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November 19, 2023
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Thanksgiving Day Mass

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 • 9:30 AM MASS • NO MASS at 5:15 PM

Saint Andrew will have our traditional morning Mass on Thursday, November 23, at 9:30 AM. Parishioners will have an opportunity to bring forward non-perishable food donations during the Offertory to benefit Clemson Community Care. If planning to give a monetary donation, please make checks payable to Clemson Community Care or use cash.

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed for the holiday on Wednesday, November 22, through Friday, November 24.

Healing Prayer Ministry

HEALING PRAYER IS OFFERED IN THE CHAPEL AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASSES

Heavenly Father, I come before You, recognizing Your infinite love and grace. I pray today that You will activate within me the gifts of the Holy Spirit so that I may bear witness to Your love and bring glory to Your name. I ask for the gift of wisdom, that I may discern Your will in all circumstances. Enable me to grasp the mysteries of faith and share them with others, that they too may come to know You. I ask for the gift of faith so that I may believe in the impossible and witness Your miraculous power at work. I ask for the gift of trust, so that I may rely on your promises, even when I face trials and difficulties. I ask for the gift of healing, that through me, You may bring comfort and recovery to those who are suffering. I ask for the gift of tongues, that I may pray and worship You in the Spirit. Help me to yield myself to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and pray according to Your perfect will. Lastly, I ask for the gift of discernment, that I may recognize the movement of Your Spirit in my life and distinguish between truth and deception. Grant me the ability to make wise choices guided by Your truth. I pray all of this in the precious name of Jesus. Amen. (author unknown)

Campaign for Human Development Collection – Today

Our special collection today supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. CCHD supports those living in poverty by funding programs that empower local communities to address the challenges they face. It identifies and addresses the unique obstacles people face as they work to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a handout. Please be generous.



Walking With Purpose – Save the Date!

Our annual Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday, December 6, at 6:00 PM. **All women of the parish are invited** – there is always an open chair for you! Food, fun, festivities! More details to be provided in the next few weeks. But please, MARK THE DATE NOW.

Parish Staff

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Mass Schedule
Saturday 5:15 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:15 PM
(11:00 AM Mass is also livestreamed)

Weekdays 5:15 PM

Eucharistic Adoration
Fridays 9:00 AM–5:00 PM in the Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Chapel – Wednesdays 6:00–7:00 PM
Chapel – Saturdays 10:00–11:00 AM
(Or by appointment)

Religious Education
Sundays 9:45–10:45 AM
Day Hall and Newman Hall

Youth Ministry Encounter
Sundays 6:30–8:00 PM
Parish Hall

Office Hours
Monday–Thursday 10:00 AM–5:00 PM

After Hours
Pastoral Emergencies
Call 919-699-6323

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Livestream

The Sunday Mass at 11:00 AM is livestreamed on the parish Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/saclemson/>

The same Facebook link can be used to view the video later at your convenience.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 18

– CLEMSON HOME FOOTBALL –

10:00 AM (No Sacrament of Reconciliation)

5:15 PM (No Mass)

Sunday, November 19

8:30 AM † Jan Schueren

† Foster Gambrell

11:00 AM † Barbara Mullen

† Dee MacDade

5:15 PM † Bill and † MaryBeth Sheing

† Maevie Murphy

Monday, November 20

5:15 PM † Lazar Macuk

Tuesday, November 21

5:15 PM † Sr. Patrice Ward, OSF

Wednesday, November 22

5:15 PM Our Parish Family

Thursday, November 23

9:30 AM † Frances Turner

Friday, November 24

5:15 PM † Peggy Leininger

Saturday, November 25

5:15 PM † Ed Skrocki

† Theresa Gardzalla

† Bob Bowen

† Barry Bowen

Sunday, November 26

8:30 AM † Steven Meyer

The Brown Family

11:00 AM † Russ Hébert, Jr.

5:15 PM Our Parish Family

To schedule a Mass Intention, contact the office.



Dealing with loss of a family member or close friend can be especially difficult alone. If you feel you would benefit from meeting with others who have experienced a similar loss, a bereavement support group meets monthly from **12:30–1:30 PM the third Sunday of each month.** The next group meeting is **THIS Sunday, November 19, in Newman Hall.** (136 Wigington)

Lost & Found

For lost items, please check the **LOST & FOUND box** by the food drop-off in the vestibule or contact Nancy in the office. Some items are being held in the office.

Daily Scripture Readings

Daily readings are available online at bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar

A Note From the Pastor

Holidays have their own histories, the stories of how they came to be. And each annual observance gives us an opportunity to appreciate such stories, but also calls for us to ask, “What does this day mean for us this year?” We know that Thanksgiving recalls the help English settlers received from the locals. We call to mind the gratitude of those settlers, and, hopefully, give a thought to how important and appreciated the locals were. Would today’s settlers be as grateful to us as their forebears were?

Every wave of newcomers includes some bad actors. But most came seeking better lives for their families. We like to think that, given equal opportunity, some will do better than others because they work harder, smarter, and longer – or so the national myth maintained. Yet, today’s economic inequality threatens equal opportunity.

Today’s newcomers are entering an economy skewed in favor of the already well-to-do. The wealthiest 1% of US households control nearly half of the nation’s wealth. The bottom 90% hold closer to 20%. As one economist pointed out, “*We were growing together for the first three decades after World War II, but for the last three decades we have been growing apart.*”

The consequences are everywhere and make us a nation difficult for even the smart, hard, and longer working. Good public education – begun to enhance the common good – depends on where you live. Tax rates are set to favor the wealthy whose benefits will trickle down and better others. Except they don’t. Even with “Obamacare,” good healthcare is a stretch. When it comes to social mobility between generations, the US now ranks near the bottom of developed nations.

Tax cuts and changes in the treatment of capital gains and other investment income resulted in significant financial gains among the wealthiest. Corporate governance decisions dramatically changed compensation policies for executives, and the deregulation of financial markets and banks further aided the rise of inequality.

Crafting an economy is a moral issue. Inequality is a moral problem when it marginalizes individuals and whole communities. Catholic moral teaching has consistently emphasized that those at the bottom of the economic ladder must have a dignified standard of living.



Saint John Paul II’s call for “solidarity” as a moral virtue can’t be answered absent economic justice. The Native Americans around Plymouth Rock probably couldn’t define “solidarity.” But “Thanksgiving” tells us they knew how to live it. So perhaps this Thursday our prayers might be for the moral vision of those whose saw the “alien and stranger” in their midst and did for them what even three centuries later we celebrate...

Fr. Dan

Christmas Bake Sale... and then some!

DECEMBER 9–10 • AFTER MASSES ON SATURDAY AND ON SUNDAY MORNING

In lieu of the Annual Bazaar (due to this year’s Clemson football schedule), the parish Bazaar Committee, Alive & Thriving Ministry, and Healing Prayer Ministry are working together to host a “Christmas Bake Sale... and then some.” You won’t want to miss this! In addition to holiday baked goods and edible stocking stuffers, we will be serving chili or soup meals (eat in or take out), and providing free holiday activities for the children (3rd Grade and younger). Proceeds will be used toward the purchase of sacred vessels and liturgical books.

If you are willing to donate holiday baked goods or help out on the day of, please contact Debbie Larsen at larsen.deb@icloud.com.



Taizé Prayer NEXT Week

We will offer our monthly “Prayer in the Style of Taizé” next **Thursday, November 30**, in the chapel. Please note that this month the Service will be held at **10:00 AM only**. All are welcome!

Faith Formation

Laura Witt • laura@saclemson.org

FAITH FORMATION REMINDER:

NO CLASS November 19 and 26 for Thanksgiving Break.



JESSE TREE: Please be sure to join us at the **11:00 AM Mass on December 3**, for the lower elementary presentation of the Jesse Tree. This is a special Mass for our children to attend, with this sacred chronicle of God’s presence and being the first day of Advent.

Campus Edge Concerts Presents —

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 • 7:30 PM



The Carolina Bronze handbell ensemble will again delight us with a concert of holiday favorites, sacred and secular. Plan now to attend this free family Christmas concert in the main church building.

Invite family and friends. The church is handicapped accessible, and convenient parking is available.

The Schola at 5:15

Last year, we instituted a new choir for the Sunday afternoon Masses at 5:15 PM. On the first Sunday of Advent, December 3, the Schola will present a special, extended prelude to the 5:15 PM Mass, based on the "O Antiphons." Through music and the spoken word, through song and chant, we will explore the elements of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," setting a tone of heightened anticipation for the coming of Christ in the Incarnation. Please consider coming at 4:30 PM on December 2 to experience this opportunity to pay attention to the change of liturgical seasons.

Christ Renews His Parish Men's and Women's Weekends

MEN: FEBRUARY 10-11 • WOMEN: MARCH 2-3 • NO OVERNIGHT STAY

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, consider giving thanks to the Lord by stepping back from the busyness and demands of your everyday life and spending some time with Jesus. We will share Scripture together, pray together, sing together, and celebrate the sacraments together. We will get to know one another, laugh, and maybe shed a few tears. A past recipient has shared, "This weekend has shown me how lucky I have been and how I need to show my thanks to Christ." Is Jesus calling you?

Relax and Renew... For more information or to register, contact the parish office or go to www.saclemson.org/christ-renews-his-parish.

Clemson Community Care – Holiday Food Bags

As a reminder, CCC will be giving holiday food bags to our neighbors in the community. They will be putting turkeys in these bags throughout the months of November and December, so donations of turkeys are greatly appreciated. Local stores will typically hold these purchased turkeys for CCC pick up.

Update: The Parish Online Giving Facelift Postponed

On November 15, our online giving page was scheduled to get a new look. Vanco is simply updating their platform with a new format easier to use on current electronic devices. After the print deadline of last week's bulletin, they realized their initial roll out date didn't allow many churches adequate time to make the necessary cosmetic changes. We do expect this roll out to happen before year-end, and we will keep you informed.

Please be assured that nothing else will change. Any passwords, accounts, or scheduled transactions that have been set up remain the same. That being said, once updated, when you click on GIVE from the parish website, you will first be directed to an overview page so you can get acquainted with the new layout. As always, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office with any questions or for assistance.



Women of Saint Andrew Catholic Church & their friends –

If you can throw a set of dice, you can play Bunco! This game is easy and fun to play. It's a great way for us to see old friends and meet new friends. Entry fee is \$5, used for prizes. **Tuesday,**

November 28, 1:00–4:00 PM, Newman Hall. Reservations only, by Sunday, November 26. To reserve your spot, contact Jane at jm7.sutter@gmail.com or 864-221-8477.

Advent Retreat for Young Moms

Are you a busy (and tired) mom? Take some time away this Advent on a retreat just for Young Moms. It will be 24 hours to rest, read, journal, listen to a couple of talks, have some fellowship with other moms, hike, and spend some time in Adoration. Friday evening through Saturday evening, December 8–9 at Heart Ridge Retreat Center in Sunset, South Carolina. Go to www.heartridgeministries.com/momsadvent to receive more info or to sign up.

Baptism Preparation

Contact Deacon John Leininger, 864-903-0050 or john@saclemson.org

Marriage Preparation

Contact Fr. Dan McLellan, OFM, no fewer than six months prior to the desired wedding date, 864-643-2011 or mclellan@saclemson.org.

Anointing of the Sick

Call the office at 864-654-1757 to arrange a time with a priest or, in an emergency, call the after hours number 919-699-6323.

Parish Prayer List

To have your prayer requests added to the parish prayer list, please contact Sandra Harbin at sandra_terry.harbin@yahoo.com or 864-885-9527 and leave a detailed message. If you would like to be part of the group offering prayer support, let Sandra know.

Weekly Intentions

To schedule a Weekly Intention (altar flowers, Chapel and/or Church sanctuary candles, Communion bread and wine) to remember a loved one or celebrate a special event, contact Nancy in the office.

Gift Card Fundraiser

Each month members of the parish are invited to purchase gift cards, including grocery cards, with proceeds going to the building fund. Cards are purchased at face value, and while they are used for their full face value, Saint Andrew also receives a percentage – yes, free money! Especially if you plan to give gift cards as gifts this holiday season, please consider purchasing through this fundraiser. To learn how you can get involved, contact Sheila at hogan_family@bellsouth.net or Nancy in the parish office.

Parish Giving

Thank you to all for your continued support of our parish. If you have not yet returned to in-person Masses and would like to send your weekly offertory envelopes directly to the office, please send to:

**Saint Andrew Catholic Church
PO Box 112
Clemson, SC 29633**

To transition to our online giving option, go to www.saclemson.org and click **GIVE** in the navigation bar. Whether attending in person or not, by making your offering online, you continue to support our good works even if you are away. **NOTE: November 15 a new format of this page is scheduled to go live.** Any questions, please feel free to contact Nancy at nancy@saclemson.org or call 864-654-1757.



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