

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.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday:	Mar.	23	Vigil,	Palm	Sunday
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4:30 p.m. Special Intention

Sunday:Mar. 24, Palm Sunday7:30 a.m.Mary and Walter O'Connor9:15 a.m.Reverend Patrick Brennan

11:00 a.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish

Monday: Mar. 25, Monday of Holy Week

6:30 a.m. Barb Zimmerman Special Intention

Tuesday: Mar. 26, Tuesday of Holy Week

6:30 a.m. Virginia Ritzenthaler 8:30 a.m. Sherri Belmaggio

Wednesday: Mar. 27, Wednesday of Holy Week

6:30 a.m. Michelle Pappa 8:30 a.m. Diane Nester

Thursday: Mar. 28, Holy Thursday

7:30 p.m. Fr. Jim Willig

Friday: Mar. 29, Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

3:00 p.m. No Intentions

Saturday: Mar. 30, Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil

in the Holy Night of Easter

8:30 p.m. Diane Nester

Sunday: Mar. 31, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

of the Lord

7:30 a.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish

9:15 a.m. Charles Varda 11:00 a.m. TJ Duffy

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.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE...

Sophia Statczar & Dean Supelak

ST. ANDREW CHURCH COLUMBUS, OH

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Today, we begin Holy Week, the time each year where we commemorate and celebrate the Paschal Mystery of the Suffering, Death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Each day of Holy Week is special. I want to let you know what to expect on each day.

Today is "Palm Sunday!" Mass begins with the blessing and procession with blessed palm branches to commemorate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Later in the Mass, we hear the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ as told in the Gospel of Mark.

Monday is Reconciliation Monday. Confessions will be available from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday is the day of the annual Chrism Mass celebrated by the Bishop, which all the priests attend and renew their priestly commitment. The holy oils are also blessed at the Chrism Mass. Tuesday evening, we will have Adoration from 6:00-9:00 p.m. as usual.

On Wednesday of Holy Week, Confessions will be available from 7:00 p.m. until all are heard.

On Thursday, the Sacred Triduum begins. There are no morning Masses. At 7:30 p.m., the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper takes place commemorating the "Last Supper" at which Christ instituted the Holy Eucharist. This Mass includes the ritual of the Washing of Feet and concludes with a eucharistic procession to the Repository (in the Chapel) where the Eucharist remains until Midnight, so we can wait and watch with Jesus as His disciples did in the Garden of Gethsemane. Also, at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, we will distribute Holy Communion under both forms for the first time since before the pandemic!

Friday is "Good Friday." There is no Mass on Good Friday, but the Good Friday Liturgy – which consists of the Liturgy of the Word, Universal Prayers, the Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion – takes place at 3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday is a day of preparation. There are no liturgies or services during the day today. The Easter Vigil takes place in darkness after sunset. Our Vigil begins at 8:30 p.m. During this first Easter Liturgy, we will renew our baptismal promises and those being received into the Catholic Church will make a profession of faith, and receive Confirmation and First Communion!

Easter Sunday: Alleluia, He Is Risen! Our Easter Sunday Masses will be at 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

I wish all of you a Happy Holy Week!

Your Pastor,

Msgr. Stephan Moloney

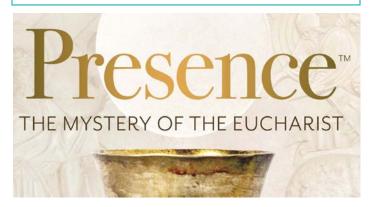


TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 24 12:15 PM

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 available or you can bring your own Easter basket.

Contact: Damion Faulkner, 614-738-9591

Sponsored by St. Andrew Council #11275 Knights of Columbus



MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: A EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL JUST FOR YOU!

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the story of salvation.

Join us TODAY, March 24, to watch Part Two of this the three-part series: *The Story of the Eucharist*

TIME: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

PLACE: Bryce Eck Activity Center

FACILITATOR: Fr. Paul Noble, Chaplain Bishop Watterson

First Called Youth Ministry (FCYM) assists in faith formation of a young person's journey to come and know Jesus, and how HE is calling each of us as disciples just as St. Andrew was First Called by Jesus.

Presence and more great media is available **FREE** to parishioners on **FORMED**. Visit **www.FORMED.org**, click on Sign Up (top right of page), enter NWWM42 (this is our parish access code), enter your email and create a password (you will need this to log in later.)

Mark Your Calendar for April 21 and Part Three: Bread for the Journey

SUNDAY OFFERING

MARCH 10 YTD

ACTUAL \$ 32,926 \$ 1,249,411

BUDGET \$ 32,212 \$ 1,191,828

LAST YEAR \$ 26,581 \$ 1,286,682

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. 106.



NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 31, IS EASTER SUNDAY AND ALSO FIFTH SUNDAY! The St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Society humbly asks for donations on the last Sunday in months that have FIVE Sundays. This is the time to use your **GOLD ENVELOPE** or make an online donation to benefit those served by SVdP. To donate online, visit the parish giving site at **osvhub.com/st-andrew-parish/funds** and choose St. Vincent de Paul from the gift information menu. You can also mail a check to the Parish Office: 1899 McCoy Road, Columbus, OH 43220. Make checks payable to St. Andrew/SVdP.

We are careful stewards of your donations, using them to help our less fortunate neighbors. For example, each month we make 670 sandwiches for the St. Lawrence Haven downtown. **We began doing this in 1946!** God bless you for your generosity.

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 lessfortunate neighbors. Take this opportunity to put your faith into action during the Lenten season.



FACILITIES AND ROOM RESERVATIONS AT **ST. ANDREW PARISH:** If you would like to reserve one of the meeting spaces or halls at St. Andrew Parish, please contact Jen Wenzke, **jwenzke@standrewparish.cc**, or Greg Price, **gprice@standrewparish.cc**. The event calendar can be viewed at **standrewparish.cc/calendar.**



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays from 6:00 to 9:00 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).



RECONCILIATION

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

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Holy Thursday, March 28, 7:30 PM *There are no morning Masses.*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Friday, March 29, 3:00 PM in the Church Confession follows the Liturgy until all are heard. There are no morning Masses.

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

Friday, March 29, 7:30 PM in the Church *There are no other Masses or services.*

EASTER VIGIL MASS

Saturday, April 8, 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

ST. ANDREW CHURCH COLUMBUS, OH



ST. ANDREW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Congratulations to our Eighth Grade Students! They are FILLED with the Holy Spirit! Please look for these new disciples at work in the community, putting their "gifts in action." Just before they were Confirmed, the eighth graders shared the areas of parish life in which they were most interested. These cards have been passed along to the appropriate ministries, so these young people can begin to put their gifts in action. Looking for ways to serve? Contact Liz Meyers at 614-451-2855, ext. 303

The PSR Eighth Grade class will complete their Lessons in Chosen online, and will attend First Called Youth Ministry's Eucharistic Revival, Presence, on March 24 and April 21 to complete their Eighth-grade year.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Wednesday, April 17: First Communion Parent Meeting, 4:30 p.m. -OR- 6:00 p.m. (choose one) in the Parish Hall. First Communion banners are due at the Parent Meeting.
- Friday, May 3: Jesus Day
- Saturday, May 4: First Communion, 11:00 a.m.
- Sunday, May 5: May Crowning following the 11:00 a.m. Mass

For more information about Religious Ed activities and upcomging events, contact DRE Tina White at **twhite@cdeducation.org** or 614-451-2855.

SCUBA

diving into friendship with God

SACRED 2024

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

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**



Order beautiful hanging baskets, flats and more! Flowers will be delivered on Thursday, April 25. To

order, use the QR code or visit www.
fundraiseit.org, click on the green
"Online Shopping" button, and enter
web sale code 1E5C62. For more
information, contact K.C. McAllister at
kc@mix-talent.com.





OPERATION RICE BOWL:

During the 40 days of Lent, we reflect on global hunger and actively help people suffering from a lack of proper nourishment through the Catholic Relief Services Rice

Bowl Lenten Almsgiving Program. PSR and school students received rice bowls during class. Additional rice bowls are available for parishioners in the vestibule and parlor of the church. If you choose, you can donate to the rice bowl Lenten program through ONLINE GIVING at osvhub.com/st-andrew-parish/funds. For more information about the CRS Rice Bowl program, visit www.crsricebowl.org.



"MILLIONS OF MONICAS"

EVERY MONDAY DURING LENT 6:00-7:00 PM // PARISH HALL* 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.

If you would like more information about this new prayer ministry at St. Andrew Parish, contact Amy Tague, at **amyliss14@gmail.com**.

*PLEASE NOTE: On Monday, March 25, Millions of Monicas will be held in the Parish Hall instead of the church.



SAINT MONICA CLUB

MONDAY, MARCH 25 7:00-8:00 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 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**.

***PLEASE NOTE** the time change this month.



THAT MAN IS YOU! THE VISION OF MAN FULLY ALIVE: Please join other men of the parish who have been coming to this interactive, video-based program to

become better fathers, husbands, and Catholics. And their feedback is overwhelmingly positive that the program is making a difference in their lives! The format is simple: free breakfast and coffee, followed by a video from various Catholic and family experts, followed by small group discussions to share thoughts and reflections and experiences to benefit others in your group. If you want to improve your relationship with God and your family, please consider attending.

The program continues throughout the spring on **Saturday mornings at the Bryce Eck Center**. Doors open at 6:30 a.m. for fellowship and breakfast, followed by a presentation and group discussion at 7 a.m. Each session ends by 8 a.m. For more information and to register, contact Colin Bellantis at 440-728-4166 or **colinbellantis@gmail.com** or visit **www.TMIY.org**.

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 NATIVITY OF MARY SCHOLARSHIP

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



a 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://catholicfoundation.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 The 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, 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/scholarship/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**.



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**.

ST. ANDREW CHURCH COLUMBUS, OH

LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS HOLY WEEK: MARCH 28 - MARCH 31

Thu, 7:30 p.m. - Holy Thursday March 28

Elizabeth Carpenter EMHC-B - B1 Maggie McGlade EMHC-B - B2 Claire Nduaguba EMHC-B - B CHOIR Dee Pellissier EMHC-C - C1 Kris Pellissier EMHC-C - C2 **VOLUNTEER NEEDED** EMHC-C - C CHOIR **VOLUNTEER NEEDED** EMHC-C - C3 David Taque Lector - A Pamela Sprigler Lector - B Luca Pietropaolo Altar Server Rocco Pietropaolo Altar Server Jackson Wenzke Altar Server Noah Wenzke Altar Server

Fri, 3:00 p.m. – Good Friday Liturgy March 29

Donna Kring EMHC-B - B1 Herm Mollmann EMHC-B - B2 Vicky Macklin EMHC-B - B CHOIR Ann Pratt Lector - A John Schechter Lector - B Luca Pietropaolo Altar Server Rocco Pietropaolo Altar Server A.J. Chatlos Altar Server Nate Chatlos Altar Server

Sat, 8:30 p.m. - Easter Vigil March 30

Tom Levenick EMHC-B - B1 Liz Meyers EMHC-B - B2 Don McNeal EMHC-B - B CHOIR Mike Luckett Lector - A Pamela Sprigler Lector - B Jennifer Schaefer Lector - B Mary Frecker Lector - B A.J. Chatlos Altar Server Nate Chatlos Altar Server Mary Jaminet Altar Server **VOLUNTEER NEEDED** Altar Server

Sun, 7:30 a.m. - Easter Sunday March 31

Mike Miller EMHC-B - B1 Sudie Mitchell EMHC-B - B2 Cathy Covarrubias Lector - A Randy Doherty Lector - B **VOLUNTEER NEEDED** Altar Server **VOLUNTEER NEEDED** Altar Server

Sun, 9:15 a.m. - Easter Sunday March 31

Iris Freisner EMHC-B - B1 Tom Levenick EMHC-B - B2 Donna Kring EMHC-B - B CHOIR Joseph Chatlos Lector - A David Varda Lector - B Ave Holowchak Altar Server Kara Busch Altar Server

Sun, 11:00 a.m. - Easter Sunday March 31

Patty Meyers EMHC-B - B1 Jeff Wenzke EMHC-B - B2 Jacob Decot Lector - A Ciara Decot Lector - B Jackson Wenzke Altar Server Noah Wenzke Altar Server

If there is a time during Holy Week that is available and you are interested in volunteering, visit www. rotundasoftware.com/ministry/standrewcolumbus,

or use the QR code here. If you have other questions about your scheduled service time, or need help with your username or contact Mary Beasecker mbeasecker@standrewparish.cc 614-451-4290, ext. 104.



THE EMMAUS ROAD SCHOLARSHIP FUND is a charitable donation that actually gives you a state tax CREDIT of up to \$1,500 for married, joint filers, 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-fordollar. 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 taxpayer 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.

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 mbeasecker@standrewparish.cc. Beasecker, ePost includes information about upcoming events and activities within the parish. To submit information, please email 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.

NEED THE PERFECT MOTHER'S DAY GIFT IDEA? Give the gift of LOVE? Honor your mother or special loved one by sending a newborn home from the hospital swaddled in love. A card with your honoree's name will be included in a layette filled with essentials for baby, assembled by members of The Christ Child Society for a donation of \$50 to The Christ Child Society of Columbus Layette Fund. A Mother's Day card will be sent to your honoree announcing your gift. CCS Columbus provides almost 2,000 layettes per year to newborns who are in need of resources in the central Ohio area. For more information or to donate on line go to **www.christchildsociety.org**. Donations must be received by April 19th. Contact Beth Kistler at 614-214-0124 or **bkistler@msn.com** with questions.

TOUR DAY AT THE JOSEPHINUM: The Pontifical College Josephinum welcomes you to its Annual Tour Day on Saturday, April 27, from Noon-3:00 p.m. Learn about the fascinating history and unique mission of the only Pontifical Seminary outside of Italy as you explore the Josephinum's grounds, main administration building, and Saint Turibius Chapel. Tours will highlight many beautiful characteristics of this historic 1931 structure, including extensive woodwork, stained glass windows, terrazzo floors, intricate brickwork, and sacred art. Register online at apps.pcj.edu/tourday2024.



BWHS MEN'S NIGHT: Bishop Watterson's 2024 Men's Night will be held on Saturday, April 6 at 6:00 p.m. in Marian Hall at Immaculate Conception, 414 E. Broadway, Columbus. Our speaker is MSG (Ret.) Sean Clifton, a special operations training consultant who served as a U.S. Army Green Beret and was wounded in combat.

Tickets are \$100 per person, with proceeds benefiting the Msgr. Grimes Scholarship Fund for tuition assistance. Ticketing and sponsorship opportunities can be found at **bishopwatterson.com**. All are welcome!

BWHS ART SHOW: Bishop Watterson will hold its Annual Art Show on Thursday, April 18, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Artwork by students from Bishop Watterson and its feeder schools will be featured. All are welcome!

MOTHERS' CLUB LUNCHEON & STYLE SHOW: April Showers is the theme for this year's Luncheon & Style Show, hosted by Bishop Watterson Mothers' Club. It will be held Sunday, April 21, at Villa Milano. Registration is open now at **bishopwatterson.com** and all are welcome!

BWHS SUMMER CAMPS: Registration is open for Bishop Watterson's summer art, theatre, sports and wood shop camps. Sports being offered are baseball, boys basketball, girls basketball, cheerleading, field hockey, football, girls soccer, softball, track & field, boys volleyball and girls volleyball. Go to **bishopwatterson.com** for dates, registration and other details.

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!



ST. ANDREW CHURCH COLUMBUS, OH



"Do This in Remembrance of Me"

A Step-By-Step Walk Through the Mass



Part 20: The Gospel



For many of us, the Gospel is one of our favorite parts of the Mass. We get to hear the stories about Jesus and the Apostles, how Jesus worked miracles of healing, and the words that he taught. For many, it is easy to imagine the scenes in our minds as we listen to the words. As the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* states, "The reading of the Gospel constitutes the high point of the Liturgy of the Word" (GIRM, no. 60). The Second Vatican Council teaches us that the Gospels have a special importance among all the books of the Bible because they are "the principal witness for the life and teaching" of Jesus (Dei Verbum, 18). According to Charles Belmonte, the proclamation of the Gospel "emphasizes the union between the Incarnate Word, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, symbolized by the altar and sacramentally present after the Consecration, and the word of God written in the Gospel" (Understanding the Mass, p. 91).

The Meaning of the Gospel

What does the word Gospel mean? The glossary of the Catechism defines Gospel as "[t]he 'good news' of God's mercy and love revealed in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. [...] The Gospel is handed on in the apostolic tradition of the Church as the source of all-saving truth and moral discipline" (CCC, Glossary, "Gospel"). The four Gospels are named after their human writers: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. The Second Vatican Council teaches, "The Church has always and everywhere maintained, and continues to maintain, the apostolic origin of the four Gospels. The apostles preached, as Christ had charged them to do, and then, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, they and others of the apostolic age handed on to us in writing the same message they had preached, the foundation of our faith: the fourfold Gospel, according to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John." (Dei Verbum, 18).

During the Mass, after we stand for the Gospel Acclamation, the priest or deacon begins with that familiar dialogue: "The Lord be with you!" and the people respond, "And with your spirit!" Then, the priest introduces the Gospel and the people respond, "Glory to you, O Lord!" These back-and-forth dialogues help us to prepare for what is about to happen: the Lord Jesus speaking to us. Another preparation for the words of Jesus is a simple gesture of a sign of the Cross. As the priest or deacon says, "A reading from the holy Gospel according to...," he will make a sign of the Cross on the Gospel book. At the same time, the people at Mass trace a small sign of the Cross on their foreheads, lips, and chests. I still remember, as a young boy, my dad teaching us to make this gesture and to say to ourselves: "May the words of the Gospel be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart." Those words have stayed with me through the years and are still a sincere prayer that the Word of God would be at the forefront of my daily living. As the Diocese of Peoria teaches, these acts and prayers are all "signs of veneration for the Word of God proclaimed to us in the holy Gospel. Our standing, our singing the Alleluia, our gestures and our responses are all outward signs of our inward disposition of love for Christ and reverence for his Word" ("A Study of the Mass," p. 8).

Our Response to the Gospel

At the conclusion of the gospel passage for a particular Mass, the priest or deacon says, "The Gospel of the Lord!" Our response in faith is, "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!" Then, the priest or deacon kisses the page he just read from and says silently, "Through the words of the Gospel may our sins be wiped away." Charles Belmonte beautifully writes that "we can at least make ours the kiss the priest has placed on the sacred book. With it, we want to tell our Lord we are ready to give our lives for the truths contained in the Gospel... At the same time, we ask forgiveness for our faults" (Understanding the Mass, p. 95).

Of course, the Gospels are so wonderful that we should read and pray about them more often than just at Sunday Mass. The life of Jesus is so rich and beautiful and can really provide great strength for us every day. Maybe try reading just one chapter of the Gospels every day and see what happens!

For Reflection

- 1. Accept Father Luke's advice and begin reading one of the four Gospels, starting with a chapter each day. Savor this opportunity to journey closer into relationship with Jesus.
- 2. Look at how each Gospel author introduces his text. What do the opening verses of each Gospel reveal about the message therein?





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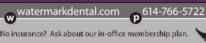


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