

ST. ANDREW BY THE BAY

Parish Mission Statement

Formed by God's Word, Called to be disciples of Jesus Christ, Empowered by the Holy Spirit,
The parish community of St. Andrew by the Bay Seeks to be **A Joyful Sign of God's Reign.**
As a baptized community of faith in the Roman Catholic Tradition,
we celebrate and witness to God's Presence through:
WORSHIP AND PRAYER,
LEARNING AND PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL OF JESUS,
SERVICE TO GOD'S PEOPLE AND,
STEWARDSHIP OF THE GIFTS GOD HAS ENTRUSTED TO US.

Parish Five Year Vision

As we embark on this Five-Year process, we unite with the vision and mission of the universal Church, in the words of our Holy Father who said: We "will strive to respond faithfully to the Church's perennial mission: to bring Jesus Christ to [humanity] and to lead [humanity] to an encounter with Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life, truly present in the Church and also in every person." Pope Francis

Worship & Prayer

The Sunday Liturgy is the source and summit of our parish life. We welcome and embrace all who come to our community. We believe that a life of prayer and ongoing catechesis of the sacraments will lead all parishioners to full, conscious, and active participation.

We cultivate our relationship with Jesus Christ through individual, family, and parish prayer and devotions. We affirm that the frequent reception of the sacraments is essential to our life in Christ.

By responding to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit we minister to each other and our community.

Learning & Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus

We commit to cultivating a parish community that invites, challenges, and enables people in all stages of life to grow in faith and deepen their communion with Christ and the Church, and to embrace the richness and beauty of the whole of the Catholic faith.

We commit to an ongoing and lifelong process of learning and sharing, in word and deed, the good news of Jesus Christ with those around us.

Recognizing that adult catechesis is the norm for Christian discipleship, we commit to providing myriad ways to foster adult faith formation.

We complement the role of parents as the first and primary teachers of the faith with outstanding ministries for children, youth, and young adults.

We embrace the invitation and promise of the New Evangelization for ourselves and our communities.

Service to God's People

As individuals and as a community of faith, we embrace the call to service, rooted in baptism, in imitation of the Lord who Himself came not to be served, but to serve.

We believe that our first call to service is the call to holiness in our individual vocation. We are committed to ongoing service within our parish and sister parishes, and outward to the wider world, with particular emphasis on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

We foster an environment of ongoing prayer, reflection, and formation with regard to our service ministries.

We commit to empower all who are called to service with the skills needed for vibrant ministry and leadership.

Stewardship of the Gifts God Has Entrusted to Us

We recognize that God is the giver of all gifts. God calls us as individuals and as a parish community to use those gifts to generously serve Him, to serve one another, and to give glory to His name.

Through prayer and discernment we encourage all parishioners to continue to recognize God's abundant blessings, and to joyfully respond by generously giving of their time, talent, and treasure.

We foster an environment of generosity where each parishioner gives according to their means and all receive according to their need so that all faith formation can be funded directly through parish giving without fees.