

### Coming Events

Tuesday, May 12, at 10:00 AM join Deacon Eddy as we continue reading and discussing the book, *A Journey to the Heart of Jesus*. All are welcome to attend.

Wednesday, May 20, Knights of Columbus meeting. Dinner at 6:00, Rosary at 6:45, and meeting at 7:00 PM.

Monday, May 25, the office will be closed for Memorial Day.

Sunday, May 31, join us as we celebrate four of our young parishioners who have graduated from high school this year: Alexa Gonzales, Connor Kay, and Linkin Phillips and Alonzo Rodriguez. We also congratulate Killian Kay, a graduate of Ave Maria University of Florida. Cake and punch will be served in their honor.

Sunday, May 31 at 5:00 PM, Father will resume celebrating Spanish Mass.

Save the Date-Saturday June 27, 2026

The Bishop will celebrate Mass with us at St Andrew Catholic Church followed by a potluck dinner at 5:30 PM. More details to come.

#### SUNDAY COLLECTION

May 10, 2026

Not Available

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for hosting last Sunday's Mother's Day breakfast. It was a wonderful celebration and greatly appreciated.

#### Interested in the Divine Office

Prayer after hours: Text or Call

Mother Elizabeth Grace #731-431-3949

**First Friday and First Saturday Devotions  
June 5 and June 6**  
First Friday Adoration is held from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM, followed by Mass at 11:30 AM.  
On the First Saturday, Mass is celebrated at 9:00 AM, followed by the Rosary. All are invited to spend time with the Lord during this special time of prayer and devotion.

#### CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

##### *Prayer for the Church*

We pray you, O almighty and eternal God, who through Jesus Christ have revealed your glory to all nations, to preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of your name. Amen.

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#### Volunteers are needed for the following ministries:

sacristans, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, collection counter, ushers, and to assist with alter linen.

If you feel called to serve, sign up sheet is in the Narthex on the table or please contact the parish office.



St Andrew the Apostle  
Council#18839



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# St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church

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Weekday Mass Schedule: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 11:30 am, Thursday 9:00 am

Tuesday: Adoration 6:00 pm Mass in Spanish 6:30 pm

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm Sunday 9:00 am

Reconciliation 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

Website: [saintandrewcatholicchurch.org](http://saintandrewcatholicchurch.org)

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## THE ASCENSION

May 17, 2026



# Seventh Sunday of Easter

## May 17, 2026

### Staff

**Pastor:** Father Anthony Onyekwe

**Financial Secretary:** Mary Alyce Fiechtl      finsecstandrew@outlook.com

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**Director, Religious Education:** Lois Freeland

**Office Hours:** Monday, Friday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm, Thursday 8:00 am -12:00 pm, Tuesday 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Pastoral Emergency outside of office hours:** 731-968-7944

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday May 16

4:30 PM Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

#### Sunday May 17

9:00 AM In memory of Margaret Latremore Kirkpatrick +

By Kathleen Kirkpatrick

#### Monday May 18

11:30 AM Intentions of the Catholic Extension Ministry

#### Tuesday May 19

6:00 PM Adoration

6:30 PM Spanish Mass Intentions of the Catholic Extension Ministry

#### Wednesday May 20

11:30 AM

#### Thursday May 21

9:00 AM Intentions of the Catholic Extension Ministry

#### Friday May 22

11:30 AM Intentions of the Catholic Extension Ministry

#### Saturday May 23

4:30 PM Intentions of the Catholic Extension Ministry

#### Sunday May 24

9:00 AM Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

### Liturgical Ministers

May 24th:

**Lector Saturday:** John Butler

**Lector Sunday:** Patricia Hudson, Emile Perez

**Eucharistic Minister:** Carmen McDaniel,

Maria Valdivia, Joey Wall

**Sacristan:** Carmen McDaniel, Lucia Tobar

**Gifts:** Mayra Perez and Family

**Altar Linens:** Eleanor Michie

**Ushers/Collections:** Jose Palomino, Kevin Ernst

**Collection Counter:** Tommy Page

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

#### Parishioners

Chuck and Kathy Amrhein, Bruce Jeter,

Juan Plascencia, James Trim

#### Relatives

Chris Bartel, Alicia Castellanos, Mike Greteman,

Kenneth Keyes, Robert Lang+, Emily Royal,

Salvador Valdivia

#### Friends

Jonathan Barnett, Michael Cox, Lauren Lewis,

Andrew Morlan, Teresa Palmer, Chasity Reasons,

Judy Stanfill, Finace Williams

Join us in prayer as we gather to pray the *Rosary* before the 8:30 AM Sunday Mass.

All are welcome, and those who feel called to lead are invited.



### TODAY'S READINGS Year A

**First Reading** — The Eleven and the women devoted themselves to prayer (Acts 1:12-14).

**Psalm** — I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living. (Psalm 27).

**Second Reading** — Glorify God if you suffer for the name of Christian (1 Peter 4:13-16).

**Gospel** — The Son will give eternal life to all those who are given to him by the Father (John 17:1-11a).

### OUR FASCINATING FAITH

#### World Communications Day

In addition to the liturgical calendar, the Church designates various Sundays throughout the year as days to focus on particular subjects. Today is one such day.

**World Communications Day** was established by Pope Paul VI in 1967 as an annual celebration that encourages us to reflect on the opportunities and challenges that the modern means of social communication (the press, motions pictures, radio, television, and now, of course, the internet) afford the Church to communicate the gospel message.

The worldwide observance of this day came in the wake of the Second Vatican Council, when the Church realized it must engage fully with the modern world. This realization is expressed in the opening statement of the Pastoral Constitution *Gaudium et spes* (The Church in the Modern World), which says: "The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anguishes of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted in any way, are the joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anguishes of the followers of Christ as well." In setting up this day, Pope Paul VI wanted to draw attention to the communications media and the enormous power they have for cultural transformation.

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**Pope Leo XIV's theme for World Communications Day, May 17, 2026 is "Preserving human voices and faces," emphasizing the ethical and human centered use of technology in communication.**

Pope Leo XIV's message highlights the importance of safeguarding the uniquely human dimensions of communication-empathy, ethics, and moral responsibility-in the era dominated by algorithms and artificial intelligence (AI). The Pope stresses that while technology can enhance efficiency and reach, it cannot replace human judgment or authentic human interaction. [www.vaticannews.va](http://www.vaticannews.va)

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;  
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21;  
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab;  
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;  
Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;  
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7;  
Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or  
Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2a, 24, 35c,  
27-28, 29bc-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39  
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34;  
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

### PREPARING FOR THE NEXT CHAPTER

There is a simple, detailed intimacy in our reading from Acts today. Instead of just saying "the disciples returned to Jerusalem," each one is listed by name, along with Mary, some other women, and some relatives. The absence of Judas is painfully obvious. In contemporary terms, we might think of this as Jesus' "entourage" or "posse." This was the community devoted to prayer. Psalm 27 is called a "womb to tomb" scripture, as it is commonly used for baptisms and funerals. How appropriate it is as we hear the next chapter in God's plan. First Peter foreshadows the pain and suffering that these individuals will undergo for the sake of Christ as they continue to glorify God. This echoes the language of the Gospel, where Jesus speaks of glorifying God and himself being glorified as he prays for these followers who are now left in the world to carry out the message and the vision.

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Mass Intentions may be offered for loved one, both living and deceased, as well as for special occasions such as birthdays and anniversaries. Please contact the parish office to schedule.