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WELCOME

If you are new to our parish, please be sure to register, complete the registration form and get Sunday donation envelope.

Registration forms are available at the Information Centre, or at the Church entrance.

If you are moving from the parish, changing address, or phone#, please notify the Parish Office. Thank you.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Last Saturday of the months of January, March, May, September, and November @ 11am.

PREPARATION

Baptism Class is required for Parents and Godparents, offered on the 2nd Wednesday of the months of January, March, May, September, and November @ 7pm.

Requirements must be all completed before attending the Baptism Class. Contact Parish Office to register.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday –
10am to 12pm & 1pm to 4pm

MASS TIMES

Weekends –

Saturday 5pm (anticipated)
Sunday 9am, 11am & 4pm

Weekdays –

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
8:15 am
Tuesday 6pm
Friday 9am
First Friday 9am & 6pm
Saturday 9am

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
Every Wednesday after 8:15am Mass

School Mass Wednesday 9:30am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 9:30am – 10:30am
in the church

MARRIAGE

Contact Father Joe through the Parish Office at least six months before making any plans.

FUNERALS,

ANOINTING OF THE SICK,
COMMUNION FOR ELDERLY,
AND HOUSE/CAR BLESSINGS
Contact Father Joe anytime.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Parish Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P.)

Classes on Sundays for Grades 1 to 7 & Post-Con, 10:30am to 12pm, from September 2022 to June 2023.

For more information, please contact Ana Alayan @ 604.872.2900.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

Non-Catholic adults who desire to join the Catholic Church and also Catholics who wish to deepen their faith.

Every Thursday, 7pm to 8:30pm from September 2022 to June 2023.

For more information, please contact parish office @ 604.327.2824.



September brings a new school year, fresh opportunities, endless possibilities, a time for growth, discovery and personal development in our faith journey. As we embrace the new school year 2023-2024, I welcome everyone – all parish ministries, our school principal and staff, parents, children and all parishioners. As a parish community, we also welcome our new Assistant Pastor, Father Francesco Voltaggio. Welcome back everyone!

I hope you all had a restful and memorable summer break filled with adventures, relaxation and cherished moments with family and friends.

I am looking forward to journeying with you again in this new school year. With the grace of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of Mary and our patron saint, and with your loving and generous support, commitment and dedication to serve, we can continue to build the Kingdom of God here at St. Andrew's community.

Together "Let us live, celebrate and proclaim our faith!"

God bless you always and in all ways,

+ Father Joe



The common theme of today's readings is God's command concerning our spiritual responsibility and individual accountability for others in our families, parishes and community. This accountability arises from our identity as God's children. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we become each other's "keepers". We must lovingly and prudently correct each other when we err, forgive those who offend us, and ask forgiveness from those we have offended.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches that true Christian charity obliges a Christian, not only to assist his neighbors in their temporal and spiritual needs with material help and prayer, but also to aid with correction those brothers and sisters who have damaged the community by public sin. If the erring one refuses a one-on-one, loving correction by the offended party, then the Christian is to try to involve more people: first, "one or two others," and eventually "the Church." Finally, Jesus mentions the efficacy of community prayer in solving such problems, for Christ is present in the praying Christian community.

We are our brother's/sister's keeper. Modern believers tend to think that they have no right to intervene in the private lives of their fellow believers. Others evade the issue saying, "As a sinner, I don't have the moral courage or the right to correct anyone." But Jesus emphatically affirms that we are our brothers' keepers, and we have the serious obligation to correct others. We need to offer advice and encouragement to our friends, neighbors, and coworkers when it is needed, and loving correction, in private, for a personal offense where that is possible.

We need to gather in Jesus' name and work miracles. Today's Gospel reminds us of the good we can do together, and of how we can do it. Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." If any group of us gather, work, and act with the Holy Spirit guiding us, we will become much more than simply the sum of our numbers.

Today, Jesus makes it clear how important we are, one to another. One in Christ, our community can draw on God's power to make His healing, life-giving love, more effective among His people.

Excerpt from Radio Vaticana on Liturgical Reflections

COMMISSIONING SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 24 DURING THE 9AM MASS

Let us pray for all the teachers and catechists ~ St. Andrew's School, PREP, RCIA, Legion of Mary, Liturgy of the Word for Children, and Youth of our parish ~ for sharing the Catholic Faith with others, especially with our children.

We also pray for all those who are in the Liturgy Committee and all the other ministries in our parish. Thank you for your commitment.

PROJECT ADVANCE APPEAL 2023 "EMPOWERING OUR PARISH VISION" Update as of September 3, 2023

Total Number of Pledges: 179

Total Amount of Pledges: \$ 55,625

THANK YOU to all parishioners who have already made a gift to Project Advance. Your participation counts. With your continued support, we hope to achieve our goal this year. How much we share is a sign of our love; when we love much, we share much.



WHAT IS R.C.I.A.?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) is a process through which adults become full members of the Roman Catholic Church. R.C.I.A. is based on a lifelong faith formation model.

WHO CAN ATTEND R.C.I.A.?

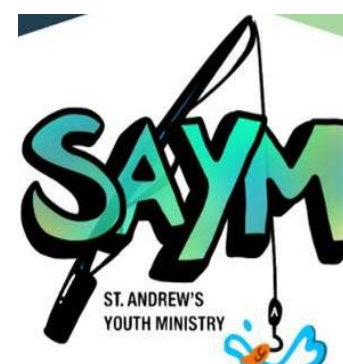
- Adults who have never been baptized;
- Adults who were baptized in another Christian tradition (denomination) and who are thinking about becoming Catholic;
- Adults who were baptized as Catholics but have not received the Sacraments of Eucharist, Confession and/or Confirmation.
- Confirmed Catholics who wish to deepen their faith and understanding of Catholic theology and belief.

WHAT KIND OF COMMITMENT IS INVOLVED?

The time commitment involves weekly sessions that are a combination of seminars and spiritual development. As you enter the deeper stages of the process, participation in Sunday liturgies is also expected.

WHEN & WHERE DO RCIA SESSIONS TAKE PLACE?

Every Thursday, **starting September 28**, from 7pm – 8:30pm in the church basement. Spouses and fiances are encouraged to attend together even if only one needs the sacraments.



ST. ANDREW'S YOUTH MINISTRY is hosting a **SPORTS DAY** on **Saturday, September 23, from 11am-1:30pm** in the church basement. Come and meet the Youth Community, leaders and celebrate the start of the school year with SAYM. More details to follow.

READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 11 – 24, 2023

Mon Sept 11		
8:15 am	Lk 6:6-11	Segundo Cortez (RIP) Souls in Purgatory
Tue Sept 12		
6 pm	Lk 6:12-19	Cecilia Mangubat (Thanksgiving) Perez & Ester Jalimao (RIP)
Wed Sept 13		
8:15 am	Lk 6:20-26	St. John Chrysostom Ligorio Cruz (RIP) Lesley Alabazo (Thanksgiving) Maria Lo (RIP)
9:30 (school Mass)		
Thurs Sept 14		
8:15 am	Jn 3:13-17	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Theodore Tumanon Sr. (RIP) Andy & Jane Marcial (Special Intention)
Fri Sept 15		
9 am	Jn 19:25-27	Our Lady of Sorrows Honorato San Jose (RIP) Reynaldo Bie (RIP)
Sat Sept 16		
9 am	Lk 6:43-49	St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian Rey Bucaneg (RIP) Christina Sales (Special Intention) John & Elisa Mohammed (Thanksgiving) Pureza Mora (Thanksgiving) Laurenda Occeno (RIP)
5 pm		
Sun Sept 17		
9 am	Mt 18:21-35	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Valentina Maciel (Thanksgiving) Vicente Dela Cruz (RIP)
11 am		Kainoa James Alabazo (Thanksgiving) Aguilar Family (Thanksgiving) Arnold Oclida (RIP)
4 pm		Urbana San Jose (RIP) Irene Borja (RIP) All Parishioners
Mon Sept 18		
8:15 am	Lk 7:1-10	Herman Fabular (RIP) Urbana San Jose (RIP)
Tue Sept 19		
6 pm	Lk 7:11-17	Rosita Isonza (RIP) Kenneth Rioux (RIP)
Wed Sept 20		
8:15 am	Lk 7:31-35	St. Andrew Kim & Companions Medardo Samonte (RIP) Souls in Purgatory
9:30am		
Thurs Sept 21		
8:15 am	Mt 9:9-13	St. Matthew Elizabeth Sabas (RIP) Antonio Sevilla (RIP)
Fri Sept 22		
9 am	Lk 8:1-3	Urbana San Jose (RIP) Eunice Blaise Alvarico (RIP)
Sat Sept 23		
9 am	Lk 8:14-15	St. Padre Pio Juan Ramos (RIP) Urbana San Jose (RIP) Silvestre Lacerda (RIP) Brian & Eve Sullivan (RIP)
5 pm		
Sun Sept 24		
9 am	Mt 20:1-16	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Socorro Planas (RIP) Fernandez Family (Special Intention) Urbana San Jose (RIP) Edmond Flores (Special Intention) All Parishioners
11 am		Urbana San Jose (RIP)
4 pm		Victoria Sabio Masindo (RIP)

LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS –



ALL OF THE SICK, ESPECIALLY: Kathie Coll, Merlita Dayrit, Reynaldo & Cynthia Dela Cruz, Lorna Delos Santos, Cindy Ferrer, Elisa Mohammed, Kristina Moser, Linda Navalta, Josie Taboada, Katherine Tomei, and John Topp.



ALL OUR DEARLY DEPARTED BROTHERS AND SISTERS. ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD. AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

**SECOND COLLECTION ON SEPT 16 & 17
IN SUPPORT OF HEALING AND RECONCILIATION**

Your support will contribute to: *Healing and reconciliation initiatives for communities and families affected by past injustices
*Culture and language revitalization projects aimed at preserving and celebrating Indigenous heritage
*Education and community-building initiatives that empower individuals and promote unity. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel...” - Ezekiel 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

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The Archdiocese of Vancouver is deeply saddened to announce the passing of Archbishop Adam Exner, OMI, who served as Archbishop of Vancouver from 1991 to 2004. Archbishop Exner peacefully died the morning of Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at the age of 94, in his residence in Grayson, Saskatchewan.

MEMORIAL MASS

Holy Rosary Cathedral in Vancouver, BC
Tuesday, September 12, at 12:10pm.
Archbishop Michael Miller will preside, and Msgr. Gregory Smith will give the homily.

**HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION
FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**

For people living on the margins ~ We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.



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