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Thanksgiving

For wealth and plenty in the land,
For faith in God's sustaining hand,
For every blessing great and small
We thank the giver of it all.

Welcome home to St. Andrew

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

A Cornerstone of Grace

Jesus said to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.” Matthew 21:42–43

The most amazing thing that has ever happened in this world is the death of the Son of God. It is amazing for many reasons. It’s amazing that God the Father allowed His Son to be brutally murdered by evil men. It’s amazing that the Son did not call upon the myriad of angels to stop His persecution. It’s amazing that Jesus spoke words of forgiveness from the Cross as His own mother looked on. But perhaps the most amazing aspect about this event is that from it, the gift of eternal salvation was made possible.

Only God, in His inconceivable wisdom and power, could bring forth the greatest good from the greatest evil. Nothing could be more evil than the brutal murder of the Son of God. And nothing could be more glorious than the transformation of that heinous act into the definitive act of salvation for the human race. Jesus was “the stone rejected by the builders.” But that rejected Stone was used by the Father to “become the cornerstone” of the new life of grace to which we are called.

The passage quoted above concludes the Parable of the Tenants, which outlines salvation history. The Father is the owner of the vineyard, which represents the people of Israel. The tenants were the religious leaders of the time who abused the prophets who were sent to gather the fruit of God’s Kingdom. The son is the Son of God whom the leaders of Israel killed under the misconception that killing Jesus would guarantee the continuation of their power. However, the true result was that they suffered their own destruction, and the murdered Son became the cornerstone of the Church and the source of new life.

Today, you are among the people to whom God has given charge of His new Vineyard, the Church. Of you, God demands an abundance of good fruit. Though the Church is entrusted to the pope, bishops and priests in a special way, it is also entrusted to the laity, each in their own way. Everyone must bear fruit for the Kingdom of God, and everyone will be held accountable for their stewardship.

Sometimes we can fall into the trap of thinking that we have little to offer. If we were the pope, a bishop or even a priest, we could do great things for God. And though that is true, it is no less true that everyone is capable of bearing an abundance of good fruit for the Kingdom. And God expects that of us all. If you doubt that fact in any way, recall again the undeniable fact that the Father used the greatest evil ever committed to bring forth the greatest good ever known. If God can bring forth new life from death, then He can certainly use you in powerful ways. In fact, the weaker you are and the more insignificant you feel, the more God can use you to produce good fruit.

Reflect, today, upon the glorious fact that if God can use his own suffering and death to bring salvation to the world, He can also use you in ways that are beyond your imagination. You might not

become a famous evangelist. You might not succeed in some well-recognized ministry. In fact, you might even encounter much suffering, persecution, and hardship throughout life. Regardless of your own life situation, God desires to use you for great things and to bear an abundance of good fruit for His Kingdom. Commit to that mission, and allow God to use you as a cornerstone of His grace in this world.

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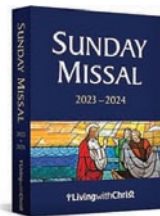


St. Andrew Parish invites you all this Saturday, October 7th, to commemorate Our Lady of the Rosary starting at 7:30am with the Rosary followed by Holy Mass ending with a procession at the Church parking lot if weather allows it. Join us to celebrate this special Feast.



Parish Annual Bake Sale

St. Andrew’s Parish Social and Hospitality Committee is holding its annual Bake Sale these weekend, after the Saturday and Sunday Masses whilst supplies last. As customary, we are asking for donations of sweet and savory baked goods. All are invited to participate in this community event. Please drop off your donations at the Upper Room on Saturday evening before the 5:30 pm Mass and at the Parish Hall on Sunday morning. Thanks in advance for your generous donations and participation. Funds raised will go to the Building Fund. Please feel free to contact members of the Committee or the Church Office, if you need additional information.



Sunday Missals are now available for \$10.00. You can get your copy at the Parish Office (during regular hours) or at the entrance of the Church (before or after weekend Masses).

St. Andrew’s Parish Stewardship

Collection for Oct 1st, 2023
Sunday Offertory \$ 7,763



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
catechism registration

The catechists will be hosting a registration night on Tuesday, October 10th and Wednesday, October 11th from 5-7pm in the church hall.

Raffle of a Knitted Blanket

A knitted blanket is being raffled off as part of our fund-raising effort for the Church Building Fund. The blanket can be seen at the entrance of the Church and raffle tickets can be purchased after all masses. Ticket prices are: 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10 and 7 for \$20. The draw will take place on Thursday, November 30, 2023.



Good luck and thank you for your generous support.

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Parents/guardians who would like to register their children in catechism classes to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation for Grade 7 or higher and Holy Communion for Grade 2 up to Grade 6. Please come to the Parish Office during regular hours bring a copy of the child's Baptismal certificate, registration form and fee. Call the office for more details.

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Oct 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary

8:30 am - † In loving memory of Linda Cal, by the Legion of Mary
9:30 am - First Saturday Devotions
5:30 pm - † In memory of Sandrin Joseph, by family

Sunday, Oct 8– 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - Thanksgiving for Loqueño family, by Ashley
9:30 am - (Ital Mass) † Lacarpia & Perrone families, by Perrone family
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † Rodolfo Blancaflor, Thomas & Relito Recososa, by Robert and Revella Blancaflor and family
2 pm - (Twi Ghana)
5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)

Monday, Oct 9 – St. Denis & St. John Leonardi
THANKSGIVING DAY - HOLIDAY

8 am - † John Stefaniuk and Adelaide Wharton, by Rosa
7 pm - (No Mass)

Tuesday, Oct 10

8 am - † Michel and Anne Ah-Fat, by family
- Thanksgiving for blessings received, by Tony & Helen Joseph
7 pm - (No Intention)

Wednesday, Oct 11 - St. John XXIII

8 am - † Hilario Bayang, by Mary Jean
- Thanksgiving for Wedding Anniversary of Arthur & Lilian, by family
7 pm - (No Intention)

Thursday, Oct 12

8 am - Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, by Anthony and family
7 pm - (No Intention)

Friday, Oct 13

8 am - Thanksgiving, by Sebastian family
7 pm - (No Intention)

Saturday, Oct 14 - St. Callistus I

8:30 am - † Max Chavez, by family
10 am - Infant Baptism
5:30 pm - † Alice D'Souza, by Ordella Pinto

Sunday, Oct 15– 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - Thanksgiving for Felipa Salanio, by family
9:30 am - (Ital Mass) † In memory of Rosa Vecchione, by friends
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † John Angelo (3rd death anniversary), by family
2 pm - (Twi Ghana)
5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)



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