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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### Sunday Masses –

Saturday 5pm

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 &  
Father Francesco 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 2023 to June 2024.

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 2023 to June 2024.

For more information, please contact  
parish office @ 604.327.2824.

## REPENT AND BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS



Let us make Lent a time of renewal of life by penance and prayer. Lent should be a time for personal reflection on where we stand as Christians in accepting the Gospel challenges in thought, word, and deed. It is also a time to assess our relationships with our family, friends, working colleagues, and other people with whom we come in contact, especially those of our parish.

Let us convert Lent into a time for spiritual growth by participating in the Holy Mass; setting aside some part of our day for personal prayer; reading some Scripture, setting aside some money that we might share with the less fortunate in our society; abstaining from smoking or alcohol; receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Lent and

participating in the Stations of the Cross on Fridays; visiting the sick and those in nursing homes, and doing some acts of charity, kindness, and mercy every day in Lent.

Lent reminds us that we have to take up the fight each day against the evil within us and around us, and never give up. Jesus has given the assurance that the Holy Spirit is with us, empowering us, so that final victory will be ours through Jesus Christ.

*Excerpt from Radio Vaticana on Liturgical Reflections*



As we journey through Lent, we may be thinking about what to give up or what to do to help other people. There are many modern ideas, such as put an item of clothing you don't use in a plastic bag or an item of non-perishable food in a box for 40 days and deliver it to the homeless shelter; or try and do one act of random kindness everyday. What ever you choose to do, may your Lenten Journey brings you closer to the Lord. Please reflect on these words from Pope Francis.

~ DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT? ~

**Fast from hurting words** and say kind words.

**Fast from sadness** and be filled with gratitude.

**Fast from anger** and be filled with patience.

**Fast from pessimism** and be filled with hope.

**Fast from worries** and trust in God.

**Fast from complaints** and contemplate simplicity.

**Fast from pressures** and be prayerful.

**Fast from bitterness** and fill you heart with joy.

**Fast from selfishness** and be compassionate to others.

**Fast from grudges** and be reconciled.

**Fast from words** and be silent so you can listen.



## STATIONS of the CROSS

DURING LENT, STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY @ 6PM  
FOLLOWED BY HOLY MASS.

### ENCOUNTER JESUS THIS LENT

Jesus awaits you in the Sacrament of Mercy! Lent is the perfect time to encounter Him through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and to bring a family or friend along with you. This will be a great preparation for our Lenten journey.

~ PARISH LENTEN CONFESSION TIMES ~

♥ EVERY FRIDAY BEFORE STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 5:30pm to 6pm

♥ LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE with several priests from our Deanery – Thursday, March 7 @ 7pm

♥ DAYS OF MERCY with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – March 20, 21, & 22 from 7pm to 8pm

### CALLING ALL PARISH LECTORS AND USHERS

FOR AN EVENING OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION

With Father Francesco ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29 @ 7PM

THEME: "RENEW MY DESIRE TO SERVE"

ST. ANDREW PARISH

# LENTEN RETREAT

"DO NOT BE AFRAID,  
YOUR FATHER IS COMING TO SAVE YOU"

WITH FR. FRANCESCO

- 1ST PART – FEBRUARY 23
- 2ND PART – MARCH 1

FRIDAYS AFTER THE 6:30PM MASS

BRING YOUR FRIENDS,  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God..." - Mark 1:14

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

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### PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS THIS LENT

The Seminarian Prayer Calendar assigns each day of Lent to each of the young men in our Archdiocese who are preparing for the priesthood. Please check out the link below:

[https://www2.rcav.org/l/897551/2024-02-09/3n4w8k/897551/1707515749nlcsAgnh/Seminarian\\_Lenten\\_Calendar\\_2024](https://www2.rcav.org/l/897551/2024-02-09/3n4w8k/897551/1707515749nlcsAgnh/Seminarian_Lenten_Calendar_2024).

## Soup Night for the Poor



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As often as you did it for one of my least brothers. You did it for me.

Saturday, March 9 @ 6:30PM, church basement

Proceeds go towards helping the poor in the Third World through Development & Peace.

**READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 19 – MARCH 03, 2024**

<b>Mon Feb 19</b> 8:15 am	Mt 25:31-46	<b>Family Day</b> Eulalia Hisoler (Thanksgiving) Loris Yen (RIP) Gloria Cael (RIP)
<b>Tue Feb 20</b> 6 pm	Mt 6:1-13	James Bejar (Thanksgiving) Yolly Tejuco (Thanksgiving)
<b>Wed Feb 21</b> 8:15 am	Lk 11:29-32	Timothy Joseph Alabazo (Thanksgiving) Yolly Tejuco (Thanksgiving) Daniel Aguila (RIP)
<b>Thurs Feb 22</b> 8:15 am	Mt 16:13-19	<b>Chair of Peter</b> Faustino Sinocruz (RIP) Heins & Johanna Hermanan (RIP)
<b>Fri Feb 23</b> 9 am	Mt 5:20-26	Lino & Elisea Javier (RIP) Peter Viloría (RIP) Souls in Purgatory
<b>Sat Feb 24</b> 9 am	Mt 5:43-48	Cirila Nivera (RIP) Atelano Gellecanao (RIP)
<b>Sun Feb 25</b> 9 am	Mk 9:210	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> Jovito Magbanua (RIP) Charter Cui (Thanksgiving) Jenny Majarreis (Thanksgiving) Daniel Aguila (RIP) Zenaida Landingin (RIP) Anna Di Benedetto (RIP) Liliana & Aldo Petrella (RIP)
<b>Mon Feb 26</b> 8:15 am	Lk 6:36-38	Daniel Aguila (RIP) Angelita Sabido (RIP) Maxima Patron (RIP)
<b>Tue Feb 27</b> 6 pm	Mt 23:1-12	Josefina Ignacio (RIP) Romeo Jalimao (RIP)
<b>Wed Feb 28</b> 8:15 am	Mt 20:17-28	Tiana Alabazo (Thanksgiving) Robin Bejar (Thanksgiving) Leonardo Rodriguez (Special Intention)
<b>Thurs Feb 29</b> 8:15 am	Lk 16:19-31	Daniel Aguila (RIP) Lawrence & Wilmarie Pe (Thanksgiving) Felipa Pedro (RIP)
<b>Fri Mar 01</b> 9 am 6:30 pm	Mt 21:33-46	Esperanza Fernando (RIP) Gaeza & Josephine (RIP)
<b>Sat Mar 02</b> 9 am 5 pm	Lk 5:1-32	Mila Moser (Special Intention) Dipak Parekh (RIP) Laurenda Occeno (RIP)
<b>Sun Mar 03</b> 9 am	Jn 2:13-25	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> Anacorita Alayan (RIP) Ana Pagador (RIP) Daniel Aguila (RIP) Enrique & Remedios Brito (RIP) Ruperto Soriano (RIP) All Parishioners
<b>Sun Mar 03</b> 11 am		
<b>Sun Mar 03</b> 4pm		

**LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS –**



**ALL OF THE SICK, ESPECIALLY:** Kathie Coll, Merlita Dayrit, Reynaldo & Cynthia Dela Cruz, Lorna Delos Santos, Esther Fajardo, Cindy Ferrer, Michael Hughes, Robert Listecki, Elisa Mohammed, Kristina and Mila Moser, Linda Navalta, Ernesto Rodriguez, John Smith, 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.



**TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2023**

Tax Receipts for 2023 are available for pick-up in the Luminous Hall on **February 17 & 18** and **February 24 & 25**, during weekend Masses.

**THANK YOU** for all parishioners who have continuously supported the parish in any way especially by using the Sunday Envelopes or through Online Giving.

**SECOND COLLECTION – TODAY FOR ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIETY**

This collection is an opportunity for the people of the diocese to express their appreciation for the years of service retired priests have given. It also provides assistance to priests who are sick as well as priests who are semi-retired. Please support generously.

**R.C.I. A.**

Our RCIA Team looks forward to meeting you every Thursday, from 7pm - 8:30pm, in church basement.

**Topics: February 22 ~** The Sacraments:

Baptism & Confirmation

**February 29 ~** Walk Through the Mass:

Exploring the Sacred Liturgy

**ANNUAL MASS FOR SENIORS, ANOINTING OF THE SICK & LUNCH**

All seniors in the parish are invited to attend on **Saturday, March 16 @ 11am**. Sign-up sheet at the entrance of the church. Admission is free but pre-registration is required. Sponsored by CWL.

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY**

**For the terminally ill ~** We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.



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"Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me."  
Psalm 51:10

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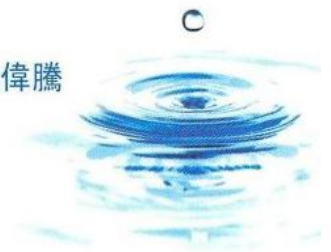
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