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Welcome home to St. Andrew's



Dear Beloved Parishioners of St. Andrew's,

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

What a joy it is to greet you on this glorious Easter morning, the crown of our Christian faith and the radiant proof of God's everlasting love for us. Today, the tomb is empty, the stone is rolled away, and the darkness of Good Friday has given way to the brilliant dawn of Resurrection Sunday.

In this season of renewal and hope, I want to thank each one of you—from the youngest to the eldest—for journeying through Lent with faith and devotion. Your prayers, your sacrifices, and your commitment to growing closer to Christ have made this Easter all the more joyful.

Let us rejoice together in the victory of Jesus over sin and death. **EASTER IS NOT JUST A DAY—IT IS A NEW BEGINNING.** Just as the disciples' hearts burned within them when they encountered the Risen Lord, may our hearts burn with renewed purpose, joy, and love.

The Resurrection of our Saviour reminds us that no matter how dark the night, God's light always breaks through.

As your pastor, I am filled with gratitude to walk this journey with you. Our parish is alive, vibrant, and growing—because of your love, your faith, and your deep desire to serve Christ in one another.

May the peace of the Risen Christ fill your homes, your hearts, and your lives. And may we, as a community, continue to rise with Him each day—bringing hope to the weary, light to the lost, and joy to the world.

Happy Easter! Alleluia!

With Easter joy,
Father George and all the staff of St. Andrews.



Thank you for being a beacon of hope

On Easter Sunday, we thank you for being a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters in need by supporting ShareLife. In their darkest hours, you are right beside them. As we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord this Easter Sunday, let us open our hearts to all.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or at sharelife.org/donate.

***Have a safe and Blessed Easter!
Peace to you all!***

The Message of the Angels

"After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow. The guards were shaken with fear of him and became like dead men. Matthew 28:1-4

The angels of God have been present at the most significant moments of human history. There are numerous mentions of angels in the Old Testament. In the New Testament, the Incarnation of the Savior of the World was announced by an archangel. Myriads of angels were present at His birth. An angel spoke to Saint Joseph on four different occasions. As Jesus began His public ministry and overcame the temptations of the devil in the desert, angels from Heaven came to minister to Him. When Jesus prayed in solitude, especially during His agony in the garden, He was comforted by angels. At the empty tomb, it was an angel who first announced the good news that our Lord had risen. And at the end of time, it will be the angels of God who bring forth God's justice.

Today's angelic salutation to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary at the empty tomb should teach us that the message of the Resurrection is among the most important lessons we can ever learn. Furthermore, the message of this angel, given to these holy women, was intended not only for them, it is also spoken to us today.

The angel made an appearance that depicts absolute power and sanctity. He arrived with the speed of lightning. His countenance was radiant with Heavenly light. He instantly moved the large stone and sat upon it, pointing these holy women to the empty tomb. Today, if we have the eyes of faith, we will also receive an interior revelation from Heaven, just as these women did. Though we will not see with our eyes what they saw, we will see and hear through faith all that was spoken to them.

The message of the Resurrection of Christ is being spoken to you today. Do you hear it? Do you comprehend the voice of this angel from Heaven? If you do, the first thing you will hear are the words, "Do not be afraid!" Fear is one of the greatest obstacles to the reception of the Word of God in our lives. The evil one sows fear; the angels of God dispel it. So begin by considering whether fear clouds your ability to receive the Word of God.

The angel then said, "I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified." In other words, these women had not yet understood the Resurrection. They were still seeking the dead body of our Lord. Similarly, we often find ourselves focusing upon our losses, sufferings and trials. As a result, it can be difficult for us to see the ways that our Lord desires to transform the crosses in our lives and bring from them the glory of the Resurrection. The angel then said, "He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said." When we allow God to transform every cross in our lives, those crosses and sufferings disappear as they give way to the new life God brings forth from them.

Finally, the angel tells the women, "Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead...'" When we come to faith in the death and Resurrection of Christ, we cannot keep it to ourselves. We must go forth and proclaim the Resurrection of Christ to others. It cannot be contained.

Reflect, today, upon the most glorious, awe-inspiring, life-changing message of Christ's Resurrection. If you find that you do not understand this message, then this Easter Season is an important time for you. It must be a time in which you dispel any fear that clouds your thinking. It must be a time when you listen most attentively in faith. It must be a time when you hear God speak to you about His glorious triumph over sin and death. It must be a time when you more fully penetrate the mystery of the Resurrection. And it must be a time when you recommit yourself to go forth and share that message with others. Listen to the angels of God. Receive their message and allow Christ's Resurrection to change your life forever.

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WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Apr 19 - HOLY SATURDAY - EASTER VIGIL

9 am – Morning Prayers (Liturgy of the hours)

9:30 am – Rosary of our Lady of Sorrows

9 pm – **Easter Vigil Mass**

Sunday, Apr 20 – EASTER SUNDAY (The Resurrection of our Lord)

8 am - † All souls in Purgatory, by Alex family

9:30 am - (Ita.Mass) † Perrone & Lacarpia family, from Perrone family

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - King Solomon's Intentions, by himself

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (Span.Mass) † Ruben Saez, by Mayela Alfonsin

Monday, Apr 21 – Easter Monday

8 am - Thanksgiving for Dwight Sylvester on his birthday, by Alma & family

7 pm – (NO MASS)

Tuesday, Apr 22

8 am - Thanksgiving for Rammil Gardon on his birthday, by Joanne & Juan Gardon

7 pm – Special Umaina Shahbaz, by Nazish Gill

Wednesday, Apr 23

8 am - † Paul Sequeira, by Alex family

7 pm - † Felicidad Rumbaoa (40 days) & Piara Dhaliwal, by Gilda Pulmano

Thursday, Apr 24

8 am - Thanksgiving Mass, by Sebastian family

7 pm - Thanksgiving for Our Lady, by Nicole Fernandes

Friday, Apr 25

8 am - Thanksgiving for Wed. Anniv. Treasa & Paul, by Usha Jacob

7 pm - † Maria D'Agostino, by Belen family

Saturday, Apr 26

8:30 am - † Araceli Aquino (8yrs death anniv.), by Aquino family

- Thanksgiving for Caesar family, by Eveline Vettorello

5:30 pm - † Rolando Sunga, by family

Sunday, Apr 27 – 2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy

8 am - Thanksgiving for Arlene Morgan on her birthday, by Alma & family

9:30 am - (Ita.Mass) † Elfia Di Nardo, by Mario and Maria Pia Di Nardo

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - † Fr. Peter Tomaino, by parishioners / RCIC - Baptism

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (Span.Mass)

Our next session of Marriage Preparation Course will be on May 3 and May 10. Both days start at 10am to 4pm. To register call the office or 416 910 1439 or 647 402 5847.

For those who would like to receive the Statue of Our Lady of Fátima in their homes please write your name and phone number on the list posted at the entrance of the Church.

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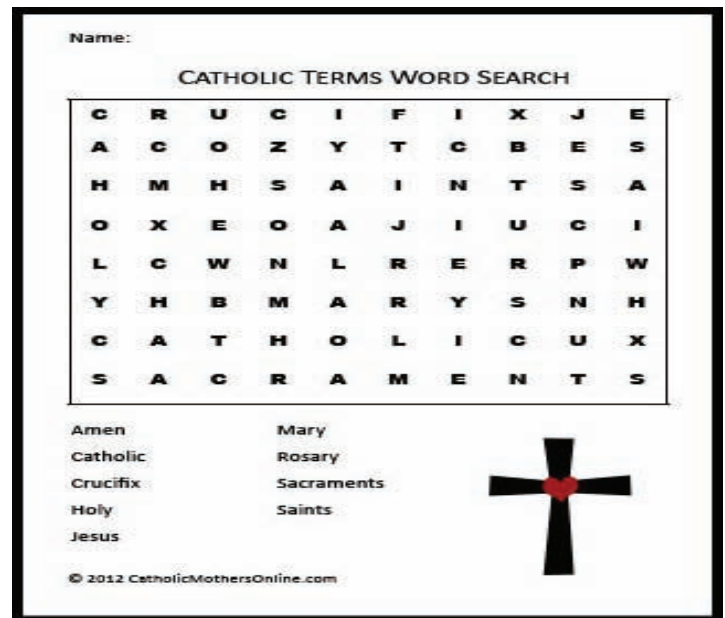
**On Monday, April 21st – Easter Monday
Regular Office Hours resume Tuesday.**



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 10, 2025 at 12:00 pm.** (All schools)

CONFIRMATION ceremony will be on **Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 11:00 am.** (All schools)

More details are to follow in the coming weeks. If you have any questions - please do not hesitate to reach out to us by email on Flocknote.



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