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> April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter

SAINT ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH 209 Sloan Street · Clemson 864-654-1757

> Mailing Address PO Box 112 Clemson, SC 29633

Mass Schedule Saturday 5:15PM Sunday 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:15PM

> 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 6:00–7:00PM 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 6:30–8:00PM Martin Hall

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

> After Hours Pastoral Emergencies Call 919-699-6323

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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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"This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again." - Jn 10:17

Parish Staff

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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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 20 5:15 PM †Eleanor Fajardo †David Gross, Sr. Sunday, April 21 8:30 AM **†**Raphaela Meyer **†** Ward Schintzius 11:00 AM **†** Winnie Coates Our Parish Family 5:15 PM Monday, April 22 5:15 PM + Catherine Genthner Tuesday, April 23 5:15 PM **Our Parish Family** Wednesday, April 24 5:15 PM **Our Parish Family** Thursday, April 25 5:15 PM **†**Lynn Hathaway Friday, April 26 5:15 PM Communion Service (No Mass) Saturday, April 27 5:15 PM **†**Bill Sheing † Theresa Gardzalla Sunday, April 28 8:30 AM **†**Nick DiTommaso **†**Ruth Osteen 11:00 AM † Jim DiNapoli 5:15 PM **†** Andrej Paszkiewick

(Last 5:15PM Sunday Mass for the semester) 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 **THIS Sunday**, **April 21**, 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 (rosaries, keys, jewelry) 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

Continuing from my note last week... Neither the historically wrong "Christian nationalism" nor cumbersome "integralism" is capable of making the difference Jesus sought in commissioning those who would follow him. Both "-isms" cloak themselves in Christianity and use the Scriptures, not as a blueprint for life, but as footnotes attempting to justify moral points of view crafted independently of the example of Jesus and his way of life. They masquerade as divinely approved ways of fulfilling Jesus' call to mission.

The way of fulfilling that mission was spelled out by Tertullian, one of the Early Church Fathers of the second century, who coined the phrase, "The blood of martyrs is the seed of the Church."

"We are not a new philosophy but a divine revelation. That's why you can't just exterminate us; the more you kill the more we are. The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church ... Your cruelties merely prove our innocence of the crimes you charge against us... And you frustrate your purpose. Because those who see us die, wonder why we do, for we die like the men you revere, not like slaves or criminals. And when they find out, they join us."

The early Christians conquered the Roman Empire by the power of their witness, not by the witness of their power.

In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus understood that Commandments without the Beatitudes are not enough. Unless the ways of the world that God dreams for us is etched in our hearts (cf. Jeremiah), no etching on stone will ever be enough.

Each one of us is a "likeness unto God." Jesus showed us what that likeness looks like as he engaged the religious, social, cultural, and political issues of the day. His was an engagement meant to "renew the face of the earth." And it still is.

And it came at a high price.

It still does. It always will. Fr. Dan

Welcome Newcomers

NEW PARISHIONERS: Michael and Angela Chunka If you attend Saint Andrew and have not yet registered, please contact the office or speak with Father after Mass.

New Life in Christ Throughout Our Journey in Faith

CONFIRMATION: Taylor Uremovich, April 14, 2024

Walking with Purpose – An Invitation to All Women of the Parish POTLUCK SUPPER • MAY 1 • IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 5:15 PM MASS

On May 1, we will conclude our 2023-2024 study with a Potluck Supper following the 5:15 PM Mass. Please join us for Mass if you can. Dress comfortably so that you can enjoy spending time with each other. You are welcome to bring a favorite dish to share (serving size 6-8). If you have never attended WWP, please don't let that stop you from coming. This night is about celebrating Saint Andrew's community of amazing women – that includes You! Reservation is not required. Questions? Text or call Donna Woods at 864-506-1453, or Sue Tuvell at 404-771-9287. There will be an Open Chair just for you!

College Baccalaureate Mass

Stephanie Manasa · stephanie@saclemson.org

On Sunday, April 28, at the 5:15 PM Mass, we will be celebrating all of our graduating college students with a Baccalaureate Mass where Fr. Dan will offer a special blessing to those finishing up their college years. Graduates please arrive a few minutes early and wear your graduation regalia.

Faith Formation

Laura Witt · laura@saclemson.org

SACRAMENTAL PREP CLASS will be attending their First Eucharist Retreat next Saturday, April 27. They will receive First Reconciliation and also rehearse for their First Eucharist Mass. That Mass will be held the following Saturday, May 4, at 3:00 PM.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES – The closing program for our 2023–2024 Faith Formation classes is next Sunday, on April 28. The students will be presenting our first school-wide Living Rosary with their families in attendance in Martin Hall. Our 5th graders will be stepping up into Youth Ministry and will be leaving our Elementary Faith Formation program.

Vacation Bible School

Laura Witt \cdot laura@saclemson.org

VBS will be June 4, 5, and 6, from 5:30–8:00 PM. Please contact **laura@saclemson.org** if you are interested in volunteering in any capacity. We will "launch kids on a cosmic quest"

where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. We'll send our kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun. Registration forms are available on the parish website or in the Parish Office.



Taizé Prayer THURSDAY, APRIL 25 • 10:00 AM AND REPEATED AT 7:00 PM

Every month, ecumenical prayer in the style of Taizé is offered Taizerayer in the Chapel at the corner of Sloan Street and Edgewood Avenue. The prayer service consists of meditative singing and periods of silence, along with Scripture reading and intercessory prayer.

Our Taizé-style services are generally held on the final Thursday of each month. Identical services are offered at 10:00 AM and at 7:00 PM. People are welcome to enter and leave at any time during the one-hour prayer times. Please note the November and December services are usually moved to the Thursdays before Thanksgiving and Christmas. Check the online parish calendar for the most accurate times and dates.

In the songbook used at Taizé, the brothers write: "Singing is one of the most important forms of prayer. A few words sung over and over again reinforce the meditative quality of the prayer. They express a basic reality of faith that can quickly be grasped by the intellect, and that gradually penetrates the heart and the whole being." The repetitive chants take the words from the head to the heart, and silence addresses the spiritual potential, encouraging participants to reach a contemplative state.

All are welcome.

Our Weekly Parish Tithe

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

This week's tithe goes to the **Catholic Near East Welfare Association** (CNEWA), a papal agency established in 1926 dedicated to giving pastoral and humanitarian support to Northeast Africa, the Middle East, Eastern Europe, and India. CNEWA operates in areas of concentrated mass poverty, war, and displacement, providing human dignity and addressing the basic needs of vulnerable populations. As a Catholic organization, CNEWA utilizes the network of Eastern Catholic Churches and devoted religious sisters to provide the most effective and holistic humanitarian support regardless of creed or religious affiliation. CNEWA's offices employ local community members who collaborate with the area's churches and Christian institutions to identify needs and implement solutions as a means of "working from the ground up." As an agency of healing and hope, CNEWA has been working in the Holy Land for nearly 100 years, tending to the needs of those broken and forgotten. Our funds will go directly to the work of CNEWA in the Holy Land. For more information, go to https://cnewa.org/.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the Sons of God. - Matthew 5: 4, 6, 9

Healing Prayer HEALING PRAYER IS OFFERED IN THE CHAPEL AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASSES **Prayer of Fruitfulness** – God in Heaven, Your grace surrounds us every day as we seek to live and move and grow in You. Prune the spaces in our lives that distract us from You. Plant Your word more deeply within us. Amen. ©LPi





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, April 23, 1:00–4:00 PM, Newman Hall. Reservations only, by Sunday, April 21. To reserve your spot, contact Jane at jm7.sutter@gmail.com or 864-221-8477.

Stewardship of Treasure*	March 31	Budgeted	Difference
Offertory	\$88,111	\$78,621	\$9,490
	Year-To-Date	YTD Budgeted	YTD Difference
* As of March 31, 2024	\$780,098	\$630,609	\$149,489
Fiscal Year July 1, 2023–June 30, 2024. Thank you to the many giving early 2024 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 offce 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.

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.

Did Someone Say Art Contest?

Anyone is invited to enter. The parish bazaar committee is interested in artwork of our new church building for fundraising items to be made, used, and/or sold to support the good works of the parish. These include such items as notecards, post cards, ornaments, prints suitable for framing, and more. To that end, an art contest is being held. For all the contest details, please go to https://bit.ly/sa-art-contest. The deadline for entries is May 6, 2024.

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 offce, 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.

