July and August)
Sunday: 9am, 11am and 12:30pm (bilingual)
Holy Days: 9am ONLY

MORNING PRAYER

8:45am

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms In English: Fourth Saturday each month at 2pm (except during Lent and August). To register, call for an appointment at the Parish House to arrange for Baptism. Birth Certificate is required.

Marriage Couples should speak with a priest or deacon at least six months before the desired wedding date.

Confessions Saturdays at 4:30pm or by appointment at the Parish House.

Eucharist for the Homebound Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring communion to the homebound. Call the Parish House to make arrangements.

For emergencies and to make arrangements for sick calls, wakes or funerals, call the Parish House at any time.

SACRAMENTOS

Bautismos En español: El tercer sábado de cada mes a las 2pm (excepto durante la Cuaresma y agosto). Para registrarse, llame para una cita a la Casa Parroquial y organizar el bautismo. Se requiere un certificado de nacimiento.

Matrimonio Las parejas deben hablar con un sacerdote o diácono al menos seis meses antes de la fecha de la boda deseada.

Confesiones Sábados a las 4:30pm o por cita en la Casa Parroquial.

Eucaristía en el Hogar Ministros de la Eucaristía están disponibles para llevar la comunión a los inválidos. Llame a la Casa Parroquial para hacer arreglos.

En caso de emergencia y para hacer los arreglos para visitas a los enfermos, velatorios o funerales, llame a la Casa Parroquial en cualquier momento.

PARISH HOUSE OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday: 9:30am to 4:00pm
Friday: 9:30am to 2pm
Saturday and Sunday: Closed

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ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH, BROOKLYN, NY

REFLECTION

But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

The “it” to which Jeremiah refers in the passage above is God’s call to him to prophesy. Doing so has brought him all kinds of trauma and rejection. He wants to abandon it, but the call is too strong to resist. All of Sunday’s readings touch on this call in various ways. Jesus tells his disciples and us that we must deny ourselves and take up our crosses to follow him. St. Paul tells the Romans and us to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice not in conformity to our current times, but transformed. No one is saying this is easy. As a matter of fact, it’s darn hard, unpleasant, and potentially deadly, but if we are open to the call, it is also irresistible. Our challenge is to be open, to learn what our “it” is, and to do it no matter the cost. Clearly, Jesus assures us it is worth the price

Pax Christi Metro New York!

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9; Romans 13:8-10; and Matthew 18:15-20

REFLEXIÓN

Pero eso era como fuego ardiendo en mi corazón, aprisionado en mihuesos; intentaba sostenerlo y no podía.

El "eso" al que se refiere Jeremías en el pasaje anterior es el llamado de Dios a él a profetizar. Hacerlo le ha traído todo tipo de trauma y rechazo. Quiere abandonarlo, pero la llamada es demasiado fuerte para resistir. Todas las lecturas del domingo tocan esta llamada de varias maneras. Jesús dice a sus discípulos y a nosotros que debemos negarnos a nosotros mismos y tomar nuestras cruces para seguirlo. San Pablo le dice a los romanos y a nosotros que ofrezcamos nuestros cuerpos como sacrificio vivo, no de conformidad con nuestros tiempos actuales sino transformado. Nadie dice que esto sea fácil. De hecho, es bastante duro, desagradable y potencialmente mortal, pero si estamos abiertos a la llamada, también es irresistible. Nuestro desafío es estar abiertos, aprender cuál es nuestro “eso”, y hacerlo sin importar el costo. Claramente, Jesús nos asegura que vale la pena pagar el precio.

LECTURAS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

XXIII Domingo Ordinario: Ezequiel 33:7-9; Salmo 95:1-2, 6-9; Romanos 13:8-10 y Mateo 18:15-20

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I want to warn you about your online giving. Although everyone tells me it’s the greatest thing since “white bread”, you should know that the diocese and managing group take a percentage – so, your full donation doesn’t go to your parish. I much prefer that you send in or put your donation in the basket. You can also, as many do, arrange for your bank to automatically send us a check OR we can arrange for it to be deposited directly to our parish account. In either case, thanks for your help. We are still short \$10,000 in our 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal. Please help, if you can, when you get Appeal requests. It supports a lot of Catholic work that no individual parish can do on its own. Also, please continue to complete your pledges to the Generations of Faith Campaign so we can continue to improve our parish buildings. A personal word: you know my thoughts on electronics and I know many find it easier to lock into “online giving”. I’m okay with that but, I believe the giving in the offering basket is a part of the Mass and a religious, liturgical act, which has taken place since the beginning. By offering your donation at Mass, you are doing a holy act by joining your gift to the offering of Christ Himself at the altar. It’s not a question of making money, it’s a deliberate (NOT automatic) act of participating in the Sacrifice of the Mass. Believe me, I will accept gratefully *any* form your donations arrive in, especially from those who can’t get to church. I pray for and thank ALL those who keep supporting our parish but I always hope that you can come to Mass and reverently place your offering in the basket as a physical sign of your desire to share in the offering of Jesus.

Thanks to all, Gr Greg

**THE SATURDAY 5PM MASS WILL RESUME
ON SEPTEMBER 12**



This weekend we welcome
David Klemm, Diana Kapsalis and Diego Pagan
to our Lord’s table.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 9AM MASS

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 AT 9AM

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is celebrated at the 9am Mass on the first Saturday each month for those with a serious illness, anticipating surgery or experiencing the frailty of old age. The sacrament is offered after the homily when the celebrant invites forward anyone seeking this special grace. He anoints the forehead and hands with holy oil and bestows a blessing upon the supplicant. Come and receive this gift of grace from our Lord.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2020

If you have not made a pledge to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal and are able to do so, I ask that you consider making a pledge. You may make your pledge online at annualcatholicappeal.org or text *ACA* to **917-336-1255** or call 718-965-7375 ext. 1602 and have a pledge card mailed to your home. Thank you in advance for making a gift commensurate with your means and circumstances!

Fr Greg

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ATTENTION ALL PARISH GROUPS & LEADERSHIP

Since the situation with the virus has not changed much, we must still follow the diocesan and the government guidelines.

In church we must follow social distancing and wear masks and are limited to 75 people for Masses and religious events. Our religious education program will be conducted online. If any parents need help with this process or need equipment, contact Mrs. Ann Smyth (718-680-1010 ext. 20)

Any group with 25 or less attendees are able to meet as long as they wear masks and maintain social distancing.

ANY GROUP OR EVENT WITH MORE THAN 25 PEOPLE HAS BEEN CANCELLED, AT LEAST UNTIL JANUARY 2021. PLEASE SUBMIT NEW DATES POST JANUARY TO NINA AT THE PARISH HOUSE OFFICE IF YOU WANT TO RE-SCHEDULE.

I'm sorry, but things are still not back to normal — Fr Greg



SEASON OF CREATION

“Consider that God, your Benefactor, is present in all creatures and in yourself. If you look at every step of the visible creation, in all you will meet God.” St Ignatius Loyola

During the Season of Creation (Sept 1-Oct 4) we **celebrate** the marvelous universe that God has created; we **convert** our ways of thinking and living to place ourselves more in harmony with all of God's creatures; and we **commit** ourselves to taking actions to care for our common home, the Earth. Learn more at seasonofcreation.org or usccb.org/issues-and-action

Join us for prayer services on Zoom on Sundays at 7:30pm, Sept 6 to Oct 4. Information will be emailed to parishioners on the parish contact list. Email standrewrc6713@gmail.com to be added to the contact list.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Please give me your opinion on the following changes.

- Remove the Saturday 5pm Mass for June, July and August – to resume the Saturday after Labor Day
- Beginning June, 2021 – combine the 9am and 11am Mass into a 10am English Mass. Move the 12:30pm Spanish Mass to 12 noon, either permanently or just June to September.

Please let me know your thoughts.

Fr. Greg

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Last year (2019) our parish income, from mid-March to mid-August was: \$126,698
This year (2020) our parish income, from mid-March to mid-August was: \$101,084
That means we are short income by: \$25,614
Remember our attendance and income will probably be down for at least the next 6 months. Please help if you can.

Thank you, Fr Greg

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GROUP FOOD PANTRY

The St Vincent de Paul Society has received a summer grant in the amount of \$1200 for food supplies for the pantry. Therefore, because of this grant, we will not be needing any food donations until further notice. We thank you for your generosity.

The next monthly distribution is on **Wednesday, September 16, from 9:45am to 10:45am**, in Kiernan Hall. La próxima distribución de comida será el **miércoles, 16 de septiembre, de las 9:45am a 10:45am**. La documentación no es necesaria.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Mass Intentions Book for 2021, as well as the Bread and Wine and Candle Memorials book for 2021 will open in the Fall. In the meantime, you can offer intentions in our monthly “Beyond the Grave” Masses in September, October, November or December 2020; or you can offer one of the remaining memorial intentions for this year. Thank you.

PARA TU INFORMACIÓN

El libro de intenciones de misas para 2021, así como el libro de Pan y Vino y las Velas conmemorativas para 2021 se abrirán en el otoño. Mientras tanto, puede ofrecer intenciones en nuestras Misas mensuales "Más allá de la tumba" en septiembre, octubre, noviembre o diciembre de 2020; o puede ofrecer una de las intenciones conmemorativas restantes para este año. Gracias.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Remember the sick of our parish in your prayers.

Scott Brown, Mike Malzone, Maura McQuade, Joey Murphy, Peggy Murray, Vinny Nerone, Emily O'Connor, Herminia Ombid, Teresa Piekutowska

Pray for all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

Remember our service men and women serving around the world and the wounded.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 30

9am Lurene Petteway
11am Mary and Stanley Barnas
12:30pm Maria Morel

Monday, August 31

9am Marguerite Carney

Tuesday, September 1

9am Robert Tomazzolli

Wednesday, September 2

9am Edward Scaramell

Thursday, September 3

9am Communion Service

Friday, September 4

9am Richard Cody and Margaret Rita Cody

Saturday, September 5

9am Sister Jane Bannon, CSJ

Sunday, September 6

9am Mary Kazanecki
11am Ioelle Family
12:30pm Thomas Connery