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March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

March 24 – PALM SUNDAY

Saturday at 5:15 PM, Sunday at 8:30 AM, *11:00 AM, and 5:15 PM
(Procession at 11:00 AM Mass)

March 28, 29, & 30 – TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper at *7:00 PM
– Adoration 8:00 PM–Midnight (Chapel)
Good Friday – Seven Last Words from 12:45–2:45 PM (Chapel)
– Passion of the Lord at 3:00 PM
– Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM
Holy Saturday – Blessing of the Food at 11:00 AM (Chapel)
– Easter Vigil at *8:30 PM

March 31 – EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

at 7:30 AM, *9:30 AM, and 11:30 AM (No evening Mass)

* Also Livestreamed



Sacrament of Reconciliation Before Easter

SATURDAY – March 23 @ 10:00–11:00 AM

MONDAY – March 25 @ 11:00 AM–12 Noon

WEDNESDAY – March 27 @ 11:00 AM–1:00 PM (No evening Reconciliation)

Healing Prayer

HEALING PRAYER IS OFFERED IN THE CHAPEL AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASSES

Dear Jesus, as I journey through Holy Week, please help me to keep this promise: To not dishonor my soul with hatred, but instead offer myself humbly as a guardian of nature, as a healer of misery, as a messenger of wonder, and as an architect of peace. Amen. (Grateful Living)



Welcome Anne Eldridge

We are pleased to welcome back to our staff, long-time parishioner Anne Eldridge. Anne first served at Saint Andrew as our lay campus minister from 1997-99 after graduating from Clemson University. Since that time, she married Mike Eldridge and while living for several years in Massachusetts earned a degree from Berklee College of Music. Anne and Mike have two children – Lillie, a Clemson junior and one of our cantors, and Sam, a Daniel HS junior and one of our lectors.

Anne joins us working part-time in the front office as an administrative assistant. She brings with her a wealth of experience, having previously worked in an administrative position at Clemson United Methodist Church for 12 years. We are pleased and grateful to have Anne join our staff.

Parish Staff

Fr. Dan McLellan, OFM, *Pastor, Campus Minister*
Rich Campana, *Deacon*
John Leininger, *Deacon*
Gordon Snyder, *Deacon*
Tony Wagner, *Deacon*
Jamie Dean, *Director of Music*
Anne Eldridge, *Administrative Assistant*
Andréa Ferraco, *Bookkeeper*
Christopher Kerfoot, *Youth Minister*
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Mass Schedule
Saturday 5:15 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:15 PM
5:15 PM Daily Mass
Monday–Thursday
Communion Service on Fridays

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
Martin Hall

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

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Call 919-699-6323

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Livestream

Saint Andrew Sunday Mass at 11:00AM 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. Please see Easter Schedule on page 1 for livestreamed Masses during the Triduum and Easter Sunday.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 23

5:15 PM †Roger Brown
†Jessica Dean

Sunday, March 24

8:30 AM †Nick DiYorio
†Robert Turner

11:00 AM Our Parish Family

5:15 PM †Dave Swift

Monday, March 25

5:15 PM Mary and Rick Gildersleeve

Tuesday, March 26

5:15 PM †Charlotte Ruth Herron

Wednesday, March 27

5:15 PM Our Parish Family

Holy Thursday, March 28

5:15 PM Our Parish Family

Good Friday, March 29

3:00 PM *Passion of the Lord (No Mass)*

Holy Saturday, March 30

8:30 PM †Joe and †Fran Macy

Easter Sunday, March 31

7:30 AM †Ken Smith

9:30 AM Emily Armstrong

†Ed Skrocki

†Dotty Smith

†Joyce Frenchette

†Gary Seitz

11:30 AM 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 **12:30–1:30PM the third Sunday of each month**. The next group meeting is **Sunday, April 21**, in Newman Hall. (136 Wigginton)

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 (rosaries, keys, jewelry) are being held in the office.

Daily Scripture Readings

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

REMINDER: The Parish Office is closed Thursday, March 29, through Monday, April 1.

A Note from the Pastor

Up until the late 1800s when the railroads needed some standardized way of announcing departures and arrivals across their systems, “time” was what a locale said it was. Even today, we have standard time and daylight saving time. When Russia stole Crimea, it changed the time to make it fit Moscow time. And no matter where you go in China, from east to west, time is always the same – regardless of where the sun is.

So what is time? It’s what we say it is.

And we say that this coming week is “holy.” Holy Week is the week that includes the Mass of the Lord’s Supper (Thursday). It’s where we get it straight that every Eucharist is a “passover” from our slavery to self and sin and receive the “food for the journey and medicine for the soul” that energizes us to wash one another’s feet. It includes the Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion (Friday), a service that reminds us that what is “good” in our lives always involves sacrifice. The week concludes with the Vigil of Easter (Saturday night) when, in a darkened church by the light of the Easter candle, we hear the story of our creation and salvation, bless water, and baptize, and then celebrate the first Mass of Easter.

The week calls to mind what holiness is: a way of living born of love, “the sacrifice;” a love that is the only way of life that death can’t conquer.

Usually when we label a portion of time, we do some arranging to acknowledge what the label signifies. In summertime, when “the livin’ is easy,” we take vacations; at Christmas time we decorate and exchange gifts. You get the picture.

So what arranging will we do to our “ordinary time” this week that says “holy” makes this week any different from any other?

Participation in the services is a good place to start. And bring the kids. Expose them to what their baptism gives them a right to. They don’t have to understand what’s happening – what’s happening will give them understanding. None of us learns anything that really sticks until we do it – again and again.

What makes these celebrations solemn is not our standing there without fidgeting. It’s what they say to us. Our worship is never done right unless we are done right.

And we can’t be done right if we stay home.

Fr. Dan

Blessing of Easter Foods

On Holy Saturday, March 30, there will be the Blessing of Easter Foods at 11:00 AM in the Chapel. The blessing of Easter food has its roots in the Slavic world. Many parishes throughout Europe and the United States still carry on the tradition. Families bring baskets filled with Easter foods and covered with special linens. The blessing marks the end of the Lenten penances and the blessed foods are then to be shared at the Easter meal in celebration of the Resurrection. The foods in the baskets vary somewhat by local traditions, but are meant to be symbolic of our faith. Eggs are a sign of the new life. An Easter bread, usually a yeast bread rich with butter and eggs, symbolizes Jesus, the “Bread of Life.” Butter, often shaped as a lamb or cross, represents God’s provision for us. Sugar and sweets represent the sweetness of God’s blessings. Meats (lamb, sausages, ham, and bacon) are symbolic of generosity, abundance, and joy. Cheese is a symbol of moderation. Horseradish mixed with red beets reminds us of the bitter sufferings of Christ. Salt, the fundamental seasoning and preservative, is a reminder that we are the salt of the earth. A candle is often included too, symbolic of Christ as the Light of the World. This old custom is indeed a richly symbolic and beautiful one in which the whole family can participate and help to prepare.

One Student’s Experience at the Diocesan Youth Conference

DYC was one of the greatest experiences of my life and I would do it again in a heartbeat! One thing that really stuck out to me is the word apathy which was said many times during the men’s session. Now the word apathy means to not care, and I feel that my generation really gives off a sense of apathy whether it be in faith or real world problems. I believe that while apathy is present, we are capable of diving in deeper and really caring deeply about what is going on in our faith and in the real world. DYC has really awakened me to what we can do and challenge ourselves to not have that apathy in Christ and in the real world and the certain things that we can do to always have that sense of freedom through Christ. Again, DYC was something I will never forget and it changed me for the better and I am so grateful for the opportunity to build a stronger relationship with Christ and with others! I am so excited to keep growing in my faith and to see what God has planned for me! – Grady Tucker, 10th Grade Student



Faith Formation

Laura Witt • laura@saclemson.org

SCHEDULE – No Faith Formation Classes March 31 and April 7. Have a blessed Easter!

3 SIMPLE WAYS TO CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK –

1. Give yourself (and your family) the gift of quiet time for prayer and reflection in front of your home altar early in the morning or late at night.
2. Move your crucifix to the front door (or the door you use most) as a remembrance of Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross.
3. During Holy Week, turn off your car radio and pray silently while driving.

Seven Last Words from the Cross

Jamie Dean · jamie@saclemson.org

The Seven Last Words from the Cross are seven expressions traditionally attributed to Jesus during his crucifixion, gathered from the four Gospels. On Good Friday afternoon (March 29), in the Chapel from 12:45–2:45 PM, each of the Seven Words will be presented. As a bell tolling the last hours of Christ's serving life, these sayings will be proclaimed, accompanied by a short meditation and a brief musical refrain to usher in quiet prayer until the next Word is prayed. You are invited to use these hours, or parts thereof, to reflect on these words in light of your relationship with Jesus.

The final word will be proclaimed at 2:45 PM – "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit" – then, the Good Friday celebration of the Passion of the Lord will immediately follow in the main church.

"Bells, bells, bells – To the rhyming and the chiming of the bells!"

Bring your bells to the Easter Vigil to make more festive the singing of the Gloria on that holy night. The Church encourages this additional bell-ringing as we celebrate the joyous Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 30. We bring our dinner bells, hand bells, silver bells, jingling and clanging bells and join the great hymn of praise, singing and ringing "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will."

Welcome Newcomers

NEW PARISHIONERS: • Denis and Connie Hill
• Rohen McGill
• Eric Skelton and Lily Kuhner, Veronica

If you attend Saint Andrew and have not yet registered, please contact the office or speak with Father after Mass.

Our Weekly Parish Tithe

Kristen Lawson · kristen.n.lawson@gmail.com

The week's tithe goes to **The Dream Center**. Located in Easley, the center exists to encourage, educate, and empower people in need through the love of Jesus Christ. Their work is focused on building a better community by helping people with a hand-up instead of a handout. The Dream Center offers a hand-up with free classes that teach about budgeting, nutrition, Bible study, parenting, and more. For every class attended, participants receive "Dream Dollars" that can be redeemed for use of the facilities at the center or used to purchase items at the Dream Center Resale Stores. In addition to the programs available, the Dream Center supports emergency situations providing food and shelter resources to those in need. For more information or to find out about volunteer opportunities, please visit www.dreamcenterpc.org.

For You have been a refuge for the helpless, a defense for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm, and a shade from the heat. – Isaiah 25:4

Saint Andrew Parish Annual Bazaar – It's Time to Get Busy Now!

NOVEMBER 9 • 10:00AM–2:00PM • MARTIN HALL

Calling all artists, artisans, upcyclers, crafters, and makers of all kinds. We have so many talented people in this parish – young and not so young – and we need each of you to consider contributing something to the bazaar. What types of items are we looking for? *Hostess and teacher gifts, home décor for all seasons, wearables, Clemson-themed items, yarn crafts, stocking stuffers, art, plants, jewelry, greeting and note cards, wooden signs, up-cycled items* – and would love to hear your ideas, too.

Contact Deb Larsen, larsen.deb@icloud.com, for more information or to offer to help out. Watch the weekly bulletin for more details. **Did Someone Say Contest? For all the details on the Art Contest mentioned last week, go to <https://bit.ly/sa-art-contest>.**

Garden and Grounds Workday

Help needed! Please come to an "Earth Day" garden and grounds workday, **April 20 from 9:00–11:00AM**. Bring a rake, shovel, or wheelbarrow if you have one. At 11:00AM we will have a short community prayer in the Laudato Si Reflection Garden (on the north side of the church building).

Ongoing efforts of Saint Andrew's Creation Care Ministry focus on sustainability, faith formation, and ecumenical and community outreach. To get involved, contact Erin Rockenhaus at erinrockenhaus@gmail.com or Bob Fennell at rsfennell43@gmail.com.



Stewardship of Treasure*

February 29	Budgeted	Difference
\$89,143	\$63,225	\$25,918
Year-To-Date	YTD Budgeted	YTD Difference
\$691,987	\$551,988	\$139,999

* As of February 29, 2024

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023–June 30, 2024. Thank you to the many giving early annual donations.

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.



Saint Andrew Women and friends, **reminder:** March Bunco will be in Newman Hall on the

26th, 1:00–4:00 PM. Entry fee is \$5, used for prizes. **To reserve your spot, contact: Pam Highsmith at prhigh@yahoo.com or 864-653-0845**

Catholic Appeal of South Carolina

Many have already received a mailing from the diocese on this annual appeal. Otherwise, there are envelopes available in the vestibule, or if you would like to donate online, you may do so at <https://charlestondiocese.org/donate/>. Please be sure to select "Clemson, St. Andrew Church, 501" in the dropdown for parish. This will ensure your gift will be credited toward our parish's goal of \$61,701, for this appeal. As always, that you give is more important than what you give.

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. Any questions, please feel free to contact Nancy at nancy@saclemson.org or call 864-654-1757.

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