

St. Andrew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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"I will make you fishers of men"

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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m. (Spanish)
5:00 p.m. -Life Teen

Monday- Friday Daily Mass

9:00 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

Saturday

9:00 a.m. &
Vigil at 5:00 p.m.

LIVESTREAMING MASS

**Monday to
Saturday 9 a.m.**

**Sunday
10 a.m. & 12 p.m.**

**GOOD SHEPHERD
MISSION (Route 82, west of
Mustang Corners)**

**Saturday
6:30 p.m. Vigil Mass
Confession: Before Mass**

CLASSES

**Adult Christian Initiation
Deacon Mike Denton**

If you are interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith and or becoming a Catholic, call the Parish Office.

**Religious Education
Genevieve Rivera**

Faith formation prepares students Pre-K-12 for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation. This is a comprehensive program in which students will continue to learn about our practices and beliefs as Roman Catholics.

**Teen Sacraments
Deacon Bill Polakowski**

If your teenager is in need of Confirmation or another Sacrament, contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Reconciliation

Monday - Saturday morning
30 minutes before ALL MASSES
Saturday from 8:15 - 8:55 a.m. 3:30 - 4:55 p.m.
Sunday from 7:30 - 7:55 a.m.
4:30 - 4:55 p.m.
Or anytime by appointment.

Baptism

Parents requesting baptism for their children are required to:

- * Pre-register at the Parish Office.
- * Bring a copy of the child's birth certificate.
- * Parents and Godparents are required to attend one baptism prep class.

Held on the first Tuesday of the of the month in English, last Tuesday of the month in Spanish.

Marriage

Please make arrangements at the Parish Office six months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick:

1st Friday of each month after the 9:00am and 12:05pm Masses or as needed by calling the Parish Office.

LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



Please visit our website, www.standrewsv.org and go to the “resources” tab and select “On-line giving”. It’s easy, fast and secure.

Helpline: 800-348-2886

Read the bulletin online @ www.standrewsv.org



Find us on the Web:

www.standrewsv.org



View our daily and Sunday Masses on- line

Welcome to St. Andrew the Apostle Parish



Please join us for **Bible Study** each week in Madonna Hall. *Come and learn with us!*



Tuesday mornings: 9:45-11:00 a.m.

Wednesday evenings: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITY

You may memorialize a loved one in our Prayer Garden by purchasing a brick and having it engraved with their name. The cost is only \$200, and it will be placed in our beautiful Prayer Garden. Call Kate at the Parish Office for more information at 520-458-2925.

Bulletin Articles are DUE by:

12p.m. on Tuesday.

Please submit all announcements in “PDF” or “WORD” Format to:

bulletin@standrewsv.org

PARISH BUILDINGS RESERVATIONS

Make sure you schedule your space needs through the Parish office as far in advance as possible. The Church, Chapel and both the halls are in high demand and we have many ministries and requests to accommodate throughout the year. Help US help YOU by channeling all room/church/hall space reservations thorough the office staff.

With open hearts we welcome all who have come to the house of the Lord. If you are new to the parish, please take time to stop by the office and register. Once registered, this implies that you will participate with our faith community at Sunday Liturgy and return to the Lord by sharing your time, talent, and treasure with His Church.

*Thank You
For Your
Will to Give*



Your gift will support our life of payer, and our prayer will be the gift we offer in return to support you and your loved ones.

FORM OF BEQUEST FOR A WILL:

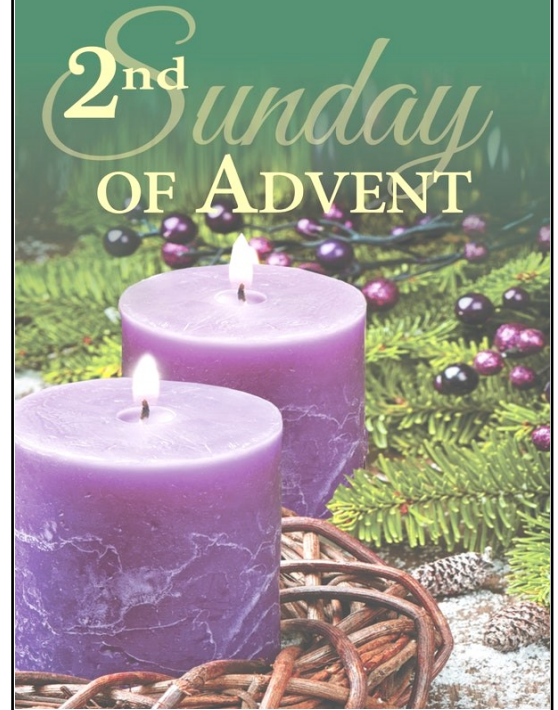
I give, devise, and bequeath to Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish, 800 Taylor Dr. Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Arizona... (here state the amount of money or description of the property willed).

Sign up for our St. Andrew's weekly update! Text the letters **StAndrewSV** to **84576**



DID YOU KNOW....

that much of the beautiful music of this most joyous Season takes place right here on our Parish Campus? Next Sunday evening, 17 December, at 7:00PM, the Advent and Christmas portions of Handel's *MESSIAH*, will be performed in our own Sanctuary! Once again this year, it will be under the capable direction of *Reynaldo Romo*, (Music Director at *Our Lady of the Mountains*, as well as our Youth Choir Director), and will feature a community-wide Choir and soloists, which includes many of our own parishioners! Handel's *MESSIAH* has been called a 'Gospel written in music' and will lift your heart and spirit for the true celebration of Christmas! We are so very grateful to our wonderful musicians, who spend so many hours preparing for these beautiful concerts and special seasonal music! Again, this marvelous piece of music, will be presented without charge on our own Parish campus – in our church (you can sit in your favorite pew!!) There will be a free-will Offering for the *St. Vincent de Paul Society* – to help the needy, especially at this time! One of the most important 'witnesses' which we Catholics can offer to a darkened and often frightened world is the gift of Beauty – a reflection of that perfect Beauty, which is God! Come and enjoy and let your hearts be 'lifted up to the Lord'!! For many people, music can be a 'gateway' to spiritual experiences. Perhaps you can select some recordings of the music of Advent and Christmas to play as you pray, and as you take care of the tasks around the home. Sometimes just allowing ourselves to experience the Presence of God in these moments of awareness can calm our hearts and re-center them. The Scripture says that we should have "a song in our hearts" – this is a wonderful opportunity to fill your heart with the extraordinarily beautiful music of the season! AND, there is another wonderful Christmas celebration being celebrated in our wonderfully multi-cultural Parish – the *Filipino-American* community invites you to join them for the celebration of *Simbang Gabi* ("evening Masses") the traditional Filipino preparation for Christmas! *Simbang Gabi* is celebrated through nine days of prayer, beginning this Friday, 15 December and continuing through Saturday, 23 December honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary, preparing with Her for the Birth of our Lord! Each of these evenings includes a celebration of the Mass, novena prayers, the Rosary, and concludes with a joyful potluck dinner! You are invited to join in welcoming Christ in our families and communities in this beautiful traditional Filipino celebration!



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

St. Andrew: \$22,555

GSM: \$199

St. Vincent de Paul: \$12,304

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
 Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Damasus I, Pope
 Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Wednesday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
 Thursday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

<i>Mass Intentions</i>	
Saturday, December 9th	9:00AM
Carmelite Community Wayne Bowling	Benefactor Family 5:00PM
The Communities of St. Andrew & +Vo Duy Thanh +All Babies' Souls	Good Sheperd Mission Family Family 8:00AM
SUNDAY, December 10th	
+Paul Reese Michael & Paula Kjolsrud	Reese Doris Kasprak 10:00AM
The Cursillo Movement +Eva Veach	School of Leaders Holland Family 12:00PM
+Estela Samaniego Alicia y Jesus Velarde	Durazo Family Rosie B. 5:00PM
+Nguyen Le Nhan Ruby Guffey	Friend Sincha Pierce 9:00AM
Monday, December 11th	
Mathew Diehl Tina Riehle	Family Johanne Bowling 12:05PM
+All Souls +John Malarchik	Friend Angie Holland 9:00AM
Tuesday, December 12th	
+Guillermina Braun-Ruiz +Zulema Fierro	Panchita Rosie Bernal 12:00PM
+Alma Amaya +Jenny Figueroa	Melissa Fernandez Wallace Family 9:00AM
Wednesday, December 13th	
+Ann Diaz +Felipe Castil Sr.	Husband Bob Family 12:00PM
+Bud, +Adele & +Gary McCormick +Lucy Dioka	Powers Family Julia Anyanwu 9:00AM
Thursday, December 14th	
+Souls of Clergy and Religious +John Malarchik +Pete Weldy	Friend Nancy & Jim Johnson Family 12:00PM
+Vo Duy Thanh +Jeanne Sehramm	Friend Family 9:00AM
Friday, December 15th	
+Fernando Machado +Dianne Hoff	Panchita Family 12:00PM
+All Souls in Purgatory +John Malarchik	Family Veronica Romero 9:00AM
Saturday, December 16th	
+Rita Desgrossillier Paul Mackey	Charles Desgrossillier Sister Gert 5:00PM
+Marc Kane +Marilyn L'Heureux	Family Holland Family 6:30PM GSM
The Communities of St. Andrew & SUNDAY, December 17th	Good Shepherd Mission 8:00AM
+Vo Duy Thanh +John Malarchik	Friend Rita Thompson 10:00AM
+Maria CR Sudo +Simon Elias Jessie Elias	Family Leon Family Leon Family 12:00PM
+Anna Alicia Montaña +Nivia Ortiz	Familia Durazo Dcn. Lauro & Lupita 5:00PM
Sister Alice & Sister Cherie +Rosita Restuccia	Dolores Cameron Holland Family

Santa Maravillas de Jesús



Saint Maria Maravillas was born in Madrid in 1891. She entered Carmel on October 12, 1919.

She emphasized prayer and self-sacrifice with a passionate zeal for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. Even while living a life of poverty in the cloister, she helped those in need, initiating apostolic,

social and charitable works. In Spain she founded a Carmel convent at Cerro de Los Angeles and 9 others throughout Spain and 1 in India. She died on Dec. 11, 1974, canonized by St. John Paul II in Madrid on May 4, 2003.



**Fort Huachuca
December 13th at 6 p.m.**

**Our Lady of The Mountains
December 14th 5:30 p.m.**

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

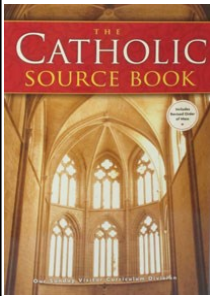
Christ is making a journey into each of our hearts this Advent. Clear away whatever blocks his way. Make straight the path. Invite him in.

SCAM ALERT

NO ONE from St. Andrew's Parish including the office staff nor the clergy will e-mail, call, text or communicate in any manner for solicitation of funds. If you receive an e-mail or text message requesting funds on behalf of Fr. Greg or anyone connected with the Parish, delete it immediately.

Never give your personal information to anyone regardless of who they say they are. Scammers prey upon parishioners and are active in our area.

CATHOLIC QUIZ: This week's Question: "What is 'Gaudete Sunday'?"



The Answer to Last Week's Question: "What is Gregorian Chant?"

Gregorian chant is another name for the traditional plain chant – a melody sung without musical accompaniment – that is used to intone liturgical prayer. It recalls the role that music-loving *Pope St. Gregory I, the Great* (540-604) took in organizing, improving, and establishing norms for liturgical music. *Pope St. Gregory* had been a Benedictine monk before his election to the Papacy, and brought that tradition of plain chant to the whole Church.

If you would like to be as smart as the "Quiz Master" — you can purchase a copy of the Catholic Source Book, available in the Parish Office.

SOUL FOOD:

"If Christ did not want to dismiss the crowds without food in the wilderness for fear that they would grow weak and collapse on the way, it was to teach us that it is impossible to try to get to heaven without the Bread of Heaven!"

- St. Jerome (342-420)

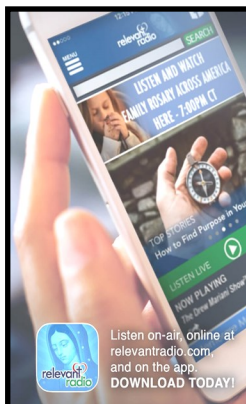
GriefShare will be starting their next Class Session December 6th - February 28th

Our GriefShare group meets Wednesday, 5 to 7:00 p.m. in Madonna Hall, room #3.

Your loss is shared by others in this church and what you are experiencing is sometimes easier to bear knowing others are listening and do care.

May God's love continue to comfort and strengthen you.

For any questions, please contact the Parish Office at **520-458-2925**



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El grupo del Rosario Hispano los invita a rezar con ellos todos los lunes a las 7 p.m. en la Capilla de la Divina Misericordia.

The Blue Christmas service will be on Thursday, December 21, at 4:30 p.m. at Faith Presbyterian.

The purpose of this service is Christmas can be a time of painful loneliness and emptiness for those who have suffered a loss or are going through a difficult time. This is a very special service for those whose hearts are heavy this Christmas season.



REPORT ABUSE Call 911

- Call law enforcement to make a report.
- If the abuse happened in Arizona, call the Police or Sheriff's Office in the specific area.
- If the abuse happened in any other state, call the Police or Sheriff's Office in the specific area of that state.
- Call the diocese in which the abuse happened.

If the abuse happened in the Diocese of Tucson, call the Victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson at **520-623-0344** (1-800-234-0344 in Arizona) and/or the Office of Child, Adolescent and Adult Protection of the Diocese of Tucson at **520-838-2513**.

<https://www.diocesetucson.org/reportabuse>

**The Ladies of Saint Andrew's
December Christmas Meeting
Monday, December 11, 2023
5:00 PM to 6:00 PM in Madonna Hall.**

We will have a short meeting and social get-together.
Please bring a type of hors d'oeuvre, finger food, or a small dessert to share.

At the meeting, we will be collecting our annual unwrapped Christmas presents for the Huachuca City's Children's Christmas Collection Drive.

If you would like to donate something please drop unwrapped toys at the Parish Office during work hours or bring them to the meeting!

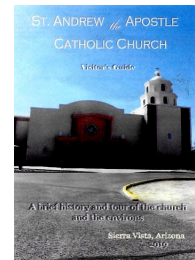
Join us in Faith, Fun, and Fellowship!

Have you looked around our church and wondered about the architecture and all that is in the church?

Copies of the
St Andrew's Visitor's Guide
are available in the parish office.
The guide tells you all about our church

It is a beautiful history and description of the church and its environs.

Your \$10 donation will support St. Vincent de Paul and the Parish Social Concerns



The Roman Catholic
Diocese of Tucson

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

Did you know that in our country, compared to 50 years ago, there are 20,000 fewer priests and 130,000 fewer religious sisters? Please pray that young people will hear and respond to God's call today and do your part to encourage them to consider the priesthood and religious life.

"A voice is calling." Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a priest or consecrated religious? Talk to your priest or reach out to your priest or to Deacon Bill at: bsaski@live.com.

"Escuchas una voz que te llama?" Es el amor de Cristo pidiendote que permitas que con su amor manifieste en ti una vida consagrada al sacerdocio o a una vida religiosa. Habla con tu sacerdote o comunícate con el Diácono Lauro Terán a su e-mail:

deaconlaurot@standrewsv.org

**The Diocese of Tucson Catholic Cemeteries will hold the Annual Advent Day Mass on Saturday December 16, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. at both Catholic Cemeteries:
Holy Hope Cemetery; 3555 N. Oracle Rd. and at
Our Lady of the Desert Cemetery; 2151 S. Avenida Los Reyes.**

Following our Advent Day Mass at Holy Hope Cemetery, Wreaths Across America will be holding a wreath laying ceremony, placing wreaths at each of our Veteran graves. This ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Veterans Section at Holy Hope Cemetery.

Virgen de Guadalupe Acompáñanos en la celebración!

Todos están cordialmente invitados a unirse a las celebraciones de la Virgen de Guadalupe el lunes 11 de diciembre. Ofreceremos flores a la Virgen y las colocaremos a sus pies al entrar a la iglesia en procesión. Horario para el día 11 de diciembre:



6:00pm Procesoión saliendo de Kino Hall
6:30pm Rosario Multilingüe
7:00pm Misa
8:00pm Cena y Matachines en Kino Hall
10:00pm Mañanitas
¡Te esperamos!



Virgin of Guadalupe
Please join us!

Everyone is cordially invited to join us in the celebration of our Lady of Guadalupe on Monday, December 11. We will be offering flowers as we process into the church.

December 11 schedule:

6:00pm Procession out of Kino Hall
6:30pm Multilingual Rosary
7:00pm Mass
8:00pm Dinner and Matachines in Kino Hall
10:00pm Mañanitas

We look forward to seeing you there!



Are you looking for a year of Catholic community and adventure?

At NET Ministries, we challenge young Catholics, through relational ministry, to follow Christ and embrace a life of community in the Church. There are young people around the country who need to hear your particular story, and we want you to be able to share it with them!

Begin by filling out an application and attending one of our Discernment Weekends this January or February. Visit netusa.org/apply to begin your application.

Don't miss out on this chance to step into a vibrant community dedicated to relational ministry, prayer, and service. We can't wait to meet you at your Discernment Weekend!

Have questions or want to learn more? Contact our team by emailing recruiting@netusa.org.

Cor ad Cor Loquitur

Heart Speaks to Heart

**Calling all men 18 and older. Join us for a Cor Dialog,
an hour of Faith, Formation and Fraternity**

When: Saturday, December 16, 2023

Where: St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 800 Taylor Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

When: After the 9:00 AM Mass

What: Cor is Latin for “heart”. The inspiration for this name is drawn from the expression “cor ad cor loquitur”, “heart speaks to heart.” This was the episcopal motto of St. John Henry Newman and a variation of St. Francis de Sales “cor cordi loquitur.” This phrase holds multiple meanings. How God speaks to man, how man speaks to man, and how man speaks to God. . As brothers in Christ and members of his holy Church, we understand the importance and necessity of how the masculine heart speaks to each other within true Christian friendship. True Christian friendship, that is committed to building each other up in imitation of Christ, is a crucial component of a vibrant Catholic life.

Any Questions? Contact Larry Powers (702) 827-8135, lapowers1@msn.com



Is your marriage prepared to be blessed by the Lord?
We invite you to prepare to have the best marriage
ever by attending the next Worldwide
Marriage Encounter Experience of
February 3-4 in Phoenix or April 6-7 in Tucson.

Early registration is highly recommended. For more information
visit our website at: www.wvme.org

The Knights of Columbus is hosting a Krispy
Kreme donut fundraiser Today, December 10th
after all Masses until we are sold out.
The price is \$15 dollars per dozen donuts and all
proceeds will go towards the Carmichael
Elementary School Christmas party.
Your continued support is greatly appreciated.



Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic: ❁Now scheduling December appointments! ❁
Clínica para Contribuyentes de Bajos Ingresos: ❁¡Programa tu cita para este diciembre❁

Feeling grinchy due to tax troubles? Re-discover your Christmas cheer with the Southern
Arizona LITC! This December, treat yourself to the gift of free expert tax advice and hassle-free
IRS Controversy resolution.

To schedule an appointment, call Anna Burke at (520) 433-1669 or email annab@ccs-soaz.org.

Problemas tributarios te tienen de mal humor? ¡Redescubre tu alegría navideña con la Clínica para
Contribuyentes de Bajos Ingresos (LITC) del Sur de Arizona! Este diciembre, regálale el obsequio de
asesoría tributaria experta gratuita y resolución de controversias con el IRS.

Para programar una cita, llama a Anne Burke al (520) 433-1669 o envía un correo electrónico a
annab@ccs-soaz.org.

COMUNIDAD LAS POSADAS

***You're Invited to Celebrate a Hispanic Cultural Tradition!**

SATURDAY, 16 DECEMBER at 6:30pm - 8:30pm

**Meet at the Landmark Cafe and Fry Blvd for the procession to
Julie & Sammy's 33 Flavors.**

Wear your walking shoes.

Music and traditional refreshments will be provided.

**Sponsored by Saint Andrew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church,
And a special thank you to the Sierra Vista Arts and Humanity and Cultural
Diversity Commission.**

***Las Posadas, celebrated yearly from December 16-24, is a religious festival traditionally held in Mexico and parts of Latin America. Translating to 'The Inns' in Spanish, Las Posadas is an important part of the Christmas festivities. Over the nine nights of celebrations, parties are held at different people's homes. Before each gathering, all the guests form a procession to mark Mary and Joseph's search for an inn on the night of Jesus's birth. The march is usually led by an angel as a symbolic act of Mary and Joseph finding shelter in a stable when they were unable to find lodging in Bethlehem. The parties are joyous occasions, including prayers, food, music, fireworks, and piñatas!**

Sierra Vista Messiah Choir
Presents

Handel's Messiah

Date/Time: Sunday, December 17, 2023, 7pm

Place: St. Andrew's

Concert is Free: A freewill offering will be taken to support the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the support they provide the needy during the holiday season.

For additional information call: 520-456-5555

Congratulations On 29 November, our Fr. Rob and Seminarian Carlos Nagore were invited to the Main Post Chapel where they were honored for their service to the Catholic Community on Fort Huachuca for providing Masses during the absence of Fr. Sylvester the Catholic Chaplain. Seminarian Carlos received a card of thanks and the "Coveted Ft Huachuca Religious Support T- Shirt" from the Chaplain Myer, the Command Chaplain and the Catholic Community, while Fr Rob also received a card and T-Shirt, and a Certificate of Appreciation and Commanders Coin of Excellence from Colonel Johnny Ives the Garrison Commander, for his service to the Fort Huachuca Community. A small reception followed.

"Dear St. Andrew's Parishioners, may the peace and love of the Lord be with you always! I pray that you are all doing well. It is such a joy to be serving at the U of A and meeting people from Life Teen!

Thank you for continuing to support me on Mission!

Alicia Fanning"



Este mes la clase de preparación de bautismo para padres y padrinos se ha cambiado al martes 19 de diciembre en lugar del último martes del mes como se acostumbra por motivo de las vacaciones Navideñas.

Muchas Gracias por su comprension.



*This could be your time to
"Help us help others"*

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE
JOB OPENINGS**

FULL TIME

- 1. DELIVERY PERSON, CASHIER AND DONATIONS PROCESSOR**
- 2. MUST HAVE CLEAN DRIVING RECORD**
- 3. MUST BE ABLE TO LIFT 40 LBS.**
- 4. MUST BE WILLING TO SUBMIT TO RANDOM DRUG TESTING**

PART TIME

- 1. CASHIER**
- 2. DONATIONS PROCESSOR**
- 3. 24 - 32 HOURS PER WEEK**
- 4. MUST BE ABLE TO LIFT 40 LBS.**
- 5. MUST BE WILLING TO SUBMIT TO RANDOM DRUG TESTING**

**-APPLY IN PERSON-
ST VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE
220 MYER DRIVE
SIERRA VISTA, AZ
M - F
9AM UNTIL 4PM**

ADVENT

The Spirituality of Advent

Dr. Tim Gray

FORMED**NOW**



From Your Parish Library



Looking to get inspired this Advent season? Wanting to curl up with a good book now that the weather is finally chilly? Come stop by the parish library and check out our new Advent display! During the month of December we will have a collection of curated Advent books for your perusal.



**THOU SHALT NOT
USE THY CELL PHONE
DURING CHURCH**

Cellphonians 6:15

Brothers and Sisters – We became aware of a video circulating on social media that was ‘filmed’ inside of our church. The individual who produced the video contacted our Parish Office to request approval to use the church as a backdrop for a video as a memorial for a deceased friend, which was done on Saturday afternoon. I had a brief conversation with the individual in the church, and I too was assured that it was a memorial video and that they simply wanted the church in the background. I agreed to the request but did not stay during the 15 minutes during which the video was shot. Unfortunately, this individual betrayed our trust and produced a distasteful video filled with obscene language. Several of you saw ‘trailers’ of this video on Facebook and contacted us to tell us of the offensive nature of the video. Steps were taken to contact the individual and insist that the video be taken down. We believe that this was done.

To our parishioners and the Catholic community in Southern Arizona we apologize for any embarrassment caused by this incident, and we will take all steps necessary to ensure that it will not happen again. To all users of social media, this is a reminder that once items are posted, they become “public” and are very difficult to retract.

And, please pray for the individual involved!
fr. greg



Christmas Mass Schedule

Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish

Sunday, December 24, 2023 Christmas Eve

8:00 a.m. 4th Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. 4th Sunday of Advent

12:00 p.m. 4th Sunday of Advent

Christmas Masses

6:00 p.m. Shepherds and Angels Mass – (Children's Mass)

7:00 p.m. Good Shepherd Mission (Whetstone)

9:00 p.m. Life Teen Christmas Mass

11:00 p.m. Candlelight "Midnight Mass"

Monday, December 25, 2023 Christmas Day Masses

8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.; 12:00 noon (Spanish)

Walking with
Moms in Need

| Pray for Moms



INTERCEDE



PRAY

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

REFLECT

Each year during Advent, we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Christ our Savior at Christmas. As we anticipate this joyful celebration, we recall the journey of the Holy Family from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Far from home, poor, and in great need, Mary and Joseph find refuge in a simple stable. But this humble setting among the livestock soon welcomes the heavenly host of angels and the infant Jesus himself.

Today, women in our own communities are pregnant, poor, perhaps without a home, and in great need. They may feel alone, scared, and overwhelmed, not knowing where to turn. In challenging circumstances, expectant mothers need a refuge of their own. Like the Holy Family, they may be reliant on the kindness of others. Today, may the story of the first Christmas inspire us to reach out to mothers in need. May we proactively seek to offer loving support and encouragement as they prepare to welcome their children. By answering this call, may we help mothers

experience the joy, hope, and peace brought by the infant Jesus. And may we, too, share in and bear witness to the miracle of new life.

ACT *(choose one)*

- On December 8, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Offer Pope Francis' Prayer for the Immaculate Conception for the featured intention: usccb.org/prayers/pope-francis-prayer-immaculate-conception.
- Contact your local pregnancy resource center or diocesan/parish pregnancy support ministry. Ask about ways you can help, such as volunteering or donating baby items.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for the featured intention.

ONE STEP FURTHER

Learn more about how you can support mothers by following [@walkingwithmoms](https://www.instagram.com/walkingwithmoms) on Instagram!

DID YOU KNOW?

The Immaculate Conception celebrates the conception of Mary in the womb of St. Anne without the stain of original sin. This solemnity is sometimes confused with the Annunciation, in which the Church celebrates the conception of Jesus in the womb of the Blessed Mother. While it's important to understand this distinction, both celebrations highlight the beauty and goodness of God's gift of new life. Learn more:

bit.ly/Immaculate-Conception.

For additional prayers, resources, and ideas on supporting mothers in your local area:

www.WalkingWithMoms.com

DID POPE FRANCIS CHANGE CHURCH TEACHING?

by Father Patrick Briscoe, O.P. Editor of *Our Sunday Visitor*

"I felt like there was a seismic shift in Church teaching concerning transgenderism in recent weeks. And that's because so many headlines got the story wrong.

The *New York Times*, for example, reported: "Pope Francis, who has made reaching out to L.G.B.T.Q. Catholics a hallmark of his papacy, has made clear that transgender people can be baptized, serve as godparents and be witnesses at church weddings, furthering his vision of a more inclusive Church."

So what actually happened?

In a doctrinal note issued from the Vatican, Pope Francis and Cardinal Victor Manuel Fernandez offered a nuanced response to several pastoral questions. The document, signed on October 31 and posted for the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith's (DDF) website on November 8, addressed the participation of "transsexual and homo-affective persons" in baptisms and weddings. I'll just address the question whether or not a transgender person, even one who has undergone medical intervention can be baptized.

Before we get to that, recall that Pope Francis has consistently and unequivocally denounced transgender ideology throughout his pontificate.

Speaking in Hungary in April, the Holy Father warned Hungarian civil authorities from falling prey to the "ideological colonization" of gender theory. A month before, he said the same thing to the journalist Elisabetta Pique of *La Nacion*: "Gender ideology, today, is one of the most dangerous ideological colonizations."

IN 2016, Pope Francis told the bishops of Poland, "Today children – children! – are taught in school that everyone can choose his or her sex. Why are they teaching this? Because the books are provided by the persons and institutions that give you money. These forms of ideological colonization are also supported by influential countries. And this is terrible!"

The Pope has not reversed Catholic teaching. We receive our bodies as male or female. This is settled perennial Catholic teaching, grounded in Scripture and sound philosophy. Under no circumstances can a note from the DDF be read as approval of transgender ideology or the idea of gender identity. So what exactly does the note say? Regarding baptism, the document provides nuanced guidance, emphasizing pastoral prudence. It urges that every situation be carefully considered to safeguard the sacrament, prevent scandal and address any doubts about the moral or subjective disposition of the person involved.

The document instructs that a transgender person be admitted to baptism under the same conditions as the rest of the Faithful. What are those? In order to be baptized, the Church teaches in the Code of Canon Law: "For an adult to be baptized, the person must have manifested the intention to receive baptism, have been instructed sufficiently about the truths of the Faith and Christian obligations, and been tested in the Christian life through the catechumenate." (Canon 865) Accepting JESUS Christ and seeking baptism means renouncing error, rejecting satan and embracing Catholic teaching, including teaching on human sexuality.

The note reaffirms the Church's teaching about baptism, when received without repentance for serious sin, imparts a "sacramental character" that is indelible but does not in that instance confer sanctifying grace.

It would mean, on my reading of the note, inadvisable to admit a post-operative transgender person to the sacrament who has not clearly embraced Catholic teaching. In such a case, scandal and confusion would inevitably ensue. Additionally, no sanctifying grace would be conferred.

In a word, the Vatican's recent guidance underscores the Church's duty to accompany her sons and daughters on the path to conversion while upholding the sanctity of the sacraments and avoiding scandal among the Faithful."

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(This is a good example of why you should get your information about the Church from reliable Catholic sources not secular media like the New York Times or PRAVDA!)

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