

## Second Sunday of Easter – DIVINE MERCY Sunday

*Masses for the Week*

<b>MONDAY</b> 7:30 a.m.	<b>April 20</b> ✠ Joan Breford
<b>TUESDAY</b> 7:30 a.m.	<b>April 21</b> ✠ Jory Konrade
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 7:30 a.m.	<b>April 22</b> ✠ Jim Martin
<b>THURSDAY</b> 7:30 a.m.	<b>April 23</b> ✠ Nicole Baier
<b>FRIDAY</b> 7:30 a.m.	<b>April 24</b> ✠ Rita Horan
<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:00 p.m.	<b>April 25</b> People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>April 26</b> People of the Parish



God is with us!



### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**Saturday, April 25, 5:00 a.m.**

**Lectors** Richard Blackburn

**Server** C.J. Brooks



## Stewardship of Time & Talent

**YOU were spotted being good stewards:**

~ Donna Bathurst for making Baptismal cloths for babies and adults who are being baptized;  
 ~ A big thank you to all who assisted in some way with all of the Holy Week Services. Everything looked and sounded wonderful although we missed all of our congregation. Many blessings to all. We are trying to get our Masses on the website in a more timely manner. It is all very challenging & new for us.

*Thank you, you are a blessing to us!*



## Stewardship *a way of life*

*"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" JOHN 20:19*

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? Many of us can probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. **Stewards** are made for relationships – with God and each other. A simple "hello" and a smile goes a long way.

### DIVINE MERCY post on front door

You can post an image of Jesus, the Divine Mercy, on your front door, facing outward to express your trust in the Lord's promise of protection. They are available in the Church. For more information, see website for the link or go to FORMED.org. ↓



## FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



**Divine Mercy**  
with Father Michael Gaitley

The vast panorama of God's work of mercy in the world unfolds as a story to be experienced interwoven through the transformative events of Saint Faustina, Mary at Fatima, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, and Pope Saint John Paul II.

**SIGN UP FOR FREE AT FORMED.ORG/SIGNUP**

## April 19, 2020 ~ The Week Ahead

### SUNDAY (19) DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

- Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 3:00 p.m., Church

### MONDAY (20)

- Circle of Prayer begins today, signup on website

### THURSDAY (23)

- Adoration, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and  
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 3:00 p.m., Church

### SATURDAY (25)

- Reconciliation, 4:00 to 4:30 p.m., Church



### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS....

Please pray for Sharon Flores, John McGuire, Ernest Lee Pastran, Bill Gross, Robert Goeden, David Anguiano, Sr., Irene Nevitt, Kody Sorrell, Mary Breshears, Karen Foster, Helene Szczerba, Betty Nebelsick, Mary Janet Chaput/Brumfield, Brenda Olson, Michael Kooser, Lyle Hight, Jill (Voran) Glasser, Karin Ward, Theresa Callahan, Jim Mayhew, Annette Cox, Megan Ebert, Eileen Bergman, Natalie Mason, Nathan Montgomery, Amelia Rupp, the abused, the unborn, and those who are suffering.

### Please pray for our homebound

Joseph Anguiano, Dodie Becker, Bea Cole, Margaret Dillon, Bruce and Marilyn Dimmitt, Mary Lou Fair, Agnes Garten, Janice Kleinsorge, Betty Grant, Gordon Kippenberger, Lydia Leonard, Betty Martell, Maria McCullough, Marcella McMahon, Mary Randall, Val Rohleder, Marcella Steinhauer, Karin Ward, and Mary Jean Wilson.

### Please pray for our troops and first responders

Jared April, Travis Bacon, Keith Blasi, Jared Casanova, Jennifer Chaput, Joshua Chaput, Zac Chaput, Matt Cole, Casey Collier, Matthew Collier, Gehrig Geissinger Katrina Hargraves, Sean Hargraves, Jon Hauswirth, Cole Hiatt, Eric Hiatt, Kevin Herrman, Sean Herrman, Charles Hinkle, Brent Hirsch, Ted Houlton, Collin Issitt, Brian W. Kite, Matthew Kooser, James LaFlamme, Tim Mason, Bill McKenna, Jesse Morton, Cody Neff, Michael Orth, Jimmy Orton, Marcus Pastran, Dawn Potter, Brian Rowe, Cale Strunk, James Swisher, Robert Tanoury, Curtis Velasquez, Tyler Wassenberg, Tim Wilkins, Daniel Woods and Justin Zeller.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** please contact Debbie Wickersham #785-280-9229 or [wickershamdebbie@gmail.com](mailto:wickershamdebbie@gmail.com) for prayer requests or to be a prayer partner.

## Sunday Readings:

April 19, 2020

Second Sunday of Easter

**Acts of Apostles** 2:42-47

**1 Peter** 1:3-9

**John** 20:19-31

April 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter

**Acts** 2:14,22-33

**1 Peter** 1:17-21

**Luke** 24:13-35



**GIVE, SERVE & PRAY** while you're away



Online Giving helps sustain our parish.

Wherever you are, Online Giving allows you to make donations via your phone or computer to St. Andrew Parish.

See our website – [sacabilene.com](http://sacabilene.com)

## Stewardship of Treasure

APRIL 12, 2020 / WEEKLY GOAL \$7,940.00

Envelopes: \$ 8,960.00 YTD Goal: \$325,540.00

Loose Plate: 20.00 Amt. Given 331,831.91

Online Giving: 2,655.00

Total: **\$11,635.00** YTD Difference: +\$6,291.91

*May God bless you for your generosity ~*

## Greetings from Fr. Don Zimmerman



Much gratitude and blessings to each and every one of you this Easter Time! While there were many adjustments in coming to celebrate the mysteries, God remains to be working among His people; we only need to be awake and aware! To all of you who made the effort to virtually participate in the Lenten and Holy Week services, I hope you were spiritually fed. As with most everything in our lives, one of the basic requirements for growth is a matter of "being present," no matter where you are, and trusting that something good is going to happen!

In today's Gospel of John Chapter 20:19-31, the disciples were held up in a room, twice reported, and the Resurrected Jesus appeared to them. And Thomas, from the depths of his being, would proclaim: "My Lord and my God!" Jesus would say to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

So, here we are in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Have you come to believe even though you have not "seen" the Lord? Many of us still need proof to be motivated, in belief and/or in service. Perhaps during this pandemic there is an opportunity to look at things a little more differently, and with one's blessings, more gratitude. With the struggles that each one of us have, may there be an ever-increasing trust in God's Divine Providence. Pope Francis said last week that with this pandemic, maybe this is nature's response to our climate in crisis.

Among many things in our world, this COVID-19 pandemic has, or will, affect everyone on this planet. Perhaps the message that each one can make a difference will more effectively come through. Let's hope and pray it will! In the meantime, Happy Easter everyone!

**God's Peace & Blessings to you,  
Fr. Don Z.**

## CIRCLE OF PRAYER

Thanks to many of you who were involved in the last endeavor of "storming the Heavens with prayer!" It simply required making a commitment of 20 minutes a day. There are many opportunities in the 24-hour cycle. Can you once again make that commitment for the good of your household, the church, as well as the global community? If you were not involved in our last exercise, would you kindly consider doing so this cycle? There is no question concerning the need for prayer at this time and we can be assured that nothing is impossible with God! Thank you in whatever you do. Peace and Blessings. ~Fr. Don (see website for signup)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Growing in Faith Together

**CRE (Catholic Religious Education)**

Directed by Shannon Woods

**CYO (Catholic Youth Organization)**

Directed by Cynthia Deters

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)**

Directed by Kristi Anguiano

These leaders will continue to keep you posted.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR and WELCOME

these Candidates and Catechumens~  
Tad Brooks, Chrissy Fink, Cathy Hanson,  
Grant Jurgensen, Maria Stanley and Ted Pugh.  
They will join us in full communion this spring!



## EASTER LILIES

Thank you for those who helped to provide lilies! They are beautiful and fragrant. You may pick them up next week.

**ST. ANDREW CHURCH is open daily**

For those who wish to visit, the Church is open daily until 5:00.

**WEEKEND MASS - private**

You can watch the 5:00 service on our Facebook page (real time) and after the service on our Website. You can listen to it on St. Therese Catholic Radio 106.5 FM on Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

## **CHILDREN'S MASS**

Every Tuesday morning Father Don will celebrate a Children's Mass for you to watch on the School's Facebook page.

## **BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL – CALL TO SHARE –**

St. Andrew 2020 Parish goal is \$35,000. We have raised \$28,150 from 60 donors! We've almost met our goal!

## **ST. ANDREW SCHOOL**

**Webpage** [standrewsabilene.com](http://standrewsabilene.com)

**Email** [standrews@sasabilene.com](mailto:standrews@sasabilene.com)

**Mrs. Whitehair #785-250-9129**

**School Office #785-263-2453**



We will have **School Mass (virtually)** on Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. You can watch live on the Home & School Facebook page or a recorded version later in the day. Thank you, Fr. Don for providing this important faith opportunity for our students and their families!

**Morning Opening Contest** – this week we will be keeping track of which grade has the highest percentage of participants at morning opening. Winning class will have their picture posted on our Facebook page, web site, and will be flag salute and announcement leaders the following week. Hope you can TUNE In for this important 15 minute start to our day!

**Thank you to all families** who participated in our first VIRTUAL Race for Education. Families are completing their commitment of exercising this weekend on their own. Special thanks to chairs Melissa Reed and Sue Kollhoff for organizing this event, and for the many hours of preparation.

This year for **Race for Education**, we ask that if you are experiencing financial difficulties, that you offer prayers for our school instead of a financial contribution. All financial contributions received this year will be used to help pay bills for the remainder of the school year.

We will share **fun photographs** of the different ways families chose to exercise this year to fulfill their obligation on the Race for Education Event Page and on the Home & School Page.

**We are praying each day** for all affected by COVID-19. If you have a loved one who is alone at this time, please send their name and address to Mrs. Whitehair via e-mail and we will make sure they get a card and note from one of our students.

## **April dates-**

21 – Finance Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM

28 – Battle of the Books via ZOOM, 6:30 p.m.

**Christina L. Whitehair, Principal**



## **THANKS to YOU!**

1. To those who are praying in our CIRCLE OF PRAYER. Thank you for lifting us up during these difficult days. We will start another CIRCLE on April 20. To sign up, go to our website, <sacabilene.com>
2. To those who helped prepare the Church and services for the Easter season. Everything looked and sounded wonderful although we missed all of our congregation. **We miss you.** Special thanks to Jim Schartz, Theresa Brierton, Debbie Baier, Josephine Anguiano, all the lectors, servers and musicians.
3. To Wendy Klosterman and Shannon Woods for keeping us updated on our website and Facebook.
4. To all Adoration prayer warriors who faithfully continue to come to the Church every Thursday to pray for an hour or more every week of the year.
5. To Lisa Steiner and Richard Blackburn for leading the Divine Mercy this week and throughout the year.

## **NEW PRAYER REQUESTS**

1. Pray for an end to abortion and an end to putting greed above the safety of mothers and lives of children.
2. Pray for an end to the virus and a start to a revival.
3. Pray for Sharon Flores, aunt of Tad Brooks, who has been diagnosed with advanced single-cell lung cancer.

## **FUN IDEAS for the WEEK!**

1. Remember a story about your favorite Easter or Easter tradition and share it with someone. If you want to share it with the parish (we would LOVE that!) please call the office!
2. Share a happy message on your driveway or sidewalk to cheer up your neighborhood! Encourage others to do the same.
3. Go for a walk or drive and search for happy messages. 😊

## **PRAISE be to GOD**

1. Our Paycheck Protection Program was funded! This will help with payroll for the next 2 months!
2. Your generosity is astonishing! We are grateful for the kindness of your hearts.
3. Most all of our members are healthy and feeling well!
4. ... that we can learn NEW things. High-five to everyone who has used Zoom to get together with one another!

## **WHAT are WE DOING at ST. ANDREW?**

1. Ringing the Church bells at noon every day. Making a "joyful noise" and reminding others of God's presence in the world. It's a time to pause and unite in prayer for an end to the pandemic.
2. St. Andrew School children meet daily via Zoom at 8:45 in the morning to pray together. Their virtual classrooms are meeting throughout the week.
3. Daily Mass is at 7:30 a.m. We are livestreaming Children's Mass on Tuesday mornings.
4. R.C.I.A. classes continue to meet on Wednesday evenings via Zoom. We are lifting them up in prayer as they are looking forward to joining the Church soon.
5. Religious Education Classes are continuing. First Communion and Confirmation youth are preparing to receive their sacraments.
6. CYO has an interactive program on Sunday evenings.
7. Mother's Group meet every Tuesday via Zoom.
8. Core committees continue to meet and make plans for the future of our Church and School.
9. There is a long table in the Church with FREE items for you! We will continue to change it on a regular basis.
10. On Facebook, we are livestreaming the Rosary and prayer requests throughout the week.
11. Livestreaming and recording the weekend Mass on Saturday evenings at 5:00.
12. Finding better ways to communicate with all of you! Thanks for your patience. If you would like to share suggestions or share a talent, we welcome your call!
13. Finding ways to personally contact parish members.

## **What can YOU DO TO HELP?**

1. Join us in praying for one another by signing up for 20 minutes of pray at the same time every day from April 20 until Mother's Day, May 10 (3 weeks). Go to our website <sacabilene.com> to join our CIRCLE OF PRAYER.
2. Volunteer your time to call others a few times a month. Please call the office and we will provide you a list of names.
3. Abilene Food Pantry is now open. Our Church supplies their needs for the month of April.\*
4. Neighbor to Neighbor continues to feed others during these challenging times.\*

\*See flyer for a list of items to help the Food Pantry or Neighbor to Neighbor. There are boxes in the Church entrance for your items. For monetary donations, please mark the envelope and slide under Sacristy door or office door in the Hall. Please let us know if you put items in the refrigerator #263-1570.

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