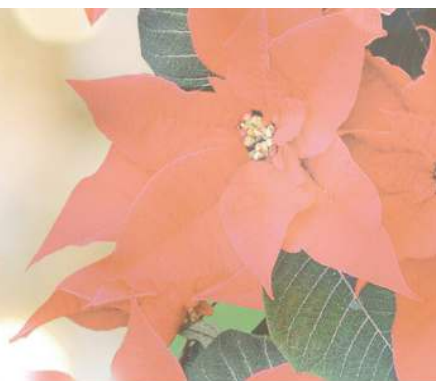




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St. Andrew Catholic Church

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Mission Statement
St. Andrew Parish, a Eucharistic, faith community, dedicated, committed,
and responding to God's call, to proclaim and share Christ's merciful
and abundant love, through service and example.

Sunday, December 28, 2025

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Parish Office Hours:
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St. Andrew, Pleasanton Mass Schedule:
Saturday: 6:00 p.m. Sunday Vigil
Sunday: 7:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. (Español)
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. (Español)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Wednesday: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Saturday: 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

First Friday Devotion: 8:30 am
First Saturday Devotion: 8:30 am
Healing Mass:
1st Wednesday each month: 6 p.m.

Sacred Heart, Campbellton Mass Schedule:
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.
Thursday: 4:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
1st Sunday: 8:30 - 8:55 a.m.

Religious Ed. Office Hours:
Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
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FAITH FORMATION

St. Andrew and Sacred Heart Catholic Churches RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 4, 2026 No classes
Sunday, January 11, 2026 All classes resume

**REMINDER: All sessions begin at 8:30 a.m.
in the Church.**

**A lite breakfast is served from
8:45 – 9:00 a.m.**

Class sessions begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.

The year 2025 is coming to a close.

As you ponder the New Year, that will be 2026, reflect on where you are within the context of your faith journey. Are you living a life of faith? Have you discovered the gifts God planted inside of you while you were being formed in your mother's womb? Are you making use of your gifts to serve the Church and others?

There are many opportunities here at St. Andrew's to allow you to explore and grow into your faith, listed here in the bulletin. You are never too young, or too old to explore your purpose in faith, in the Church, in your daily life among others. In fact the Church needs you to say, "Yes," in answering God's call, that you may be hearing, but tend to push aside.

We have several preparing for sacraments that need your prayers. We have others who need sponsors at the Easter Vigil, or Adult Confirmation. Are you interested in being a companion on the journey?

We need Religious Formation catechists, aides, organizers, and special event coordinators. Would any of these things interest you? I would like to form a group of people who want to learn about Church Ministry, and share with them all that I have learned in living a life of ministry to the Church. No I am not a religious. My Vocation is Marriage, but God did call me to be a Lay Minister. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please reach out to me. Handing down the Faith, so that a parish can continue to grow in faith, is an essential key to a thriving parish. Pray on these things, God is always listening, Debbie Shows

**New Bible Study beginning January 6
9:00 a.m. and January 7, 6:30 p.m. in the
Parish Library**

Matthew: The King and His Kingdom

Matthew: The King and His Kingdom shows how Jesus fulfills God's promises to Israel and establishes his kingdom on Earth. Through references to the Old Testament promises of God to his people and the messages God sent them through the prophets, this Bible study provides the key to understanding the rest of the New Testament and Christ as the fulfillment of God's plan.

Matthew portrays Jesus as the true King who fulfills the Law the people of Israel have failed to keep and who introduces the new law that will accompany the New Covenant. In this 24-part study of Matthew's Gospel, Jeff Cavin's explains how Jesus is challenging and empowering us to a new level of holiness and shows how we must be thoroughly immersed in the kingdom of heaven on earth, the Church, to live it.

Interested? Sign up in the Narthex of Church.
Cost of study: Workbook and digital component: \$50.00 Digital component only: \$6.95 Deadline to register Dec. 21, 2025 after all Masses.

BINGO

Religious Education and Youth Ministry

FUNDRAISERS

Sunday, January 11, 2026

Doors Open at 2:00 p.m.

Bingo 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed.

Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller has scheduled Youth Confirmation on April 19, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. here at St. Andrew's. Bishop Arturo Zepeda will be presiding and conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation

NEW RELIGIOUS FORMATION CALENDARS

New calendars have been printed for the second half of our Religious Formation year, January—May 2026.

If you did not receive one, they are available after Masses, in the Narthex.

PARISH EVENTS



FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION TO SACRED HEART OF JESUS

St. Andrew Catholic Church on Friday, January 2nd at 8:30 am.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION TO IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

St. Andrew Catholic Church on Saturday, January 3rd at 8:30 am.



HEALING MASS (Bilingual)

St. Andrew Catholic Church on Wednesday, January 7th at 6 pm.

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother Sacred Heart –Campbellton

Starting January 8, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. Followed by the Rosary, then Mass at 4:00 p.m.

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother is an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's kingdom and in our lives. This study will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of her earthly life, taking you through Mary's joys...and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

Christmas flowers were donated in memory of the following: Guadalupe DeHoyos, Pomposo Trejo, Jesse V. Martinez, Jr., Hector Saldivar, Henry & Santos Gutierrez, Sr., Henry & Mary Gutierrez, Jr., Marta Gutierrez, Michael Resendez, Antonio & Consuelo Ramos, John Ramos, Robert Ramos, Jason P. Salazar, Martin & Carmen Pollock, Lupe & Gloria Tijerina, Jose G. Garcia, Lydia P. Garcia, Jesus & Elvira Rodriguez, Jesse Arguijo, Jr., Mary Elia Guerra, Bill & Flo Ulbricht, John & Virginia Rainey, Gilbert Talamantez, Jr., Maggie Flores, Amanda Zepeda, Andrew & Andrea Gallegos, Jose & Anita Vasquez, Otilia Gonzales, Guadalupe E. Rodriguez, Juan M. Rodriguez, Jr., Ramon R. Herrera, and Petra & Lazaro Guzman, Jr.



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Due to the Christmas holidays we have earlier deadlines for bulletin Mass intentions, bulletin articles and announcements.

Deadline for 1/4/26 bulletin is 3 pm 12/22



The Parish Office will be closed at noon on Wednesday, December 31st and Thursday, January 1st, in observance of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

Mass For the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

A Holy Day of Obligation



Vigil: Wednesday December 31
6:00 pm St. Andrew (Bi-lingual)
NO CONFESSIONS
Thursday, January 1, 2026
10:30 am St. Andrew

The Prayer Garden has been renovated and is ready to be utilized again. We thank the Building Committee for their generous time and donations to this endeavor. If you would like to make a donation in Memory of a loved one, and purchase a 5x7 plaque for \$500, application forms are available in the parish office.



St. Andrew Men's ACTS Retreat

An ACTS Retreat is a Catholic lay retreat sponsored by a parish for its community that begins on Thursday evening and ends with Sunday Mass. The team of the lay parishioners directs the weekend for fellow parishioners, with the blessing and support of the parish pastor. ACTS men's retreat is scheduled for March 26-29, 2026. If you would like to enhance your relationship with our Lord, consider attending this retreat.

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION DILEXI TE

OF THE HOLY FATHER LEO XIV TO ALL CHRISTIANS ON LOVE FOR THE POOR

The Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi te — Latin for "I have loved you" — is rooted in the words of Christ from Revelation 3:9: "You have but little power... yet I have loved you." In this brief but powerful phrase, the Holy Father situates the Exhortation not as a high theological abstraction but as a personal declaration from Christ to every person who is poor, vulnerable, or forgotten. Pope Leo XIV develops this theme through a deep reflection on the centrality of the poor in Christian life, returning the Church to the radical simplicity of the Gospel: Christ's love is shown most clearly in His closeness to the poor. We are reminded of this love through our St. Vincent De Paul Ministry. They bring assistance to families struggling with food, to seniors who feel forgotten, to young people searching for hope. But more than things they bring compassion, dignity, presence. The Holy Father writes: "We are not called to solve all poverty, only to ensure that no one suffers alone." Please support this ministry by volunteering, donating food or resources, financial support or even simply a prayer. Thank you!

Victor "Trae" Gaenzel

Pray

Dear God, we place our sick under Your care and humbly ask You restore your servants listed here to health again:

Sierra Abrego	Ricky Lopez
Lydia Ayure	Jimmy Marin
Erica Benavides	Christopher John Martinez
Natalie Biela	Debra Dyanne Martinez
Isaiah Carrasco	Juan Martinez
Rita Castillo	Luz Martinez
Louis & Betty Castro	Rosie Martinez
Fred Catala	Ron McComisky
Olivia Compian	Michael R. McCouley
Joseph Coronado	Patty Morgan
Estefanie Donado	Raul & Sara Murillo
Mary de Donado	Martha Narvaez
Pedro Donado	Father Tu T. Nguyen
William Faught	Lutecia Paez
David Flores	Jonathan Peatte
Carol Garcia	Robyn Pesina
Crisanta Garcia	Ruben Pesina
Helen Garcia	Ruben David Pesina
Christine Garrison	Sandra Porter
Medora Garza	Preston Rhodis
Floyd Goins	Shay Rhodis
Abel Gomez	Shelly Rice
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Matt Grothues	Eric James Salinas
Joseph Guerra	Matt Shows
Dora Guerrero	Maria Sylvia Spaulding
Felicia Harriman	Jody Don Sterline
Will Hicks	Darlene Swize
Jennifer Huizar	Patricia Szalwinski
Jim James	Tony Talamantez
Chris Jenschke	Ruben Trejo
Asher Ray Jupe	Florentina H. Trevino
Edward Kruse	Angela Urrabazo
Fred Z. Leal	Johnny Vasquez
Inez Llamas	Martha Vaneges
Becky Llamas	Tomas Villa
Martin Llamas, Jr.	Debbie Williams
Alfredo Lopez	Denera Garcia-White

Freddy Andrade
Nestor Ayala
Carlos A. Beltrán
Colten Brown
Alex Cabrera
Jonathan Castillo
Isaiah Renee Delgado
Eric Paul Espinosa
Ethan Faught
Alana S. Gallegos
Andrew Garcia
Reece Garcia
Kelsey Gonzales
Jared Griego
John Haring
Jeff & Regina
Hascall
Victoria Huron
Brandon Johnson

We also pray for the safety of our men and women in the military.

Simon Karsky
Cody Leal
Ryan Leonhardt
Jocivus Lopez
Charles D. Miller
Nathan Ryan Pacheco
Joseph & Kassandra
Patty
Zaden Quinonez
Wally Ramirez
Alex Rodriguez
Jaden Saenz
Gabriel Shows
Mayson Smith
Andrew Talamantes
Justin Velasquez



DID YOU KNOW.....

Did you know the Church says the best gift is not found under the Christmas tree, but rather it is found on top of the altar table?

Of course, I am talking about the gift of Jesus wrapped in the appearance of bread and wine, but did you know there is a very special way that we are to unwrap or rather, receive this gift? Receiving Holy Communion isn't just an important part of Catholic life; it's the most essential part of being Catholic. Jesus Himself said that if we want eternal life, we need to eat His Body and Drink His blood. "I am the bread of life . . . unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day." (Jn. 6:35, 53-54) That's why the Eucharist isn't symbolic; it's the real presence of Christ... His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Sadly, many Catholics today don't fully understand this truth. So then how do we come to know Jesus more fully, and deepen our love and reverence for the Eucharist? A French revolutionary was once quoted as saying, "If I truly believed what the Church wants me to believe, that Christ truly becomes present on the altar at the moment of consecration, I would not walk to the communion rail, I would crawl on my belly." Now we certainly don't expect anyone to crawl, but our faith must lead us to the realization that Jesus is telling the truth. Start by reaffirming your belief in the real presence and making Mass a non-negotiable part of your week. Arrive early, participate fully, and dress in a way that reflects the dignity of the occasion. Prepare your soul through confession, and approach Holy Communion with hunger, reverence, and gratitude. Now there are two ways in which Communion is received in the Latin Church: on the tongue or in the hand. If you're going to receive in the hand, be clear about where the Host should be placed so that it doesn't accidentally fall. The same goes for reception on the tongue; tilt your head back slightly, open your mouth, and stick out your tongue far enough so that the Host can be safely placed on the tongue. By the way, if it should fall on the floor, indicate it to the priest. Now before physically receiving the Holy Eucharist, it is only fitting to show an act of reverence by bowing your head. If you're going to kneel for Communion, and yes, it's all right to kneel, be mindful of people behind you. Then the priest holds up the Host and says, "The Body of Christ," and you answer, "Amen." This is not an English word; it's Aramaic, it's pronounced "Ahmeen," and it means, "So be it, I believe, It is the Body of Christ." If receiving in the hand, put one hand on top of the other and make, as Tertullian used to say, a throne for the Lord. When the priest puts the Host in your hand, immediately consume the Host. Do not start walking back to your seat; it should be consumed before you leave the altar area. After receiving Jesus, take time for thanksgiving and prayer. And like Mary, who carried Christ to others, let's share this gift with the world. Our salvation and the salvation of many depends on living this truth every day. Once we have received Jesus in the Eucharist, He is present in our very persons, we become tabernacles, with our Lord contained within our very selves. It is the Lord that we are worshiping. It is the Lord through the Eucharist that allows us, in a special way, to participate in divine life. It is the Lord who is sanctifying us. This should be the overwhelming disposition with which we prepare ourselves to not only receive Jesus at Christmas but every time we take Holy Communion: "It is the Lord, so be it, I believe!" Want to know more about how to welcome Jesus into your life this coming New Year? Contact your local parish office for more details. Stay tuned next week when we discuss why you should keep your Christmas lights on even after the holidays.

God Bless, Deacon Frank

**Mass Intentions for Week of:
December 30, 2025 to January 4,
2026**



Sacred Heart, Campbellton

Thursday, January 1, 2026:
NO MASS

Sunday, January 4, 2026:

9:00 am †Mary Jane Haverlah; †Clarence Henke; †Harold Jambers; †Paul Rodriguez; †F. Shelby Henke; †Daniel Mullin; †David Swize; Health of Father Tu; Special Intention for Rain

St. Andrew, Pleasanton

Tuesday, December 30:

8:30 am In Thanksgiving on the birthdays of Beatriz Elena Ferfussan and Milena Obando; Special Intention for the family of Timm, Lorena, Teresa and Gabriel Seidel; For the Health of Debra Dyanne Martinez, Father Tu and Gwen Hesseltine; Special Intention for Rain

Wednesday, December 31: NO CONFESSIONS

8:30 am †Guillermo, †Carmina, †Fernandi & †Pardey Family; In Thanksgiving on the birthday of Laurie Woodson

6:00 pm †Peter John Szalwinski; Por la salud del Padre Tu; Intencion especial para la Lluvia

Thursday, January 1, 2026:

10:30am †Regino Estrada; †Regina de Ochoa; In Thanksgiving on the 75th birthday of Happy Amador and the birthday of Martha Vives; In Thanksgiving for Mary, The Holy Mother of God; For the Health of Father Tu; Special Intention for Rain

Friday, January 2, 2026:

8:30 am For the Health of Father Tu; Special Intention for Rain

Saturday, January 3, 2026:

6:00 pm †Henry Mangum; †Charlene Jasik; †Emilia Uribe; †Pat Wright; †Norma Castillo; †Laura Marie West; †Raymond Marek; †Johnny & †Georgia Marek; Health of Debra Dyanne Martinez and Father Tu; Special Intention for Rain

Sunday, January 4, 2026:

7:00 am †Rosie Figueroa; †Mary Ann Vvylecka; Special Intention for Leslie Gonzales; For the Health of Father Tu; Special Intention for Rain

10:30am †Consuelo G. Ramos; †Sulema Talamantez; For the Health of Father Tu; Special Intention for Rain

12:00pm †Benjamin Colunga; †Francisco Hernandez; Juan Hernandez; For the Health of Father Tu; Special Intention for Rain

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20-21 2025**



Due to early bulletin deadline attendance and regular collection and St. Vincent de Paul collection not available

Online Giving: *December 16-22, 2025*

Unavailable due to bulletin deadline

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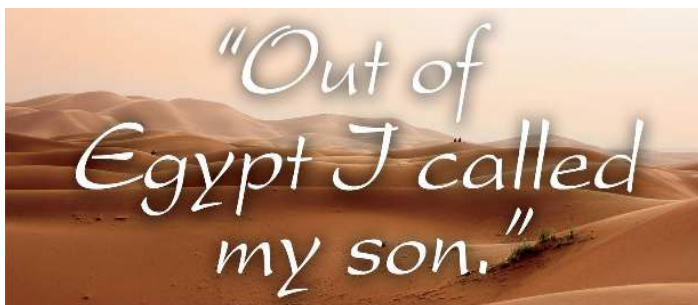


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OCTOBER 31, 2025
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	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YD BUDGET vs YTD Actual
Income:			
Contributions:	\$151,823	\$159,500	(\$ 7,677)
Fees:	\$ 5,941	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,441
Auxiliary:	\$ 2,916	\$ 8,000	(\$ 5,084)
Fundraising:	\$ 69,632	\$ 77,000	(\$ 7,368)
Investment Income:	\$ 5,756	\$ 4,167	\$ 1,589
Income Totals:	\$236,068	\$251,167	(\$15,099)
Expense:			
Personnel:	\$ 69,942	\$ 69,471	(\$ 472)
Contract Services:	\$ 3,334	\$ 5,933	\$ 2,599
Facilities Expenses:	\$ 41,378	\$ 50,777	\$ 9,399
Utilities:	\$ 16,500	\$ 20,307	\$ 3,807
Vehicle/Travel:	\$ 2,159	\$ 1,500	(\$ 659)
Program:	\$ 34,465	\$ 50,067	\$15,602
Supplies:	\$ 21,470	\$ 14,093	(\$ 7,377)
Other Expenses:	\$ 8,796	\$ 9,667	\$ 871
Assessments:	\$ 19,644	\$ 19,644	\$ 0
Expense Totals:	\$ 217,688	\$ 241,459	23,771
Income-Expense:	\$ 18,380	\$ 9,708	\$ 8,672

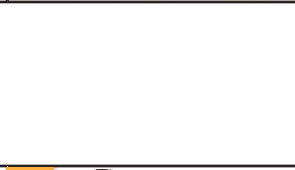
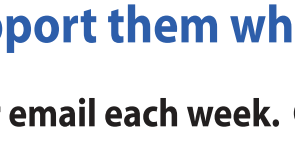
**FINANCIAL REPORT
OCTOBER 31, 2025
SACRED HEART**

	YTD Actual	YTD Budge	YD BUDGET vs YTD Actual
Income:			
Contributions:	\$ 24,877	\$ 26,333	(\$ 1,456)
Investment Income:	\$ 4,628	\$ 1,167	\$ 3,461
Income Totals:	\$ 29,505	\$ 27,500	\$ 2,005
Expense:			
Personnel:	\$ 9,596	\$ 10,432	\$ 835
Contract Services:	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,573	\$ 373
Facilities Expenses:	\$ 5,056	\$ 7,000	\$ 1,944
Utilities:	\$ 1,223	\$ 1,283	\$ 60
Vehicle/Travel:	\$ 225	\$ 225	\$ 0
Program:	\$ 0	\$ 167	\$ 167
Supplies:	\$ 1,091	\$ 642	(\$ 449)
Other Expenses	\$ 1,324	\$ 1,050	(\$ 274)
Assessments:	\$ 568	\$ 568	\$ 0
Expense Totals:	\$ 20,283	\$ 22,940	\$ 2,657
Income-Expense:	\$ 9,222	\$ 4,560	\$ 4,662



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