



St. Andrew Catholic Church
Pleasanton, Texas

Archdiocese of San Antonio



Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Campbellton, Texas

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, November 22, 2026

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Parish Office Hours:
Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 pm

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

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

Adoration: 5 am- 8 pm
First Friday Devotion: 8:30 am
First Saturday Devotion: 8:30 am
Healing Mass:
1st Wednesday each month: 6:00 pm

Sacred Heart, Campbellton Mass Schedule:
Sunday: 9:00 am
Thursday: 4:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
1st Sunday: 8:30 - 8:55 am

Sacrament of Matrimony:
Contact Parish office 6 months in advance to schedule preparation.

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FAITH FORMATION

TWO ADVENT CALENDAR TRADITIONS

The season of Advent is a wonderful time to establish or reestablish some routines, rituals, and traditions. Here are just two examples of Advent traditions many Catholics implement:

Advent Calendars-Starts 11/29/2026

One Advent tradition that kids love is the Advent calendar. This special calendar doesn't just track the days of Advent—each day of the calendar also contains a numbered flap, which opens to show a picture or a small surprise. Each box is filled with daily inspiration that will help your kids grow through Bible verses, reflections, and holiday fun!

The Jesse Tree Calendar

Most people celebrate Christmas with a Christmas tree ..but Catholics have another wonderful tradition: The Jesse Tree! A Jesse tree is a display with ornaments that tells the story of the Old Testament. **Starting on December first-** Catholics will hang one ornament at a time—each one representing a different Old Testament story (Adam and Eve, Noah's Ark, the Ten Commandments, etc.). Every day, your family can talk about the importance of each Bible story and how it led to Jesus' birth. Through the use of stories and accompanying pictures, kids can gain a deeper understanding of the prophecies that foretold the birth of Jesus. As the Jesse Tree unfolds, children can witness the unfolding plan of salvation and appreciate the continuity between the Old and New Testaments.

A fun family Advent project would be to make your own calendars. Instructions for both may be found in the Narthex.

CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENT DATES AND RETREATS

First Reconciliation Retreat and Reception of the Sacrament

Dec. 5, 2026, 8:30 – 12:30 p.m.

Begins with First Saturday Mass at 8:30 a.m. Followed by Retreat

Concludes with the Reception of First Reconciliation

Confirmation Mass

March 14, 2027 at 5:00 p.m.

Bishop Gary Janak presiding

Confirmation Retreat TBA

First Communion Retreat

Saturday May 8, 2027, 9 am to noon

First Communion Masses

May 8, at 6:00 p.m. and May 9 at 12:30 p.m.



Sunday, December 13th

Parish Hall Doors and Concession open at 2:00 p.m.
Games begin at 3:00 p.m. Concludes at 6:00 p.m.
$15.00 per packet of 15 games
Extra game cards available for $1.00 each.
Proceeds to support Religious Formation Events & activities.

FAMILY COMPANION

Lydia Brown will be meeting with parents during classtime to explore the Family Companion.
This companion will assist parents in staying in tune with what your children are learning.
The resources in this companion include prayers, church practices, engaging activities and discussion starters.
Take this time to ask questions and dive in.

PARISH EVENTS

THANKSGIVING MASS



Thursday, November 26th
10:30 am St. Andrew

(NO ADORATION)

Please bring the bread and wine for your Thanksgiving Day meal to Mass for a special blessing.
Adoration will be back December 3, 2026
NO 4 pm Mass at Sacred Heart, Thursday
NO Mass on Friday, November 27th

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration



Celebracion de Nuestra
Senora de Guadalupe
Friday/Viernes
December 12th/Diciembre 12

6:00 am Mananitas (prayer garden)
10:30 am Rosary/Rosario
11:00 am Mass

Reception in the Parish Hall immediately following Mass.
Recepcion immediatamente despues de Misa en el Salon Parroquial.

ARCHBISHOP APPEAL

The Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries is under way! This annual campaign supports more than 30 ministries that advance the mission of the Catholic Church in our area. Please consider a donation to our *Courageous in Christ so that* we can consistently care for those who rely upon the archdiocese and our programs for life and faith sustaining support. Please visit **https://archsa.org/aafm_giveasa** to give today! Have questions? Please call (210) 734-1910.

St. Andrew Goal is $22,730 At 97% of goal, 73 donors, collecting $22,137

Sacred Heart Goal is $2,771 At 122% of goal, 14 donors, collecting $3,375

PEW DONATION UPDATE

Parishioners wishing to make a donation towards the new pews, representing your family or a loved one, may still do so. The name will be placed on a nameplate and put on a Plaque in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception



Tuesday, December 8

St. Andrew
8:30 am Mass
12:00 pm Mass-English
6:00 pm Mass-Bilingual

Sacred Heart
4:00 pm Mass

FIRST CHRISTMAS IN HEAVEN MASS



Friday, December 18, 2026
St. Andrew, 6:30 pm



Honoring our loved ones, from **St. Andrew** and **Sacred Heart Parishes** who passed away between

December 18, 2025 to December 11, 2026.

We **must** limit it to those loved ones who passed this year.

Contact: Janie Sue Garcia at 830-570-7153, Estella Leyva at 830-484-7321 or the Parish Office to add your loved one to the list.

St. Vincent de Paul

Gift of Giving Fall Season food donation. List of items needed are located in the Narthex and the East and West doors as you exit. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

SACRED HEART



Come join us at our annual breakfast brunch on Sunday, December 6 after Mass. Bring your favorite finger food and join us in putting up the Christmas decorations in the Church.

DID YOU KNOW…..

Did you know the Church says Jesus did actually have brothers and sisters?

But not quite in the way you're thinking. One of the questions Catholics are often asked about Mary is surprisingly simple, "If Mary remained a virgin throughout her life, why does the Bible say that Jesus had brothers and sisters?" It is a fair question. After all, Matthew tells us, "Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brethren James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas?" (Matthew 13:55) At first glance, that can certainly sound as though Mary and Joseph had other children after Jesus. But when we slow down, look at Scripture in its historical and linguistic setting, and consider how Christians understood these passages from the earliest centuries, a much richer picture emerges. The Catholic belief in Mary's perpetual virginity does not contradict Scripture. Rather, it fits beautifully within the biblical story of Mary's unique vocation as the "Mother of God". Much of the confusion comes from the word translated as "brothers." The Greek word used in the New Testament is "adelphoi". Although it certainly can mean biological brothers, its meaning is broader than that. It can also refer to relatives, extended family members, members of the same community, or fellow believers. We see that broader use throughout Scripture. Abraham and Lot, for example, could be referred to using family language associated with "brothers (adelphoi)", but Genesis identifies Lot as Abraham's nephew. Likewise, Acts 1:15 refers to a gathering of about 120 "brothers," which obviously does not mean 120 biological sons of the same mother. This reflects the Semitic culture behind the New Testament; Hebrew and Aramaic family language did not always make the precise distinctions that modern English does between brother, cousin, nephew, and other relatives. So, when Scripture speaks about the "brothers of Jesus," Catholics do not need to deny the passage or explain it away. We simply need to ask, does the word itself prove that these men were other children of Mary? The answer is simply, no. The Catholic Church does not require us to identify exactly how every person called Jesus' "brother" was related to him.

They may just have been extended relatives or known acquaintances. What Catholic teaching maintains is that they were not other biological children of the Virgin Mary. Another passage frequently raised is Matthew 1:25: Joseph "knew her not until she had borne a son." To modern ears, the word "until" can sound as though something changed afterward. But biblical language does not always work that way. For example, 2 Samuel 6:23 says that Michal "had no child to the day of her death." Obviously, this does not suggest she began having children after she died. In the same way, Matthew's purpose is not to tell us what happened between Mary and Joseph after Jesus was born. His point is to emphasize what happened before Christ's birth, Jesus was conceived without Mary having relations with Joseph. Matthew is defending the virgin birth of Jesus, not describing the later intimate life of Mary and Joseph. There is another beautiful detail in Luke's Gospel that deserves attention. When the angel Gabriel tells Mary, "You will conceive in your womb and bear a son" (Luke 1:31) Mary responds, "How can this be, since I do not know man?" (Luke 1:34) That is an interesting question. Mary was already betrothed to Joseph. If she expected to enter an ordinary marital relationship with him, the announcement that she would someday have a child would not necessarily have been mysterious. Yet Mary asks, "How can this be?" Her response has therefore been understood in Catholic tradition as consistent with a special commitment to virginity. And then Gabriel gives the answer, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you." (Luke 1:35) Mary's motherhood will be unlike any other motherhood. Her Son will be conceived not through a human father, but through the power of God. This brings us to the deeper meaning of Mary's perpetual virginity. Catholics do not believe Mary remained a virgin because marriage or marital intimacy is somehow impure.

The Church teaches precisely the opposite, marriage is holy, and the marital union belongs to God's beautiful design. Sometimes Mary's perpetual virginity can make Joseph seem almost unnecessary. Nothing could be further from Catholic teaching. Joseph's vocation was extraordinary. He was Mary's true husband; he protected her, provided for her, accepted Jesus as his son before the law, gave him the name commanded by the angel, and helped raise the Son of God.

Joseph's greatness is found precisely in his willingness to surrender his own plans to God's plan. Joseph responded not by grasping, but by giving. Not by demanding his rights, but by offering his life in service.

That is why Catholic tradition sees St. Joseph as a remarkable example of chastity, humility, obedience, fatherhood, and self-sacrificing love. It is easy for conversations about Mary, Joseph, and Jesus to become debates over Greek words, Church Fathers, and individual Bible verses. But if we stop with the argument, we may miss something much more beautiful. Mary's perpetual virginity ultimately points us toward total surrender to God. She followed him throughout his earthly life. She stood beneath his Cross when so many others fled. From beginning to end, her life says: "I am yours, Lord." And perhaps that is the most important lesson Mary's perpetual virginity offers us. A heart willing to obey. A heart willing to surrender. A heart willing to say, even when we do not completely understand: "Let it be done to me according to your word." Want to know more about how you and I are actually Jesus' brothers and sisters? Your local parish office can help. Stay tuned next week when we talk about how to give "thanks" to God. God Bless Deacon Frank

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

Pray

Roy Alonzo
Maggie Arredondo
Barbara Bader
Vilma Barros
Gregorio Beltran
Natalie Biela
Marlene Borsani
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Matt Shows
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Patricia Szalwinski
Johnny & Shiela Talamantez & Family
Martin Tijerina
Ruben Trejo
Florentina H. Trevino
Paul Valle
Pedro & Dolores Venegas
Denera Garcia-White
Jose F. Zapata

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

Lance Cpt. Alec Arguijo
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Nestor Ayala
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Colten Brown
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Alex Rodriguez
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Gabriel Shows
Mayson Smith
Andrew Talamantes
Adrian Urrabazo
Justin Velasquez



Mass Intentions for Week of:
November 24-29, 2026

Sacred Heart, Campbellton

Thursday, November 26: Thanksgiving Day
4:00 pm NO MASS

Sunday, November 29:
9:00am †Edmund Tom; †Clarence Henke; †Paul Rodriguez; †Mary Jane Haverlah; †Felicia Harriman; †F. Shelby Henke; †Beverly Poth; †Robert Poth; †Julieann Semmes; †Joe "JJ" Aguero, Jr.; †EB & †Kathryn Poth; †Monica A. Rosales; †Daniel Mullin; In Thanksgiving for Rain

St. Andrew, Pleasanton

Tuesday, November 24:
8:30 am †Clemente Zarate**;** In Thanksgiving for Rain

Wednesday, November 25:
8:30 am For the People; In Thanksgiving for Rain

6:00 pm Por el Pueblo; En Accion de gracias para la Lluvia

Thursday, November 26: Thanksgiving Day
10:30 am †Pete &†Trudy Sotello; In Thanksgiving for Rain

Friday, November 27:
8:30 am NO MASS

Saturday, November 28:

6:00 pm †Jane Persyn Whaley; †Henry Mangum; †Beatrice Balzen; †Rey Garza; †Larry Persyn; †Charlene Jasik; †Pat Wright; †Richard Partida; †Domingo Ramos, Sr.; †Norma Castillo; †Ronnie & †Gladys Persyn; Thanksgiving by Pam Ramos; Special Intentions by Patricia Szalwinski; Health: Natalia Biela, Raymond & Debra Dyanne Martinez; In Thanksgiving for Rain

Sunday, November 29:
7:00 am †Robert Gonzales; †Arthur R. Trevino; †Laura Marie West; †Living and Deceased members of Catholic Life Branch #63; In Thanksgiving for Rain

10:30am †Florinda Flores; †Joe F. Rodriguez;†Living & Deceased members of Catholic Life Branch #63; In Thanksgiving on the birthday of Paul Antu; In Thanksgiving for St Andrew, the ApostleHealth: Bennie Garcia, III; In Thanksgiving for Rain

12:00pm †Domingo Ramos, Sr.; En Accion de Gracias para la Lluvia

COUNTY LINE CHRISTMAS BAND CONCERT

Sunday, December 6th at 3 pm in the Parish Hall. Come join us for some christmas cheer.

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 14-15, 2026



St. Andrew Mass Attendance: 732
Sacred Heart Mass Attendance: 46

St. Andrew - $5,959.31 *Sacred Heart - $411.00*
Vigil Lights - $70.90 *Vigil Lights - $00.00*

Second Collection-Campgn for Human Dev.
St. Andrew -- $1,346.00 Sacred Heart -- $138.00

Online Giving:

November 10-16, 2026
St. Andrew—$2,055.38
Sacred Heart—$50.00
SVdP—$90.00

If you are wanting to participate in online giving you can scan the QR Code to set up your donation. Thank you for your support!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 25th and will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26th and 27th, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.





From: Fr. Francis, Deacon Bennie, Ret., Deacon Kurt, Deacon Joey, Deacon Frank and Parish Staff

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers this weekend are in Memory of Matias Carrasco, Jr. and Isaiah Carrasco. Thank you to the family for their donation. If you wish to donate altar flowers in memory of a loved one, birthday or anniversary, contact the parish office.



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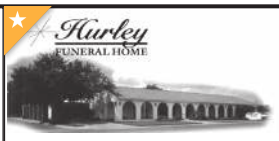
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