



## SAINT ANDREW PARISH

1899 McCoy Road, Columbus, Ohio 43220

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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](http://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**,  
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[www.standrewparish.cc](http://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  
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### 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  
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and providing all parishioners abundant spiritual,  
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faith-filled, engaged, and generous parish.*

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday: April 20 Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
 4:30 p.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish

**Sunday: Apr. 21, Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
 7:30 a.m. John and Paul Gallagher  
 9:15 a.m. Rita Melaragno  
 11:00 a.m. Jim Shough

**Monday: Apr. 22, Weekday Mass**  
 6:30 a.m. Paul and Lillian Wentzel  
 8:30 a.m. Harry Bailey

**Tuesday: Apr. 23, Weekday Mass**  
 6:30 a.m. Erin Emerine  
 8:30 a.m. Jim Saffell

**Wednesday: Apr. 24, Weekday Mass**  
 6:30 a.m. Dorothy M. Lorr  
 8:30 a.m. Thomas Rosmarin

**Thursday: Apr. 25, Weekday Mass**  
 6:30 a.m. Gene Perry, Sr.  
 8:30 a.m. Special Intention

**Friday: Apr. 26, Weekday Mass**  
 6:30 a.m. Patti and Gene Weber  
 8:30 a.m. Lydia Manaloto

**Saturday: Apr. 27, Weekday Mass**  
 9:00 a.m. Shirley Pappa  
**Vigil, Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
 4:30 p.m. Mary Anne O'Reilly

**Sunday: Apr. 28, Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
 7:30 a.m. Mary and Ted Rondinella  
 9:15 a.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish  
 11:00 a.m. Kent Morse

### 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](mailto: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.

### BAPTISMS

Lois Joyce Zid, daughter of Steven and Allison

## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

On this weekend of April 20-21, we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Easter. Throughout this holy season, we continue to marvel at the unbelievable reality of the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. He truly died, and truly rose again from the dead, and appeared in His risen and glorified body to His disciples over the course of many days, until He was taken up to heaven.

Our faith is built upon the foundation of the witness of these apostles and disciples who saw Him, touched Him, heard Him, and even ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead. For us 21st century believers, "Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of [your] faith, the salvation of your souls." (1 Peter 1: 8-9)

This Sunday – April 21 – is also "World Day of Prayer for Vocations." This observance is intended to remind us that the Church needs vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate, and to consecrated religious life! We are asked to pray for an increase in vocations, for young people to thoughtfully discern whether God is calling them to serve the Church in a religious vocation, and that they may have courage to follow that call. We also pray for those already following God's call, that they may persevere in their calling. We also strive to support and encourage those who are discerning the call to holy orders and religious life. Let us pray always for holy vocations, but especially on this world Day of Prayer for Vocations!

Let us continue to rejoice and be glad because Christ is truly risen and conquered death!

Your Pastor,

Msgr. Stephan Moloney

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## World Day of Prayer for Vocations

*Today, the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.*



SAINT ANDREW SCHOOL

# Art Show

**APRIL 20 & APRIL 21 // AFTER ALL MASSES**  
**NUGENT PARISH HALL**

All are welcome! Each student in Preschool through 8th Grade will have artwork on display. Bring family and friends for this community event.

Light refreshments included.

## SUNDAY OFFERING

	APRIL 7	YTD
<b>ACTUAL</b>	\$ 30,333	\$ 1,334,891
<b>BUDGET</b>	\$ 32,212	\$ 1,365,223
<b>LAST YEAR</b>	\$ 45,375	\$ 1,410,245

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](https://osvhub.com/st-andrew-parish/funds) or contact Business Manager Thomas Conigy at [tconigy@standrewparish.cc](mailto:tconigy@standrewparish.cc) or 614-451-4290, ext. 106.



## CELEBRATE OUR MOTHER MARY!

TUESDAY, MAY 7 // 6:30 PM // NUGENT PARISH HALL



May is typically a time for honoring our mothers and women. **Women of St. Andrew (WoSA)** invites **all ladies of the parish** to celebrate our Blessed Mother with dinner and a discussion. The evening will include a delicious lasagna dinner and presentation from Msgr. Frank Lane, a spiritual director in the Diocese of Columbus and former St. Andrew pastor.

The cost is \$20 per person (check or cash) paid at the door.

**PLEASE RSVP** to [tinyurl.com/WOSA-2024MayDinner](https://tinyurl.com/WOSA-2024MayDinner) or use the QR.



We hope to see you there and encourage you to invite your mother, daughter, sister, neighbor or friend!

## DO YOU ENJOY MEETING AND CONNECTING WITH NEW PEOPLE?

Join the St. Andrew Hospitality Ministry. This ministry will offer a welcoming community for guests and parishioners through fun, engaging activities and volunteer opportunities. Hospitality Ministry members will help with new parishioner signups, host Donut Sundays and a parish potluck, serve as greeters, and much more.

•**FIRST HOSPITALITY MEETING:** Thursday, April 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

•**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION WEEKEND:** April 27 & 28 in the Vestibule, following Masses.

For more information, contact Jacob and Ciara Decot at [jdecot284@gmail.com](mailto:jdecot284@gmail.com).



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

## ENCOUNTER THE REALITY OF OUR EUCCHARISTIC LORD

TUESDAY, APRIL 23  
7:15 - 8:30 PM  
NUGENT PARISH HALL

All parishioners are encouraged to join us for a repeat of last fall's Eucharist Revival small group study sessions. This adapted seven-session series will immerse you in the kerygmatic proclamation (Sessions 1-4) and unveil God's saving work in the Eucharist (Sessions 5-7).

**Session 3: Am I saved?** Salvation is a gift from God through Jesus Christ that requires our "yes."

Each session includes prayer, a video and small group discussion. The main lesson is drawn from content created by the Augustine Institute.

For more information, contact Kathy Miller at [kathy.miller725@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.miller725@gmail.com).



**THE NEXT FESTIVAL MEETING** is Wednesday, May 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. All are welcome to join us and share ideas!



**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 SUNDAY, APRIL 21, FOR PART THREE!**

**TITLE:** Bread for the Journey

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

**PLACE:** Bryce Eck Activity Center

**FACILITATOR:** Fr. Paul Noble, Chaplain Bishop Watterson

**PIZZA WILL BE SERVED!**

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](http://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 use this to login later).*



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

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER A CAMPER IS MAY 1.** Visit [tinyurl.com/SACRED-2024-REGISTER](http://tinyurl.com/SACRED-2024-REGISTER)

**ADULT AND TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** Visit [tinyurl.com/SACRED-2024-VOLUNTEER](http://tinyurl.com/SACRED-2024-VOLUNTEER)

**NEED MORE DETAILS?** Contact Sophia and Jennie Statczar at [StAndrewSACRED@gmail.com](mailto:StAndrewSACRED@gmail.com).

**MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL FIRST CALLED YOUTH MINISTRY**

**SUNDAYS // 6:30-8:00 PM // BRYCE ECK CENTER\***

**APRIL 21**

Eucharistic Revival final session with Fr. Noble and PRESENCE #3: *Bread for the Journey*  
Pizza will be served

**TUESDAY, APRIL 30**

Spend time with Jesus~FCYM Adoration  
6:00-9:00 p.m. in the Church

**SUNDAY, MAY 5**

FCYM End-of-Year Banquet

**Service for April:** Pray for priests and vocations.

For information, contact Maria Moore, [mmoore@standrewparish.cc](mailto:mmoore@standrewparish.cc), 614-459-1402, ext. 5.

\*FCYM meets on Sundays at the Bryce Eck Center unless otherwise noted.

**ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR ST. ANDREW SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADERS**

The St. Andrew Athletic Association is now accepting applications for the following scholarships:

- **Tribute to Coaches Scholarship** (seventh grade)~\$500
- **James Valentino Scholar Athlete Scholarship** (eighth grade) ~\$1,000
- **Patti Passen Scholarship** (eighth grade)~\$1,000

For more information, deadlines, and how to apply visit <https://www.standrewsports.com/scholarships/> or use the QR code.



**ST. ANDREW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- **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 upcoming events, contact DRE Tina White at [twhite@cdeducation.org](mailto:twhite@cdeducation.org) or 614-451-2855.

## THAT MAN IS YOU! THE VISION OF MAN FULLY ALIVE



SATURDAYS THROUGH APRIL 27  
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](mailto:colinbellantis@gmail.com) or visit [www.TMIY.org](http://www.TMIY.org).



### SAINT MONICA BOOK CLUB MONDAY, APRIL 29 6:00-7:00 PM // PARISH HALL

Give up worry and turn to prayer with the Saint Monica Book Club! ALL are welcome at this once-a-month study. St. Monica represents persistent, unending 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 [amyliiss14@gmail.com](mailto:amyliiss14@gmail.com).

### MILLIONS OF MONICAS

May 6 // 6:00-7:00 PM // CHURCH

Join other Catholic women called by the Holy Spirit to imitate St. Monica through prayer. Like St. Monica, we pray for our children (and all those who have left the Church) to return to the Church and remain close to their Catholic faith. We are a group of women of all ages who believe in the power of prayer.

If you would like more information about this prayer ministry at St. Andrew Parish, contact Amy Tague, at [amyliiss14@gmail.com](mailto:amyliiss14@gmail.com).

**JOIN US IN THE GARDEN:** The Garden Club meets every Monday from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. (weather-permitting). Club members maintain the perennial garden by the grotto, the garden in front of the parish office, and the cannas flowers in the McCoy Road parking lot throughout the spring and summer.

Each week, we meet near the flower garden with the swing. You can come as often as your schedule allows. Bring your own garden gloves and hand tools. For more information, contact Karen Bruns at [kbruns145@gmail.com](mailto:kbruns145@gmail.com) or 614-216-4694.

## LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS

### SAT, APR 27: Vigil, Fifth Sunday of Easter

#### 4:30 PM Mass

Karen Huey	EMHC-B - B1
Vicky Macklin	EMHC-B - B2
Ann Pratt	Lector - A
Jim Macklin	Lector - B
James Patti (Sub Req.)	Altar Server
Ian McNair	Altar Server

### SUN, APR 28: Fifth Sunday of Easter

#### 7:30 AM Mass

Larry Hoffman	EMHC-B - B1
Peggy Hoffman	EMHC-B - B2
Cathy Covarrubias	Lector - A
Colin Bellantis	Lector - B
Grant Davis	Altar Server
Elle Hatch	Altar Server

#### 9:15 AM Mass

Rosie Brandon	EMHC-B - B1
Dick Curtis	EMHC-B - B2
Mike Luckett	EMHC-B - B CHOIR
Tom Levenick	EMHC-C - C1
David Tague	EMHC-C - C2
Mark Pardi	EMHC-C - C CHOIR
Lindsay Kaleta	EMHC-C - C3
Jennifer Schaefer	Lector - A
Mary Kasberg	Lector - B
Joel Kasberg	Altar Server
Liliana Pardi	Altar Server

#### 11:00 AM Mass

Dave Shiddenhelm	EMHC-B - B1
Mike Koehler	EMHC-B - B2
Wini Chuidian	Lector - A
Carson Reider	Lector - B
Ethan Train	Altar Server
Mason Shoemaker	Altar Server

To volunteer, visit [www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/standrewcolumbus](http://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 by 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](mailto:bulletin@standrewparish.cc). Bulletin requests may be edited for clarity or space.

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

## AROUND THE DIOCESE



## SERRA, NOW MORE THAN EVER!

NO PRIEST, NO EUCHARIST!

### BECOME A SERRAN!

Serrans ensure the future of the Catholic Church by creating a culture of vocations in our Columbus Diocese.

Serrans affirm and encourage our priests and supporting vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Serrans assist and encourage one another to respond to God's call to holiness.

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**ST. CHARLES DRAMA DEPARTMENT PRESENTS** *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* on Thursday, May 2, and Friday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. Matinee show will be Sunday, May 5, at 2:00 p.m. All shows will be held in the St. Charles Campus Theatre, 2010 E. Broad Street. Adult are \$15/ticket, students are \$10/ticket. To reserve tickets, visit **www.scprep.org** and select the "Buy Tickets" button.

**CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON:** Join us on **Friday, May 3, at St. Patrick Church** in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring Josephinum President/Rector Fr. Steven Beseau, who will discuss the status of the Josephinum. 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, June 7, and will feature Patrick Madrid.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY AT THE JOSEPHINUM:** The Pontifical College Josephinum seminary seeks a full-time Database Administrator for the Advancement Department. This position is responsible for maintaining accurate database records as well as providing support to the Advancement Office through the generation of lists, reports, and mailings. Secondary responsibilities include communications and event support. Applicants must have knowledge of fundraising fundamentals and Microsoft Word/Excel, as well as experience using a customer relationship managing database, preferably Raiser's Edge by Blackbaud. Visit **pcj.edu/jobopportunity** for a detailed description of this position and how to apply.

## CCL FOOTBALL CENTRAL CATHOLIC LEAGUE SPRING 7v7 PASSING LEAGUE

For students in fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades

**April 28** at Bishop Hartley  
**May 5** at St. Charles  
**May 19** at Bishop Watterson

**Fifth/Sixth Grade:**  
5:30-7:00 p.m.  
**Seventh/Eighth Grade**  
7:00-8:30 p.m.

### ON THE FENCE ABOUT FOOTBALL?

Learn about the game in a non-contact setting with the CCL High School Coaches. For more information, contact Brian Kennedy, 614-270-5496 or [bjk9721@yahoo.com](mailto:bjk9721@yahoo.com).

To register, visit **<https://form.jotform.com/240785468311157>** or use the QR code. Deadline to register is April 22.





# The Mass

## ***“Do This in Remembrance of Me”*** **A Step-By-Step Walk Through the Mass**

Fr. Luke Spannagel

### ✙ Part 24: The Homily ✙

After hearing God’s Word to us in the Scriptures and especially the life and words of Jesus in the Gospel, next comes an opportunity to reflect more deeply on those words in the **homily**. As the Diocese of Peoria teaches, after the Gospel, we move into the “Second Half” of the Liturgy of the Word, which “consists of the homily, the Profession of Faith and the Prayers of the Faithful. These three ‘moments’ in the liturgy act as a bridge between the Liturgies of the Word and Eucharist” (*A Study of the Mass*, p. 9).

#### **The Root of the Term**

What is the homily exactly? “*Homily*” comes from a Greek word that means “explanation.” The purpose of the “homily is to break open the Scriptures and lead us in a deeper understanding of the mysteries we celebrate” (*A Study of the Mass*, p. 9). From the glossary of our Catechism, the homily is “[p]reaching by an ordained minister to explain the Scriptures proclaimed in the liturgy and to exhort the people to accept them as the Word of God” (CCC, p. 882). According to the *New Catholic Encyclopedia*, “a homily is a more or less brief, instructive discourse on a passage of Scripture wherein the spiritual lesson of the Scriptural text is made clear... It is generally to be instructive, informal, and intelligent” (p. 271). Some might say that is a tall order!

Who can give the homily? As the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* states, “The Homily should ordinarily be given by the Priest Celebrant himself or be entrusted by him to a concelebrating Priest, or from time to time and, if appropriate, to the Deacon, but never to a lay person. In particular cases and for a just cause, the Homily may even be given by a Bishop or a Priest who is present at the celebration but cannot concelebrate” (GIRM, 66). The reason that only a Bishop, priest, or deacon gives the homily in the liturgy is directly tied to the proclamation of the Gospel. One of the gifts a man receives at ordination is a particular grace for the special purpose of preaching and teaching the Gospel. Although the wording is slightly different now, I recall very clearly the part of the diaconate ordination rite where the Bishop handed me the Book of the Gospels and said, “Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you now are. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach.” Every now and then when preparing the homily, I will think of these words which remind me that I have been chosen for this ministry. I will read through the Scriptures and recall for myself that Jesus has asked me to share these truths with God’s people, hopefully to help them understand more fully, grow in faith, and live more consistently in his love.

### **A Link Between the Liturgies**

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal teaches, “The Homily is part of the Liturgy...for it is necessary for the nurturing of the Christian life. It should be an explanation of some aspect of the readings from Sacred Scripture or of another text from the [prayers of the Mass] and should take into account both the mystery being celebrated and the particular needs of the listeners” (GIRM, 65). So, while the homily may most commonly be about the readings used in the Mass, it would be appropriate for the preacher to also reflect on one of the prayers of the Mass. I somewhat regularly will refer to phrases in the Prefaces before the Eucharistic Prayer, especially on special Feast Days when those prayers are specific to the celebration.

Do we always have the homily? As the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* says, there should be a homily at every Sunday and Holy Day Mass when there is a congregation. It is recommended on other days, especially on the weekdays of Advent, Lent, and the Easter Season, as well as on other “festive days and occasions” when more people are joining for the celebration (GIRM, 66). Next time, we will look more into the homily and how it helps serve as a link between the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

### **For Reflection:**

1. Pray with this guidance to Timothy about preaching: “I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching” (2 Timothy 4:1-2). Consider how the homilies you experience function to fulfill this instruction.
2. Reflect on significant homilies in your life history. Are there any memorable occasions when the message of a homily affected you? Give thanks to God for the impact of this preaching.

Source: [www.eucharisticrevival.org/blog](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org/blog)



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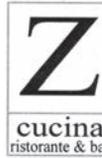


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