

Faith Formation and Religious Education (RE)

Any questions? Contact Jenifer Jefferies at standrew.dre@gmail.com

Adult Faith Formation

- **BOTW** – Join us to read, pray, and discuss the upcoming Sunday Scripture readings on **Wednesdays at 9 a.m. in the Library**. All are welcome!
- These quotes are from some of our amazing discussions during the Journey Part 2:

“Mass is an I love you from God to us!” ** “We are what we eat.”

“Mass is intimate and communal at the same time.” ** “nourishing”

“Do not be afraid.” ** “No atheists in a foxhole!” ** “Let go and let God.”

“Think of the person you love the least – that is how much you love Jesus.” (yikes!)

“Church is the hospital for the soul.” ** “Love is always the right answer.”

“The Kingdom is “now and not yet!” ** “Where do you see God in this?”

“If Judas was invited to the table, there is a place for all of us!”

“Where is your hope?”

Religious Education (RE)

High School	Yes! Class this Sunday 7:00 pm until 8:15 in the parish hall! It has been a long time, so everyone will seem new! If you have been thinking about joining us, make this the night! All high school students are welcome!
Junior High	No traditional class this Monday, December 4, but 6th and 7th graders are invited, with your parents, to attend the parish Advent Reflection service from 7 til 9 pm.
Elementary	Yes, classes are back this Wednesday, December 6, 3:15 – 4:15. We will recognize our December birthdays and much talk about the season of Advent will take place in classrooms!

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve MASSES: 4 PM & 7 PM

Christmas Day MASS: 10:30 AM

The Christmas Eve Mass at 7 PM will be our traditional Midnight Mass with a prelude of Christmas music. Come early (45 minutes) to enjoy an ensemble of Christmas carols and solo performers.

This Week at Saint Andrew

December 3, 2017

Website: standrewbc.org

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Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:30 AM to 12 Noon and 1 PM to 5:00 PM

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Calendar & Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 2, 2017

Presider: Fr. Toan

Mass 5 PM † **Klemens Just**

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Presider: Fr. Toan

Mass 8 AM **People of the Parish**

Mass 10:30 AM † **Laura Patterson**

Coffee & Donuts after both Masses:

Barbara & Kevin Smith

Monday, December 4, 2017

OFFICE CLOSED

7 PM Advent Reflection (*church*)

Guest Presenter: Connie Clough

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

8 AM Communion Service

Rosary and Chaplet afterwards

6 PM Reconciliation (*confessions*)

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

Presider: Fr. Toan

Mass 8 AM † **John E. Kleem**

Anointing of the Sick

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Mtg.

6:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 7, 2017

8 AM Communion Service

Vigil Mass 7 PM † **Lenny Stefanski**

Friday, December 8, 2017

Mass 8 AM (Immaculate Conception)

† **Francisco Das Chagas Mendes**

10AM Funeral Mass - Fagan

Saturday, December 9, 2017

11 AM Funeral Service - Anaya

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Confessions 4 p.m. Saturday, or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick at the 8 AM Mass on the first Wednesday of the month, or by appointment.

For Marriage and Baptism information, please contact the parish office.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT "Promise to Protect"

**BELIEVE IN THE POSSIBILITY OF HELP AND HEALING.
THERE IS HOPE.**

Your local Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help you or anyone who has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church. We will listen to your needs and support you. We will help you make a formal complaint and arrange a personal meeting with the bishop, or his delegate, if desired. We encourage you to come forward and speak out. *The Victim Assistance Coordinator in our diocese is: Ron Vallance at (702) 235-7723.*

**The Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)
12/7/17 Vigil Mass 7 p.m. 12/8/17 8 a.m. Mass**

Message from Deacon Tim

Today we officially begin Advent, our preparation for Christmas; a time to prepare spiritually. We are preparing for two things; we are remembering the birth and Nativity of Jesus at Christmas, and remembering that Jesus will come again at the end of time. With so much emphasis on buying gifts and planning parties it is easy for us to lose sight of the reason for the season. In all the print ads, mailers and commercials that we are inundated with there is little mention of what the feast is really about: the birth of Jesus, the gift of eternal life and the promise of peace.

In the coming weeks when shopping, family and work gatherings, and hustle of daily life begin to takeover; just stop, be still in the quiet of your hearts and let the love of God fill you and the anticipation of Christmas embrace you, and pray, "Come, come Emanuel..."

Special Collection - December 10, 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,
On the weekend of **December 10th** our parishes will be conducting the appeal for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**, an annual collection that benefits more than 32,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Our senior religious are a treasure. Their dedication and hard work laid the foundation for Catholic schools, hospitals, and numerous social service organizations. Many continue in volunteer ministry today. Their ongoing prayer and witness enrich our faith in countless ways. I am grateful for the service of religious, past and present. I hope you, too, recall a sister or brother who made a positive difference in your life. Most elder religious worked for years for small stipends, leaving a substantial gap in retirement savings. Rising health-care costs and decreased income compound the challenge to meet such day-to-day needs as medications and nursing assistance. The Retirement Fund for Religious offers financial support that helps religious communities provide loving care for older members while ensuring younger ones can continue the good works of their elders. I understand you are asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you only to give what you can. Most importantly, please pray for God's continued blessing on all our women and men religious. Rest assured they are praying for you! Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph A. Pepe, D.D., J.C.D.
Bishop of Las Vegas

Week of December 3, 2017

Sunday: Isaiah 63: 16b-17, 19b; 64: 2-7/Psalm 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19, 1 Corinthians: 3-9/ Mark 13: 33-37
Monday: Isaiah 2: 1-5/Psalm 122: 1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Matthew 8: 5-11
Tuesday: Isaiah 11: 1-10/Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Luke 10: 21-24
Wednesday: Isaiah 25: 6-10a/Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Matthew 15: 29-37
Thursday: Isaiah 26: 1-6/Psalm 118: 1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Matthew 7: 21, 24-27
Friday: Genesis 3: 9-15, 20/Psalm 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Ephesians 1: 3-6, 11-12/Luke 1: 26-38
Saturday: Isaiah 30: 19-21, 23-26/Psalm 247: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Matthew 9: 35-10: 1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11/Psalm 85: 9-14/2Peter3: 8-14/Mark 1: 1-8

Pray For

Jeanne Clark Donna Finney
Mike Hubel Mike Zabriskie
and all those we continue to remember in our prayers on the PRAYER SITE list (www.standrewbc.org and select the PRAY FOR US tab), the Tiltons in Kinshasa, all deployed military who are serving our country, those recovering from the series of natural disasters, fire storms, the mass shootings, and for all who have recently lost a friend or loved one, especially, Marge Fagan, *Wayne (Marcia) Kessler's mother* and Kathy Anaya, *friend and former co-worker of Deacon Tim.*



See calendar for Funeral dates/times.



Sanctuary Flowers
Donors: Donna & Gail Andress
In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL ANDRESS

Sanctuary at Christmas

We will again be taking donations for sanctuary flowers (poinsettias) again this year for Christmas in memory or honor of a loved one.



Weekly Offering and Attendance

Offering	Last Year	Current Year
November 19	\$6,581.00	\$7,162.00
November 26	\$4,974.00	\$6,477.00

Attendance: 417 (11/19/17) 389 (11/26/17 Thanksgiving)

More St. Andrew

TASTE OF CHRISTMAS
Bake Sale and More ...
After Masses
December 16 & 17

Social Committee Chairpersons:
Helen Breeden, Anna Clark,
and Paula Rios

BAKED "goodies" NEEDED
SIGN-UP NOW!!!

Dates to BRING "goodies":
Friday, December 15 during office hours and Saturday, December 16 between 9 - 12 Noon.

At *Taste of Christmas* this year, there will also be some homemade crafts available as well a limited supply of **Women At the Well** miniature statues at \$25 each.

Beyond the Parish

Harmony Handbell Concert

Sunday, December 17 at 3 PM

Elaine K. Smith Building
700 Wyoming St., Boulder City

Concert will include traditional and popular Christmas music by the choir, small groups, and solo performers.

