

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 and choose "Sacramental Emergency" from the list of options or press 3.

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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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.	Vigil, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Dr. Joseph Banks
Sunday: 7:30 a.m.	Sept. 28, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Living and Deceased Members of the Kleman Family
9:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	For the People of St. Andrew Parish Cecilia Fernandes
Monday:	Sept. 29, Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael
6:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	Special Intention Phyllis DelTosto
Tuesday: 6:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	Sept. 30, St. Jerome John and Paul Gallagher Marion Lamone
Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	Oct. 1, St. Therese of the Child Jesus Tom O'Reilly Diane Nester
Thursday: 6:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	Oct. 2, The Holy Guardian Angels Michelle Doyle Intentions of the Rosary Group
Friday: 6:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	Oct. 3, Weekday Mass Mary and Ted Rondinella Special Intention
Saturday: 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 4, St. Francis of Assisi Lucy Kilbane
4:30 p.m.	Vigil, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mary Lou Kreber
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m.	Oct. 5, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Bill Jones Lena Colatruglio

BAPTISMS

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

Riley Bae Suh, daughter of Kwang and Amanda

FACILITIES & ROOM RESERVATIONS:

If you would like to reserve one of the meeting spaces located at St. Andrew Parish, please contact Jen Wenzke at jwenzke@standrewparish.cc, or Greg Price at gprice@standrewparish.cc. To reserve space at the Bryce Eck Activity Center, please contact Karen McCurdy at kmccurdy@cdeducation.org. The parish event calendar can be viewed at tinyurl.com/SAP-CALENDAR.

ST. ANDREW CHURCH COLUMBUS, OH

»SCOUT POPCORN SALE!

Support the Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA of St. Andrew Parish by purchasing popcorn after Masses on September 27 & 28! Popcorn



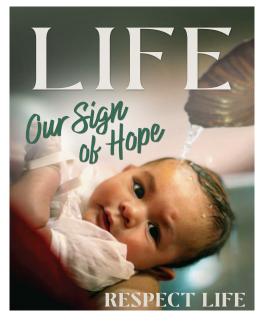
makes a great game time snack or gift to give. Thank you for your support of the sale, which helps the boys attend summer camp and enjoy other enriching activities throughout the year!

»MAKE SANDWICHES WITH SVDP:

All parishioners are invited to join St. Andrew St. Vincent de Paul Society members and make sandwiches for the Holy Family Soup Kitchen on **Sunday, Sept. 28, after the 9:15 a.m. Mass in the parish hall kitchen**.



"The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace."
~Numbers 6:26



OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

- •October 3 | March For Life: 9:00 a.m. Mass for Life at St. Joseph Cathedral; 10:00 a.m. pre-rally concert; 11:00 a.m. rally; Noon March for Life, downtown Columbus. For more information and map of the march route, visit https://marchforlife.org/ohio/.
- •October 4 | Bottles for Life Campaign: From October 4 through November 2, look for the empty bottles in the baskets in the vestibule, fill a bottle with change, cash, or check and return it to the bin in the parlor. Or, you can donate directly at **tinyurl.com/SAP-Bottles-2025**. Every gift, big or small, helps save lives and support families in need. Let's be the hands and feet of Christ in this mission for LIFE!
- •October 11, 12, 18, & 19 | 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil Sign-ups: Stop by the church parlor before or after Masses to learn more and sign up to pray during the prayer vigil. Online sign-ups will be available in October.
- •October 22-30 | Respect Life Novena: Join Catholics nationwide praying a special Novena for the protection of human life from conception to natural death. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at respectlife.org/celebrate.
- •October 25 | 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil: We pray in front of Planned Parenthood on East Main Street from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

MEETINGS BEGIN WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1 7:00-8:30 PM // MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) at St. Andrew Parish offers men and women at all stages of their faith journey to come together within a welcoming atmosphere to learn more about the Catholic Church. The program includes weekly meetings on Wednesday evenings. OCIA is for adults who have not been baptized into any religion (Catechumen); adults who have been validly baptized in another faith tradition and desire to be in full communion with the Catholic Church (Candidate); adults who were baptized Roman Catholic, but did not receive the Sacraments of Confirmation or Eucharist.

For more information, contact Director of Adult Faith/OCIA **Emily Jaminet**, 614-451-4290, ext. 110 or **ejaminet@standrewparish.cc**.



SUNDAY OFFERING

SEPTEMBER 14 YTD

 ACTUAL
 \$ 20,573
 \$ 297,424

 BUDGET
 \$ 32,788
 \$ 360,672

 LAST YEAR
 \$ 28,201
 \$ 360,970

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.



DURING MASS: For those who experience hearing loss and use hearing aids, St. Andrew Parish offers the telecoil, or T-coil, hearing loop system in the church. The T-coil hearing loop system reduces most background noise and improves understanding of speech and music. **If you would like to take advantage of the T-coil function in the church**, you will need to ask your Hearing Care Provider (HCP) to add it to your device. After this, simply press the button on the back of your hearing aid and select the program that your HCP has assigned to T-coil.

****WE WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!** Do you attend Mass at St. Andrew but you've never registered? Are you new to the community and interested in becoming a parishioner? We would love to hear from you. Registration is quick and easy. For more information, contact Parish Secretary **Jen Wenzke** at 614-451-4290 ext. 0 or **jwenzke@stadrewparish.cc**.

wthe Knit and crochet ministry has spent many hours handcrafting PRAYER SHAWLS for those in need of comfort and peace. A selection of shawls is available for parishioners to take for themselves or to share with someone. The shawls are located in the lower cabinet to the right of the chapel entrance. The gift of a prayer shawl is a tangible reminder of God's care and love, encouragement, and inspiration.

»ROSARY FOR LIFE: ALL ARE WELCOME! Join us every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. to pray the Rosary for Life. Mass begins at 9:00 a.m. At the conclusion of the Mass, we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We provide prayer aid booklets and materials. On the first Saturday of each month, the St. Andrew Council Knights of Columbus lead the Rosary and Chaplet. On all the other Saturdays, the women of the parish lead the prayers.



EUCHARISTIC 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. Adoration concludes at 8:45 p.m. with Compline (end of day prayers) and

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); Walking With Purpose (third Tuesday); Men of the Parish (fourth Tuesday).



walking with purpose

SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY

DAY AND EVENING STUDIES BEGIN OCTOBER 1!

Make authentic connections with other women and learn more about God. Walking With Purpose (WWP) Women's Ministry invites ALL women to journey through scripture together and build relationships that matter. If you desire to grow in your faith in a supportive community of Catholic women, then Walking With Purpose is for you.

This year's study is *Ordering Your Priorities: Building a Life Well Lived*. It is an immensely practical Bible study that will help you discover and prioritize what matters most in life. When you're feeling out of kilter, getting back to basics is a game-changer.

WWP meets weekly beginning Wednesday, Oct. 1.

- •Day session: 9:30-11:00 a.m., Mulitpurpose Room
- •Evening session: 7:00-8:30 p.m., Bryce Eck Center

Visit **tinyurl.com/WWP-SAP-2025** or use the QR to register and to get the link to the book.

For more information, send an email to wwpstandrewcolumbus@gmail.com.

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»IT'S TIME TO ROLL UP YOUR

SLEEVES! Our next blood drive is **Wednesday, Oct. 1, from 1:00-5:45 p.m. in Nugent Parish Hall.** To schedule an appointment for the St. Andrew drive, visit **RedCrossBlood.org**, sponsor code: SACC, or call 1-800-733-2767. Walk-ins are usually accepted.



American Red Cross

If you give blood during this drive, the Red Cross will say "thank you" with a \$10 Amazon.com gift card by email (some restrictions apply). For more details, visit the Red Cross website.



To commemorate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Monsignor Moloney and Mabel invite all parishioners and their pets to the ANNUAL PET BLESSING. Bring your cats, dogs, turtles or frogs, all species, even lizards, are welcome!





»ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A GREETER

AT MASS? The St. Andrew Hospitality Ministry welcomes ALL parishioners to volunteer as greeters before Masses! We are looking for a few friendly faces especially before the 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, but all are welcome to serve at any Mass. This is a great way to get service hours, too. We encourage all adult volunteers to be Protecting God's Children compliant. If you wish to sign up, visit tinyurl.com/SAP-Greeters-2. For more information or to get involved in the Hospitality Ministry, contact Jake and Ciara Decot at jdecot284@gmail.com.



Council #11275 will hold its next membership meeting on Monday, Oct. 13.

The meeting will be held at the Bryce Eck Center and begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. Join us early to pray the Rosary at 6:30 p.m. Each meeting includes fellowship as well as discussing upcoming events!

During this meeting, Insurance Agent and Brother Knight Rob Slater will give a brief presentation immediately after the meeting to provide information on the many top-rated membership benefits offered by the Knights of Columbus! Refreshments will be served.

Any male 18 or older and a practical Catholic can join the Knights of Columbus. If you're interested in learning more about us, please join us at our next meeting!



BUCKEYE DONATIONS NEEDED!

- Jif or Skippy creamy peanut butter (NOT low fat)
- •Nestle semisweet chocolate chips
- •Domino 10x confectioners' sugar

Look for the bin in the Parlor marked "buckeye donations."

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL BUCKEYE-MAKING WORKSHOP in Nugent Parish Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., (rolling and dipping); and Wednesday, Nov. 5, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (dipping and packaging). It is a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow parishioners and participate in an annual event that has been a tradition for decades. You may also purchase buckeyes at that time. Come for a few hours

The buckeyes will be sold at the St. Andrew Holiday Bazaar on November 8.

or stay all day. Lunch and treats will be served.

For more information, call Denise Kish at 614-679-2897.

St. Andrew EUCHRE PALOOZA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

6:00 PM - DOORS OPEN 7:00 PM - PLAY BEGINS NUGENT PARISH HALL



Cost is \$25/person and includes food, soft drinks and Euchre. All skill levels are welcome. Win cash prizes!

Participants must be 21 and older.

For more information or to register, contact **Joe DelTosto**, 614-371-7901 or **jdelto43@gmail.com**. *Proceeds support K of C charities.*

ST. ANDREW RELIGIOUS ED. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If you are a second grade parent, mark your calendar for the **First Communion parent meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 22**, at 4:30 p.m. -OR- 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall.
Important sacramental information is shared during the meeting. Two meetings are scheduled for your convenience. Parents only need to attend one of the meetings, not both.

For more information, contact **DRE Kathy Dowler** at 614-451-2855, ext. 305 or **kdowler@standrewparish.cc**.



EVERYTHING BUT THE TURKEY FOOD DRIVE

St. Andrew Parish and School is partnering with Catholic Social Services to present this special service opportunity. This community drive collects traditional Thanksgiving side items, pantry staples, and desserts to create

meal boxes for our neighbors in need. Each box will provide everything needed to prepare a warm and comforting holiday meal – except the turkey.

Many organizations, churches, schools, and individuals have sponsored one item for the meal box. The St. Andrew Parish and School community is sponsoring instant mashed potatoes. **Our goal is to collect 500 boxes of instant mashed potatoes now through November 1.**

Boxes can be dropped off in the parish or school offices (during office hours) or in the church parlor in the labeled box. For more information, contact **Mary Ann Abrams** at **abramsmmet@gmail.com**.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER AT ST. ANDREW

If you are 18 years or older and interested in volunteering with youth activities at St. Andrew Parish and School, you must complete ALL of the following steps before you can volunteer:



- Attend a PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN training session.
- 2. Provide a CLEAR BACKGROUND CHECK.
- 3. Sign the CODE OF CONDUCT.
- 4. Complete a VOLUNTEER APPLICATION.

To register for a training session through the Diocese of Columbus, visit **www.virtusonline.org**.

Upcoming Virtus Protecting God's Children (PGC) sessions:

- October 8: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 6:00 p.m.
- October 14: ZOOM session, 6:00 p.m.
- November 17: ZOOM session, 6:00 p.m.

For more information, including a list of ALL requirements for becoming a compliant volunteer, visit **www.standrewparish.cc/parish-involvement/volunteers/** or contact **Mary Beasecker** at 614-451-4290, ext. 104, or **mbeasecker@standrewparish.cc**.

ST. ANDREW WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY

St. Andrew Winter Sports are open to currently enrolled St. Andrew School and PSR students. Sports include:

- Basketball (Grades 4-8)
- Mini-Cagers 3v3 Basketball (Grades K-3)
- Viking Magic (Grades 3-6)
- Cheerleading (Grades 5-8)
- **NEW IN 2025!** Pee Wee Pep Squad for Basketball (Grades 1-3)

Registration deadline is October 15. To register or learn more, scan the QR code or visit https://standrew.doodlio.com/



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»THAT MAN IS YOU! THY KINGDOM COME:

Confront the worldly kingdoms and spiritual evils of our day. Discover Jesus Christ present as the true King of your heart and, with a band of brothers, learn to live with an eternal perspective and embark upon the narrow road to salvation. Become the man we need to help rebuild the kingdom! **JOIN US 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 7:00 a.m. Each session ends by 8:00 a.m.

Use the QR to join our group. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information, contact Colin Bellantis at 440-728-4166 or colinbellantis@gmail.com or visit www.TMIY.org.



****THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY VIDEO SERIES**

continues on **Thursdays from 9:15-10:45 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room**. Created by Paradisus Dei, explore the Joyful Mysteries with reflective insights on the life of Christ, theological truths, and captivating stories with breathtaking scenery, beautiful sacred art, and inspiring music. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this series helps the Rosary come alive in the hearts and minds of participants. Our discussions lead to deeper encounters with Christ in personal prayer and contemplation. This is an eight-week series. Coffee is provided. For more information, contact **Sharon Hess** at **sharonhess612@gmail.com** or 614-204-5111, or **Peggy Rennick** at **peggyrennick@gmail.com** or 614-266-7712.

»MILLIONS OF MONICAS PRAYER MINISTRY:

All women of the parish are welcome to join us in prayer for our children, family members, and friends who struggle with the Catholic faith or have left the faith entirely. We will resume the prayer ministry on **Monday, Oct. 13, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the church**. For information about this prayer ministry, contact **Amy Lilly** at **amylilly65@gmail.com**.

»ST. MONICA BOOK CLUB: All are welcome to this once-a-month study. St. Monica represents persistent, unfailing prayer for fallen-away family members. The club includes all devoted parents who have experienced the pain of a child leaving the faith and have prayed ceaselessly for their return. Our next meeting is on **Monday, Oct. 27, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.** For more information, contact **Amy Lilly** at **amylilly65@gmail.com**.

»MEN'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY: Join us each Friday from 7:00-8:00 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room

(located off the parlor) to discuss the letters of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians, Timothy and Titus. Learn about Paul's encouragement and admonishments to his trusted assistants and the young congregations he founded. No homework or reading is required between meetings. Coffee is provided. For more information, contact **David Varda** at 614-569-9558 or **dvarda129@gmail.com**.

LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS

SAT, OCT. 4: Vigil, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:30 PM Mass

Rita Medaglia	EMHC-B - B1
Patricia Irsik	EMHC-B - B2
John Schechter	Lector - A
Cathy Covarrubias	Lector - B
Anthony Amweg	Altar Server
Leonardo Amweg	Altar Server
Drew Busch	Altar Server

SUN, OCT. 5: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 AM Mass

Mike Miller	EMHC-B - B1
Deb McEllistrem	EMHC-B - B2
Christina Carmell	Lector - A
Mark Northup	Lector - B
Gabrielle Martin	Altar Server
Daniel Martin	Altar Server

9:15 AM Mass

Ciara Decot	EMHC-B - B1
Karen Huey	EMHC-B - B2
Jane Dickson	EMHC-B - B CHOIR
Jennie Statczar	EMHC-B - B3
Nathan Bateman (sub req)	EMHC-C - C1
Abigail Meyers	EMHC-C - C2
Suzanne Meyers	EMHC-C - C CHOIR
David Varda	EMHC-C - C3
Jacob Decot	Lector - A
Joseph Chatlos	Lector - B
Ty Moore	Altar Server
Angelo Pardi	Altar Server

11:00 AM Mass

MaryAnn Sylvester	EMHC-B - B1
Laddie Waldegar	EMHC-B - B2
Damion Faulkner	Lector - A
Michael Northup	Lector - B
Thomas Reidenbach	Altar Server
Peyton Niangoran	Altar Server
Amalia Savona	Altar Server

Nate Chatlos Altar Server

To volunteer, visit **www.rotundasoftware.com/ ministry/standrewcolumbus**, or use the QR. If you need help with your username or password, contact **Mary Beasecker** at **mbeasecker@ standrewparish.cc** or 614-451-4290, ext. 104.



BULLETIN AND EPOST ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Send requests to **bulletin@standrewparish.cc** by Monday at 10:00 a.m. for the upcoming weekend. Include a brief description, date, time, location, and contact name. If Monday is a holiday, all submissions must be received the Friday before. Submissions may be edited for clarity or space.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON: Join us **Friday, Oct. 3, at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus** for a luncheon featuring a talk by Father William Hahn, Vicar General of the Diocese and Director of Priestly Life and Vocations. Father Hahn will discuss the current state of vocations for the Columbus Diocese. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Fr. Hahn's presentation. No reservations are necessary. \$12 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend!

ANNUAL MOMMIES MATTER FALL FUNDRAISER!

Join Mommies Matter on Thursday, Oct. 9, for an unforgettable evening of fun while also making a difference for a good cause! Mommies Matter provides group and one-on-one mentoring support, as well as housing, educational, employment and financial assistance to brave, single, pregnant moms. This night of comedy, music, auctions, and raffles supports pregnant, single mothers! Event starts at 5:00 p.m. at Villa Milano (1630 Schrock Road, Columbus) with live music by Blue Spectrum (Zayne Harshaw) and comedy by Steve Simeone. For details and to purchase tickets, visit **mommiesmatter.org/fall-fundraiser**.



IS JESUS CALLING YOU TO BECOME A PRIEST? The

Melchizedek Project can help you to discern the answer. Sessions are 6:00-7:30 p.m. at St. Brendan Church on the last Monday of each month. The first meeting will be held September 29 in the Carter Center. Dinner is provided! To learn more about the project, visit **www.vocationscolumbus.org**. If you plan to attend, email Fr. Severance at **frseverance@stbrendans.net**.



Purchase tickets for \$75 per person at https://one.bidpal. net/2025redwagon/ticketing. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Christ Child Society or for more information, visit us at https://christchildsociety.org.

THIRD ANNUAL SERRA CLUB PRIESTLY VOCATION

ESSAY COMPETITION: The Columbus Serra Club is challenging all eighth grade boys to write an essay of 500 words or less answering a question about whether God might be calling them to the priesthood. Boys have October and November to write their essays. Writers of the ten best essays will be awarded a \$1,000 tuition assistance grant to a diocesan Catholic high school. The Catholic school system will administer the competition for

will administer the competition for boys in Catholic schools. Eighth grade boys not attending a Catholic school, scan the QR, text 614-558-0806 or email kielkopf.1@osu.edu on how to participate.



PREGNANT? NEED A FRIEND?

Contact Birthright of Columbus. We provide emotional support, pregnancy tests, pregnancy information and referrals. All Services are FREE! 614-221-0844

columbusohmain@birthright.org

ST. ANDREW CHURCH COLUMBUS, OH



"Do This in Remembrance of Me"

A Step-By-Step Walk Through the Mass

Fr. Luke Spannagel
Part 82: Summary and Farewell

Once "the Mass is ended" and we go on our way, you might feel that there is more. What else should we think about? The Mass is only ended in terms of a particular parish family gathering coming to a temporary halt. As some of our favorite authors for this series have taught us, the Mass continues.

The Mass and Daily Life

During our review of the Mass, we have seen how God speaks to his people. We have reflected on the great gift of Jesus, who has given himself in sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins. We have prayed through the great gift of the Mass that unites us to Our Lord's saving sacrifice and invites us to participate. We have meditated on the Eucharist as our true source of unity with God and one another. We have prepared to go forth, recognizing that our mission is to share the fruits of the Mass out in the world. Along these lines, Charles Belmonte teaches about the mission of the Mass: "The Lord does not want us removed from our surroundings, our work, or our social relationships. He wants us in the world so that we might sanctify and improve it, and place at God's feet all souls and institutions, all political life and all activities in general. Blessed Josemaria Escriva points out for us, 'Your ordinary contact with God takes place where your fellow men, your yearnings, your work and your affections are. There you have your daily encounter with Christ. It is in the midst of the most material things of the earth that we must sanctify ourselves, serving God and all mankind.' Therefore, the Mass should not be taken as a kind of escape from our duties" (Understanding the Mass, p. 198).

Similarly, Fr. Guy Oury writes, "What remains after [the Concluding Rites of the Mass] is to go and live the Mass we have celebrated and the Communion we have received: to live it in abiding union with the Father's will and in union with one another. Mass does not end at the Church door. There is no line of demarcation between worship and life" (The Mass, p. 124).

Seeing unity in our life inside and outside Mass, Belmonte writes (including some words from Pope St. Paul VI) that "we should turn to our daily occupations to find God also in these pursuits. Thus, we will avoid leading a double life: 'on one side, an interior life, a life of relation with God; and on the other, a separate and distinct, professional, social, and family life, full of small earthly realities. No! We cannot lead a double life... There is just one life, made of flesh and spirit. And it is this life which has to become, in both soul and body, holy and filled with God. We discover the invisible God in the most visible and material things. There is no other way. Either we learn to find our Lord in ordinary, everyday life, or else we shall never find him" (Understanding the Mass, p. 198).

Some Final Thoughts from Fr. Luke

For me, as this series draws to a close, I am struck by how rewarding and enriching this step-by-step journey through the Mass has been! No doubt, there are others who are more scholarly or more original. Likely, there are some spiritualities and blessings of the Mass that could have been reviewed in more detail. Hopefully, these reflections have been helpful for all of you. I hope they have been an invitation to learn more about the wonderful gift of the Mass. I pray they have been a jumping-off point for more prayer and learning in the years ahead!

With a thankful heart, we go forward. We recall the great truths and gifts shared along the way. The Mass truly is an encounter with the Lord Jesus, in his Word, through the priest and assembled community, but most especially in his very Body and Blood in the Most Holy Eucharist. As we know, the Mass isn't just a once-a-week kind of activity, not just something we "turn on" and then "turn off" when we are finished. Rather, the Mass changes us and makes us more like Christ, perfects us, and prepares us for heaven. This change is not just internal but must be lived out in the world so that others may be brought to the fruits of the Mass, both in this life and in the eternal Banquet of the Lamb in heaven. I pray that you will always be able to find Christ truly present in the tabernacle, on the altar, and in the midst of living life. I pray that you will always find him! I pray that the fruits of the Mass will be with you out in the world, and I pray with great hope for the joy of all being joined together in perfect worship of God, joined together at the great Banquet of Heaven!

For Reflection:

- 1. With gratitude, reflect back on your participation in Fr. Luke's series. Which parts of the Mass or themes stand out the most to you? How have you shared what you have learned with others, or how could you do so as the series concludes?
- 2. Pray for deepening integration of your interior life, and continue to approach the Eucharist and the Mass as the source of unity for every aspect of your life. Pray also for Fr. Luke and all who have shared the journey of this series with you!

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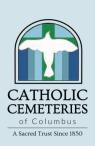
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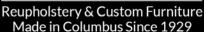
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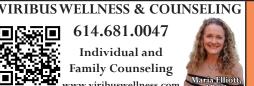


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