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OFFICE AND CHURCH HOURS

The Parish Office is open Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. The Church is open daily 6:00 AM-8:30 PM. For more information, visit www.standrewparish.cc.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:30 PM Sunday - 7:30 AM, 9:15 AM, 11:00 AM Weekdays - 6:30 AM & 8:30 AM Saturday Morning - 9:00 AM

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:15-4:15 PM or by appointment at 614-451-4290

To learn more about **SACRAMENTS**, call the Parish Office or visit our website, www.standrewparish.cc and select "Sacraments and Prayer."

For **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**, please contact a priest at the Parish Office.

We welcome **NEW MEMBERS!** To register or learn more about St. Andrew Parish, please contact our office by phone, or email Jen Wenzke at jwenzke@standrewparish.cc.

OUR MISSION

St. Andrew Church is a community of Catholics committed to serving God by living our faith. We exist to fulfill the mission of the Roman Catholic Church at the local level by continuing the saving work of Christ. We accomplish this through the celebration of the sacraments, proclaiming and living the Gospel, reaching out to others in justice and charity, and providing all parishioners abundant spiritual, educational, and social opportunities to be known as a faith-filled, engaged, and generous parish.



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MARCH 17, 2024

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mar. 16 Vigil, Fifth Sunday of Lent Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Marjorie Henessey Sunday: Mar. 17, Fifth Sunday of Lent 7:30 a.m. Jeff Swartz 9:15 a.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish 11:00 a.m. Gilia Iafolla Monday: Mar. 18, St. Cyril of Jerusalem 6:30 a.m. Barb Zimmerman 8:30 a.m. Michelle Cantwell Mar. 19, St. Joseph Tuesday: 6:30 a.m. Jon Michael Bagatto 8:30 a.m. Jim Saffell Wednesday: Mar. 20, Weekday Mass 6:30 a.m. Otto S. Seiderer 8:30 a.m. Robert and Anna Mae Jones Mar. 21, Weekday Mass Thursday: 6:30 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Mallett and McCort Families 8:30 a.m. Hugh Callahan Friday: Mar. 22, Weekday Mass 6:30 a.m. Mary Butte 8:30 a.m. Pauline Kubalak Saturday: Mar. 23, St. Turibius of Mogrovejo 9:00 a.m. Walter Egger Vigil, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 4:30 p.m. Special Intention Sunday: Mar. 24, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 7:30 a.m. Mary and Walter O'Connor 9:15 a.m. Reverend Patrick Brennan 11:00 a.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish

BAPTISMS

Lucy Grace McCurdy, daughter of Brendan and Claire Peyton Thomas Shell, son of Brenton and Sarah

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SCHEDULE MASS INTENTIONS? You can schedule Mass intentions in one of three ways: 1) Stop by the office during business hours and schedule in person. 2) Mail your request to the parish office (1899 McCoy Road, Columbus, Ohio 43220, attn: Mass Intentions) and include the stipend for each Mass request. 3) Email preferred dates and times to Jen Wenzke, jwenzke@standrewparish.cc and either mail in or drop off the stipend. We will do our best to honor the dates & times requested, but no date/time can be guaranteed. The stipend is \$10/intention.

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Lent, which marks the beginning of the final part of the Lenten season known as Passiontide. In the Gospel of the day, Jesus says solemnly, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." The hour of His betrayal and His condemnation has come. The hour of His Passion is here. "Passion" comes from the Latin word "patior," which means "to suffer." The period of Passiontide focuses on Jesus' Passion – His suffering.

We are reminded in the Mass that Jesus "entered willingly into His Passion." (Eucharistic prayer II). During Passiontide, the crosses and statues in the church are covered with veils. At Mass, we use the preface for "the Passion of the Lord." How fitting that our school students present the "Passion Play," where the suffering and death of our Savior is re-enacted, during this holy time! Let us all keep these days holy through prayer, penance, and contemplation upon our Lord's Holy Passion.

Sunday, March 17, is also St. Patrick's Day. St. Patrick, the "Apostle of Ireland," brought the Catholic faith to the "Emerald Isle" and firmly established the Church there. Although it is customary for Americans to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with parades, parties and much food and drink, I think St. Patrick himself would prefer that we honor him by knowing the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

On Tuesday of this week (March 19), we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This day is a Solemnity, and is not a day of penance. St. Joseph is also the patron of the Universal Church.

May God bless you during this Holy Passiontide – St. Joseph and St. Patrick – Pray for Us!

Your Pastor,

Msgr. Stephan Moloney





JOIN US FOR DONUT SUNDAY!

St. Andrew Knights of Columbus Council 11275 is sponsoring Donut Sunday TODAY, Sunday, March 17, in Nugent Parish Hall after the 7:30, 9:15 and 11 a.m. Masses. Stop by and learn more

about our group and its activities while enjoying a donut and a beverage. Members will be available to answer questions and take your contact information if you would

KNIGHTS NEWS

like to consider joining our group.

MEN, ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PUTTING YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION? St. Andrew Knights of Columbus Council 11275 will hold an Open House for prospective members



on Monday, March 18, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Bryce Eck Activity Center. Refreshments provided.

- •Men Who Lead: The world needs Catholic men to step up and live out their faith. The Knights of Columbus help men to answer that call to do more and to be more.
- •Men Who Serve: If you're ready to make an impact, the Knights help men put their faith into action and give back in their parishes, in their communities and on a global scale.
- •Men Who Defend: Join the Knights and add your voice to over 2 million members worldwide, upholding the faith and the truth.

Council 11275 has served St. Andrew parish for 30 years. Interested in learning more about the world's largest fraternal organization of Catholic men and what we do at St. Andrew? Any man age 18 or older and a practical Catholic, as defined by the Church, is eligible for membership.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS!

MONDAY, MARCH 18 6:30-8:00 PM // PARISH HALL



All are welcome to our monthly Knit & Crochet meeting. We have needle workers of all levels. Please bring your own knitting needles (size 7 or 8) and/or crochet hooks (size G or H).

Each monthly meeting includes fun and laughter while we make items for those in need. Easy patterns are provided and experienced knitters and crocheters are available to answer questions and provide guidance. For more information, contact Marilyn Dougherty at 614-315-7320.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 17, 2024

SUNDAY OFFERING

MARCH 3 YTD

ACTUAL \$ 34,125 \$ 1,216,485

BUDGET \$ 32,212 \$ 1,159,616

LAST YEAR \$ 49,464 \$ 1,260,102

Thank you to all who are responding generously to our financial need. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

We encourage you to consider Online Giving, which is safe, secure and convenient. To sign up, visit osvhub. com/st-andrew-parish/funds or contact Business Manager Thomas Conigy at tconigy@standrewparish.cc or 614-451-4290, ext. 6.





THE SVDP LENTEN "PURPLE BAG" PROJECT CONTINUES. You will find empty purple bags at the church entrances with a list of suggested women's and men's hygiene items attached to each bag. Grab a bag, put some items in (you do not need to include all items on

the list) and return it to the church parlor anytime during Lent. Donated items will be delivered to J.O.I.N. (Joint Organization for Inner-city Needs) to distribute to our less fortunate neighbors. Take this opportunity to put your faith into action during the Lenten season.





BLOOD DONORS ARE NEEDED!

Our next Blood Drive will be **Tuesday, March 19, from 1:00-6:00 p.m. in the Nugent Parish Hall**. If you would like to schedule an appointment to give blood at St. Andrew Parish, visit **RedCrossBlood.org**, sponsor code: SACC, or call 1-800-733-2767. We also have a need for helpers to sign up as

substitutes for registration and snack table. If you would like to help, call the Parish Office at 614-451-4290.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration is simply the act of being in Christ's real presence while the Eucharist is on the altar. Adorers may stay as briefly or as long as they would like. At 8:45 p.m., Adoration concludes with Compline (end of day

prayers) followed by Benediction. Make time to be in Christ's presence and open yourself to the graces that flow from the Eucharist!

Weekly Adoration Hosts: Parish Council (first Tuesday); St. Vincent de Paul (second Tuesday); Women of St. Andrew (third Tuesday); Men of the Parish (fourth Tuesday); First Called Youth Ministry (fifth Tuesday).



REDUCE YOUR OHIO TAXES!

The Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund is a charitable donation that actually gives you a State Tax CREDIT of up to \$1,500 for married, filing jointly, or up to \$750 for single filers. Keep in mind the credit is worth much more than a deduction. The credit reduces your tax liability dollar-for-dollar. A

deduction simply reduces your taxable income.

Contributions can be made using the Diocese of Columbus' Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund link where you can direct your contribution to St. Andrew School tuition assistance. Any Ohio State Tax Payer can participate. You can also use this contribution as a federal tax deduction. The tax savings can be substantial. For more information, visit **columbuscatholicgiving.org**.



COMMUNION FROM THE CUP TRAINING THIS WEEK!

On Sunday, April 7, we will begin offering the Precious Blood weekly at the 9:15 a.m. Mass after a four-year hiatus. If you are a

Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) and would like a REFRESHER ON DISPENSING FROM THE CUP, join us on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, AT 6:30 PM IN THE PARISH HALL.

PLEASE NOTE: Communion from the Cup is a separate ministry in Ministry Scheduler Pro labeled EMHC-C. Please add this to your qualification on your profile page in the scheduler. For more information about the ministry and training, contact Dcn. Dowler at **ddowler@columbuscatholic.org**.



Calling all kids up to 8 years old: Head to the **Bryce Eck Activity Center** (rain or shine) after the 11 a.m. Mass. Bags will be provided or you can bring your own basket.

Contact: Damion Faulkner, 614-738-9591

Sponsored by St. Andrew Council #11275 Knights of Columbus



THE 40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING CAMPAIGN HAS BEGUN

We must continue to give prayerful witness to the community to change hearts and minds. **St. Andrew Parish will participate in a day of prayer on Saturday, March 23, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**, in front of Planned Parenthood on East Main Street. Additional event information and sign-up sheets

will be in the church parlor THIS WEEKEND. Or, if you prefer to sign up online, visit **tinyurl.com/SPRING-40DAYS-2024** or use the **QR code**. For more information, contact Life Director Jim Holsinger at 614-394-7202 or **jimholsing@yahoo.com**.





RECONCILIATION

Monday, March 25, 4:00 PM-7:00 PM Wednesday, March 27, 7 PM until all are heard

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Holy Thursday, March 28, 7:30 PM

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Friday, March 29, 3:00 PM in the Church Confession follows the Liturgy until all are heard

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, ADORATION WITH EXPOSITION, CONFESSION AND BENEDICTION

Friday, March 29, 7:30 PM in the Church

EASTER VIGIL MASS

Saturday, March 30, 8:30 PM
There is no 9:00 AM daily Mass
and no Confessions are heard on Holy Saturday.

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday, March 31, 7:30 AM, 9:15 AM and 11:00 AM



BUTTER BRAIDS ARE BACK! Choose from 10 different pastries and four different cake rolls. **New item:** Mrs. Fields cookie dough in a variety of flavors. If you'd like to order in person, Knights will be in the Parlor after Masses THIS WEEKEND. The sale ends on Sunday, March 17. To order online (\$3 charge per order), visit **tinyurl.com/Butterbraids324**.

PICK UP is SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Bryce Eck Center. THERE IS NO DELIVERY.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 17, 2024



Support St. Andrew Class of 2025 and celebrate spring with Ohio's best Flowers, Hanging Baskets, Flats & More!

SALE DATES: March 18th - April 3rd **DELIVERY DATE: THURSDAY, April 25th**

Ready to order? It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!



lick on the green Online Shopping button

Enter Webcode: 1E5C62



All parishioners and friends are welcome to witness this dramatic portrayal of the Passion of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The "Walk with Jesus" begins OUTSIDE at the entrance of the church

- Performances -

Tuesday, March 19 9:34 AM & 10:16 AM Wednesday, March 20 6:00 PM

Thursday, March 21 9:34 AM & 10:16 AM

diving into friendship with God

SACRED 2024 MON, JUNE 24 - THU, JUNE 27 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Children ages 4 through incoming fifth graders are welcome to join us for SACRED (Saint Andrew Children's Recreation Education Days). Campers will enjoy skits, crafts, snacks, recreation, education, and MUSIC! Plan to have FUN!

REGISTER A CAMPER TODAY!

To learn more and register, visit tinyurl.com/SACRED-2024-REGISTER

ADULT AND TEEN VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

To learn more and volunteer, visit tinyurl.com/SACRED-2024-VOLUNTEER

NEED MORE DETAILS?

Contact Sophia and Jennie Statczar StAndrewSACRED@gmail.com

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL FIRST CALLED YOUTH MINISTRY

Activities held Sunday evenings, 6:30-8 p.m. at the Bryce Eck Center unless otherwise noted.

MARCH 17

Spring Break: No meetings. FCYM students are encouraged to attend Stations of the Cross inside the Church on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. -or- walk Reed Road Stations outside any time!

MARCH 24, PALM SUNDAY

Joint MS/HS Eucharistic Revival #2:

Presence & The Story of the Eucharist with Fr. Noble

MARCH 31, EASTER

No Session: Celebrate with Family!

Lent service: Collect money for Rice Bowl, toiletries for SVdP Purple Bag Project, and help at Fish Fries.

For more information about FCYM, visit standrewparish.cc/youth-ministry/ or contact Maria Moore at 614-439-3571 (cell), 614-459-1402 (office), or **mmoore@standrewparish.cc.**



FRIDAY, MARCH 22

4:30-7:00 PM

NUGENT PARISH HALL

\$15 ADULTS • \$13 SENIORS • \$9 KIDS

DINNER INCLUDES

- Guinness beer-battered cod
- The O on Lane Wood-fired Pizza
- Hand-cut festival french fries
- Homemade tartar sauce
- Drink and Dessert



VOLUNTEERS/DONATIONS NEEDED:

There are volunteer opportunities available and we are accepting dessert and beverage donations. To learn more, use the QR or visit our SignUp Genius at tinyurl.com/Fish-Fry-2024.



Our thanks to The O on Lane for their ongoing support of St. Andrew Parish events and activities!



SAINT MONICA CLUB

MONDAY, MARCH 25 6:00-7:00 PM // PARISH HALL

Give up worry and turn to prayer with the Saint Monica Club! All are welcome! St. Monica represents persistent, unfailing prayer for fallen-away family members.

The Saint Monica Club includes all devoted parents who have experienced the pain of a child leaving the Faith and have prayed ceaselessly for their return. For more info and to RSVP, contact Amy Tague, at **amyliss14@gmail.com**.

Mark your calendar for the next Tuesday Evening Bible Study Series...

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL: JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST

Seven-week study Tuesday April 9 - Tuesday May 21 7:15 - 8:30 p.m. Nugent Parish Hall*

*Held at the Bryce Eck Activity Center on April 15 & May 7.

THE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER CHAIRPERSON! The Volunteer Chair helps recruit volunteers and maintains list of volunteers and job descriptions via SignUpGenius. Training is provided! For more information, contact Jennifer at 614-857-5388 or TheFestivalAtStAndrew@gmail.com.

SCOUT FLAG COLLECTION: If you have a flag (or more) that you would like to appropriately retire, the St. Andrew Parish Scouts are collecting flags for their Flag Retirement Ceremony in May. The purpose of this annual project is to show appreciation for our chartered organization



and parishioners. Please place flags in or near the marked box in the church Parlor, or you can arrange to have your flag(s) picked up by contacting Jim Galvin at **powelloh@tutoringclub.com** or 614-397-8930.

WELCOME OUR BLESSED MOTHER INTO YOUR HOME! There are many sign-up opportunities to have the Blessed Mother statue in your home for prayer and devotion. Each week begins on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and ends the following Saturday at 4:30 p.m. The statue is

dropped off and picked up each week in the St. Andrew Chapel. Use the QR code or visit our SignUp Genius page to view upcoming available dates and learn more: **tinyurl. com/ourlady2024**. For more information, contact Deb McEllistrem, 614-309-4645 or **dmcellistrem@yahoo.com**.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 17, 2024

THE NATIVITY OF MARY SCHOLARSHIP

provides a \$2,000 per year scholarship to any rising 9th grade student who will attend



at Catholic High School in the 2024-2025 school year. Applications close on March 29. The link to apply for the Nativity of Mary Scholarship is https://catholic-foundation.org/grants/scholarships/the-nativity-of-mary-scholarship/.

THE \$25,000 ANNUAL RONALD C. SULLIVAN SCHOLARSHIP is available for application through The Catholic Foundation for incoming freshman at Ohio State University. Requirements are: Applicants must be a current high school senior enrolled or about to enroll at The Ohio State University, a practicing Catholic (as verified by a letter from a parish leader such as a priest, deacon, or youth minister), active member of St. Andrew, St. Agatha, Our Lady of Victory, or St. Christopher, and solid academic performance.

Applications close on March 25 for the Ronald C. Sullivan Scholarship. The link to apply for the Sullivan Scholarship is: https://catholic-foundation.org/grants/scholarships/ronald-c-sullivan-scholarship/.

If you have any questions about our scholarship process, please feel free to contact Dan Kurth, VP of Grants, at 614-443-8893 or **dkurth@catholic-foundation.org**.

"MILLIONS OF MONICAS"

EVERY MONDAY DURING LENT 6:00-7:00 PM // CHURCH

Join other Catholic women who are being called by the Holy Spirit to imitate St. Monica by attending this prayer ministry. Like St. Monica, we pray for our children to return to the practice of their Catholic faith, and for our children to always stay close to their faith. We are a group of women, young and old, who believe in the power of prayer. For more information, contact Amy Tague, at **amyliss14@gmail.com**.

THAT MAN IS YOU! THE VISION OF MAN FULLY ALIVE

SATURDAYS THROUGH THE SPRING 6:30-8:00 AM // BRYCE ECK CENTER

Join other men of the parish who have been coming to his interactive, video-based program to become better fathers, husbands, and Catholics. Program includes breakfast and coffee, followed by a video and small group discussions. For more information and to register, contact Colin Bellantis at 440-728-4166 or colinbellantis@gmail.com, or visit www.TMIY.org.

LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS

SAT, MAR 23: Vigil, Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion 4:30 PM Mass

David Hiser EMHC-B
Patricia Irsik EMHC-B
Mary Frecker Lector - A
Eagan Foster Lector - B
Owen Poulton Altar Server
Izzy Poulton Altar Server

SUN, MAR 24: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion 7:30 AM Mass

VOLUNTEER NEEDED	EMHC-B
Bob Slater	EMHC-B
Randy Doherty	Lector - A
Damion Faulkner	Lector - B
Arthur Bellaire	Altar Server
Irene Grigoryan	Altar Server

9:15 AM Mass

EMHC-B
EMHC-B
EMHC-B CHOIR
Lector - A
Lector - B
Altar Server
Altar Server

11:00 AM Mass

Liz Meyers EMHC-B
Dave Shiddenhelm EMHC-B
Mike Stuhldreher Lector - A
Marty Majka Lector - B
Ben Stuhldreher Altar Server
Matthew Stuhldreher Altar Server

To volunteer, visit **www.rotundasoftware. com/ministry/standrewcolumbus**, or use the QR code here. If you need help with your username or password, contact the Parish Office, 614-451-4290.



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Send requests no later than Monday at 10:00 a.m. for the following weekend. Include a brief description, date, time, location and contact name and send to **bulletin@standrewparish.cc**. Bulletin requests may be edited for clarity or space.

ePOST WEEKLY EMAIL: To subscribe, contact Mary Beasecker, **mbeasecker@standrewparish.cc**. The ePost includes information about upcoming events and activities within the parish. To submit information, please email to Mary before Noon on Mondays. ePOST submissions may be edited for clarity or space.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON: Join us on Friday, April 5, at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon, featuring a talk by architect William Heyer about Sacred Architecture. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and the presentation. No reservations are necessary, \$12 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! Our next Luncheon is Friday, May 3, and will feature a presentation by Fr. Steven Beseau, President/Rector of the Josephinum.

LENTEN TENEBRAE SERVICE ATTHE ST. THOMAS MORE NEWMAN CENTER: Join us for a special Tenebrae service each morning of the Triduum as we reflect on the death of Jesus. The service consists of the chanting of prayers of the Divine Office that highlight the sacred mysteries of Holy Week. It will take place in the St. Thomas More Newman Center Chapel and will be held the Thursday, Friday and Saturday of Holy Week at 6:30 a.m.

A Catholic Education is Now More Affordable, Thanks to EdChoice!

The Ohio EdChoice Expansion Scholarship program now offers ALL Ohio students the opportunity for a scholarship to attend a Catholic school!

With the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship, a family of four making \$140,400 per year or less is eligible for a full scholarship for each child in the amount of \$6,166 (K-8) and \$8,408 (grades 9-12). Families above that income level are eligible for scholarships awarded on a sliding scale based on income and household size, with no less than \$650 awarded per child.

Visit ohiocathconf.org/edchoice to learn how EdChoice scholarships can help you send your child to a Catholic school near you. Applications are now open for the 2024-2025 school year!





YCP EXECUTIVE SPEAKER SERIES: GORDY DEMARAIS

Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 pm St. Christopher Parish 1420 Grandview Ave, Columbus, OH 43212

Join us for a fun night of networking with other Catholic professionals and to hear an inspiring and illuminating talk about Christian maturity from the founder of Saint Paul's Outreach (SPO), Gordy DeMarais!

Please register at:

https://ycp.glueup.com/event/executive-speaker-series-gordy-demarais-98973/

JUBILEE OF THE SACRED HEART PILGRIMAGE: Please join the pilgrimage to the shrines of France this September 2024, spiritually led by Father Michael Donovan, O. de M. The Sacred Heart highlight is to Paray-Le-Monial where Jesus revealed His Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque.

This September, take the spiritual walk to the Shrines of France and be in the places where saints were sanctified, our Mother Mary appeared and Jesus exposed His Sacred Heart. We are all called to be saints. Let us walk where the saints have been and grow in spirit and love of God. Register at **www.stcharlespilgrimages.com/donovan**. For questions, call Rebecca at 740-248-9098.

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"Do This in Remembrance of Me" A Step-By-Step Walk Through the Mass

Fr. Luke Spannagel



Alleluia! With this familiar word (generally sung) of the Gospel Acclamation, we all stand for the Gospel. Where does that word come from? According to the Catechism, "Alleluia" is a word that means, "Praise the Lord!" (CCC, no. 2589). As the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* reminds us, this sung acclamation is a rite "by which the gathering of the faithful welcomes and greets the Lord who is about to speak to them in the Gospel and profess their faith by means of the chant. It is sung by everybody, standing, and is led by the choir or a cantor" (GIRM, no. 62).

While we use the word "Alleluia" for the Gospel Acclamation most of the time, as Charles Belmonte notes, "During Lent, instead of Alleluia, an acclamation is made before and after the verse before the Gospel" (Understanding the Mass, p. 90). For example, the people might acclaim, "Praise and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ!" or "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!"

Honoring the King of Kings

If you have ever wondered why we stand during the Gospel Acclamation and the proclamation of the Gospel, the above reminder explains it well. According to standard manners and etiquette (which are not always observed in our modern day in the same way as in the past), we always

stand when someone important or honored enters the room. For example, when a king or leader would enter, everyone would stand to greet that person. In a similar way, we are honoring the Lord Jesus present before us in the Word of God. We stand to acknowledge his presence, and we stand to give him honor. As the Diocese of Peoria teaches, "we stand in respect as the Master prepares to speak to us just as he spoke to the apostles" (A Study of the Mass, p. 8).

Other ways to increase our reverence and honor for Jesus present in the Holy Gospel are by using a Book of the Gospels and processions with candles and incense. As you may have noticed, we sometimes use a large, ornate book with decorated pages for the Gospel. This book is placed on the altar before the proclamation of the Gospel, showing the connection between Jesus present in the Word of God and Jesus present in the Holy Eucharist (more on that connection in the future). The Book of the Gospels is a very beautiful way to honor the Holy Gospels, with its decorated pages and beautiful artwork helping us call to mind how blessed we are to be hearing the actual words and actions of Jesus.

The Dignity of God's Word

The honor for Jesus the Word of God increases even more when we use candles and incense. Candles remind us of Jesus the Light of the World and act as a kind of reverential escort for Jesus in the Gospels. Incense, which we use to honor holy people and things, reminds us of the dignity of the Gospels and all of the Word of God, one of God's main ways of speaking to us.

Have you ever noticed that before going to proclaim the Gospel, the priest stops at the altar, bows in reverence, and then seems to be saying something? What he does there is a prayer asking the Lord to strengthen him for the joyful opportunity and privilege of proclaiming the words of Jesus in the Gospel. As he bows, the priest says silently, "Cleanse my heart and my lips, almighty God, that I may worthily proclaim your holy Gospel." If a deacon proclaims the Gospel, the celebrant gives him a blessing with similar words. This prayer recognizes the honor of what is about to take place and helps the priest or deacon to prepare for it.

The Gospel Acclamation really fits right in with all these honors which we give to Jesus. It is an acclamation of praise and excitement for Jesus truly present. We are overjoyed if we realize the significance of what is taking place: Jesus Christ, the Messiah and Son of God, the One who came to save the world, the One who walked on this earth nearly 2000 years ago, is speaking to all of us together as his family. No wonder the Church asks us to stand and praise God. No wonder the Church asks us to sing together in joy and praise: *Alleluia!*

For Reflection

- 1. Pray with Psalm 147, which begins and ends with "Hallelujah!" (v. 1, 20). Consider the psalmist's claim: "How good to sing praise to our God; / how pleasant to give fitting praise" (Ps. 147:1). After reflecting on the psalmist's words, "count your blessings," offer your own praise to God for the wonders he has worked in your life.
- 2. Reflect on the use of "Alleluia" in Revelation 19:1-10. Next time you participate in Mass, keep in mind that our proclamation of "Alleluia" echoes the worship of the saints and angels in heaven.

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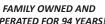
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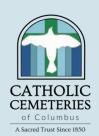


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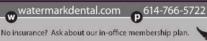
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