



## Religious Education

*St. Andrew Catholic Church*  
One Lord, One Eucharist, One Parish.

Saint Andrew Catholic community draws its identity and strength from the Eucharist as it grows in the faith through sacred worship, living the joy of the Gospel, and lifelong catechesis. The parish family, guided by the Holy Spirit and within the communion of the Catholic Church, serves as the light of Christ by practicing compassion, serving the poor and needy, and continuing the tradition of Catholic education in its parochial school. Saint Andrew Parish shares God's love and mercy across intergenerational and multicultural lines, celebrates the diversity and gifts of its members, and always seeks first the Kingdom of God.

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays 5:30 PM in English and  
7:00 PM in Spanish  
Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30  
AM, and 5:30 PM in English  
1:30 PM in Spanish

# SAINT ANDREW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023 - 2024

Dear Saint Andrew Families,

We want to welcome everyone to our religious education program for the 2023-2024 Catechetical Year.

We hope this year will be a fruitful time for all of us to work together and an opportunity to grow in faith.

Before we begin our religious education program, we would like to share some vital information. Please read this information carefully.

### CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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A copy of the calendar for the current catechetical year is attached to this letter. We kindly ask you to familiarize yourself with those dates.

### PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING

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Parents need to attend an orientation meeting on Tuesday, September 12, in English or Thursday, September 14, in Spanish 6:30 pm in the Social Hall.

### CLASS PLACEMENT

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You will receive an email by the first week of September indicating class placement and catechist information.

### MEET AND GREET

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Parents and students will meet our dedicated staff and catechists at Meet & Greet.

**Saturday, September 16, for the Saturday session from 9:15 am. to 10:30 am.**

**Tuesday, September 19, for the Tuesday afternoon session from 4:30 to 5:45 pm. Evening Session from 6:30 to 7:45 pm.**

### SUPPLIES

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We ask that each student brings the following supplies to classes:

- Two pencils

- One composition notebook

\*Students will receive their textbook/workbook during class from their catechist.

## COMMUNICATION / CATECHIST - PARENT

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Over the next couple of weeks, Saint Andrew catechists will be reaching out to you via email or phone call to introduce themselves.

Saint Andrew catechists are wonderful volunteers who willingly share their faith with your children. They devote their time to helping our Religious Education Program be successful. We ask parents to ensure that the children perform their weekly work on the date specified by the catechist.

If the catechist asks a student to learn assigned prayers, we ask parents to ensure the child learns the requested prayers. However, if the student has difficulties or needs additional help, please contact the catechist or RE office.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE COMMUNICATION

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You will receive emails from [bcastro@sacccs.org](mailto:bcastro@sacccs.org) or emails and text messages from Flocknote. Flocknote allows us to send instant messages to keep you updated; we will use it in emergencies like class cancellations due to weather or other concerns. Please check your emails constantly and save the address to avoid emails and texts going to spam or junk.



## FAMILY PARTICIPATION IN THE HOLY MASS

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Let us remember that Holy Mass is essential for forming the Catholic faith in our lives. The Catholic faith requires practicing Catholics to participate in the Holy Mass every Sunday and on days of obligation.

We strongly encourage you to join us for Sunday Masses, liturgical events, and confessions in our parish to the best of your ability. Please visit our parish website regularly: [www.standrewparish.org](http://www.standrewparish.org).

## VOLUNTEERS

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Help us pass on the Good News. We invite parents to consider volunteering as catechists and/or class assistants. Please prayerfully consider giving your time and talent by helping in our program. For more information, please send an email to [bcastro@sacccs.org](mailto:bcastro@sacccs.org)

Thank you for your ongoing support for all that we do. Remember to include Mass in your weekly schedules. Please know that our Pastor, Monsignor Soucar, the parish priest, and the parish community are praying for your families. Please keep us in your prayers.

God bless you,  
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