### **Welcome to**

# St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church

December 7th 2025 - 2nd Sunday of Advent - Year A





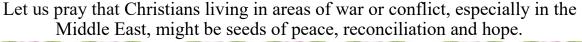
"Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever." (Psalm 72:7)

Father, prepare our hearts to celebrate Your birth joyfully! We thank You for faithfully doing what You promised long ago when you sent Your Son to earth so that we might have the chance to become part of Your family. Let the promise of Your second coming inspire us to live with hope and purpose. As we wait for Your plan to unfold, give us the patience we need. Remind us of the peace we can access when we take time to still ourselves before You and remember that You are God. Help us to find rest in the midst of what feels like chaos in our world. Amen.



# December 2025 – Pope's Intention

For Christians in areas of conflict





November 30th			DADD Washin for 41.	
Sunday Offering	\$	1,765.00	PADP— Weekly for th	e month of Nov. 2025
Loose Offering	\$	436.95	Condew Callection	¢ (20.25
Building Fund	\$	400.00	Sunday Collection	\$ 628.25
Snow Removal	<b>\$</b>	70.00	Building fund	\$ 177.50
Candle	<b>\$</b>	106.45	Total	\$ 805.75
Christmas Flowers	<b>\$</b>	120.00	Total	<b>3</b> 803.73
Bulletin Advertisement	\$	250.00		
Christmas Offering	<b>\$</b>	50.00	D : 1337 11	T
Hall Rental	\$	100.00	Required Weekly	Income \$ 4,500.00
	_		Thank you for your contributions!	
Total	<b>\$</b>	3,298.40		

**WEEKDAY MASSES**: Tuesday to Friday at 12 Noon

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday at 4:30pm and Sunday at 10:00am

CONFESSION: Saturday from 3:30pm till 4:00pm and Sunday from 9:00am till 9.30am

**HOLY ROSARY:** after Noon mass on Thursdays

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Fr. Denis Vaiz - Parish Priest
Chioma Osuagwu - Parish Administrator
John Noble - Deacon Emeritus / Carol Noble - D.O.S

### MASS SCHEDULE WITH INTENTIONS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, 9th Dec. : Saint Juan Diego

In honour of the Holy Family and the souls in Purgatory by Jacqueline Bosse

Wednesday, 10th Dec: Blessed Adolph Kolping

Thursday, 11th Dec: Saint Damasus 1

Friday, 12th Dec.: Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Holy Souls in Purgatory by Robert Kennedy

Saturday, 13th Dec. : Saint Lucy

Benito Marcuccio by Giovanna Marcuccio & Family Pauline Fortier by Ron Fortier

Sunday, 14th Dec. : Saint John of the Cross

Slyvia Drago by Joe Drago

Finola Fagan by Brennan Family

Intentions of our parishioners by Fr Denis Vaiz





### MASS READINGS FOR THIS WEEK: Dec. 8th to Dec. 14th



Monday Dec. 8th	Genesis 3: 9– 15, 20   Ephesians 1: 3–6, 11 –12   Luke 1: 26–38	Psalm 98
Tuesday Dec. 9th	Isaiah 40: 1– 11   Matthew 18: 12-14	Psalm 96
Wed. Dec. 10th	Isaiah 40: 25 - 31   Matthew 11: 28-30	Psalm 103
Thursday Dec. 11th	Isaiah 41: 13 - 20   Matthew 11: 11-15	Psalm 145
Friday Dec. 12th	Zech 2: 14–17 or Rev.11 :19a;12:1-6a,10   Luke 1: 26 - 38 or 1: 39–47	Judith 13
Saturday Dec. 13th	Sirach 48: 1 –4, 9-11   Matthew 17: 9a, 10-13	Psalm 80
Sunday Dec. 14th	Isaiah 35: 1–6a, 10   James 5: 7 – 10   Matthew 11: 2– 11	Psalm 146

# A new era of God's restoration begins:

Jesus tells us that John the Baptist was *more than a prophet*. John was the *voice* of the Consoler who is coming (John 1:23; Isaiah 40:1-3). He completed the cycle of prophets begun by Elijah. What the prophets had carefully searched for and angels longed to see, now came to completion as John made the way ready for the coming of the Messiah, God's Anointed Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. With John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit begins the restoration to the human race of the "divine likeness", prefiguring what would be achieved with and in the Lord Jesus.

John's baptism was for repentance - turning away from sin and taking on a new way of life according to God's word. Our baptism in Jesus Christ by water and the Spirit results in a new birth and entry into God's kingdom as His beloved sons and daughters (John 3:5). The Lord Jesus gives us the fire of His Spirit so that we may radiate the joy and truth of the Gospel to a world in desperate need of God's light and truth. His word has power to change and transform our lives that we may be lights pointing others to Christ. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Jesus Christ. Do we point others to Christ in the way we live, work, and speak?

Fr. Denis Vaiz

#### This 1st Weekend



We celebrate the birthdays of those who were born in the month of December.

Let us congratulate them and pray for them.

Heavenly Father! We thank You for the gifts of life You have given to our celebrants. Kindly show them Your grace and we seek that You continue to bless them. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

11th Dec. Thursday: **Small Christian Community** at 10:45am 11th Dec. Thursday: **Holy Rosary** follows the Noon Mass

12th Dec. Friday: Ladies Craft after Noon Mass





# The boiler replacement project



The boiler replacement project continues to be a significant focus for the Finance Committee. The Committee has been meeting with two proponents who have submitted bids to decommission the existing boilers, purchase and install new boilers in the church basement. The project will proceed in the late summer or early fall of 2026 so that we can take advantage of current pricing, start to realize a return on new, more efficient boilers and address the risk that the existing boiler fails or requires more repair. As of the end of October, we have raised \$35,000 towards the project's \$140,000 total budget.

As the end of the year approaches, please consider a special one-time contribution to this project that could be used as an additional offering for your 2025 tax receipts.

Remember that every dollar donated using blue offertory envelopes goes toward the boiler replacement project and there are envelopes at the back of the Church under the project fundraising thermometer sign. Also, you can provide an offering directly to the parish office ensuring that you note that your offering is specifically for the boiler replacement project.

thank your support you

# NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (THE FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ON DECEMBER 8TH)

- According to the **Roman Catholic Church**, the largest Christian church in the world, the **Immaculate Conception** is the belief that **Mary**, **the Mother of Jesus Christ**, was conceived without original sin, making her an immaculate vessel for bringing God into the world.
- For many Christians, the Immaculate Conception is central to understanding Jesus Christ, who is viewed as God entering the world in human form.
- Pope Pius X stated in 1904: "to the Christian intelligence the idea is unthinkable that the flesh of Christ, holy, stainless, innocent, was formed in the womb of Mary of a flesh which had ever if only for the briefest moment, contracted any stain."
- According to theologians, this means that from the first moment of Mary's life to the conception of Jesus, God blessed her with a lack of original sin.
- According to some Christian interpretations, original sin is an ancestral sin passed down to all humans from the Fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.
- According to the doctrine of Immaculate Conception, Mary was uniquely spared from this ancestral sin.





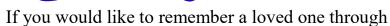
Dear Parishioners, 2026 envelopes are ready for pick up in the lobby. Please note that some of your old envelope numbers may have changed.

Do not use the new envelopes until January 1, 2026.

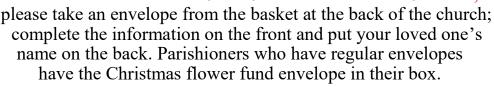
Complete the information on the front of your new envelope for the first two weeks of the New Year. Thank you!

2025 envelopes must be handed in prior to Jan.1st 2026 to ensure they are added to your 2025 income tax receipt.

# Christmas Flowers fund



### A DONATION TO OUR CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND.



### Thank you.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent

Advent is a beautiful time to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, and one of the best ways to do that is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Just as we clean and decorate our homes for Christmas, Confession helps us "clean house" spiritually by receiving God's mercy, healing, and grace. In the quiet, hope-filled weeks of Advent, going to Confession allows us to let go of sin, to renew our relationship with the Lord, and to be ready to welcome Jesus with joy at Christmas.

Confession will be available every Saturday from 3:30 p.m. till 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. till 09:30 a.m. You can also call the office (705-566-1876) to book an appointment for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



### New Parishioners or Visitors of St. Andrew the Apostle

may find a Parish Registration form at the back of the Church. Please take one home, complete the information required and place your completed form in the collection or at the office. Thank you.



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