



SAINT ANDREW PARISH

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OFFICE AND CHURCH HOURS

The Parish Office is open Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM.
The Church is open daily 6:00 AM-8:30 PM.
For more information, visit www.standrewparish.cc.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:30 PM
Sunday - 7:30 AM, 9:15 AM, 11:00 AM
Weekdays - 6:30 AM & 8:30 AM
Saturday Morning - 9:00 AM

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:15-4:15 PM or by appointment at 614-451-4290

To learn more about **SACRAMENTS**, call the Parish Office or visit our website, www.standrewparish.cc and select "Sacraments and Prayer."

For **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**, please contact a priest at the Parish Office.

We welcome **NEW MEMBERS!** To register or learn more about St. Andrew Parish, please contact our office by phone, or email Jen Wenzke at jwenzke@standrewparish.cc.

OUR MISSION

St. Andrew Church is a community of Catholics committed to serving God by living our faith. We exist to fulfill the mission of the Roman Catholic Church at the local level by continuing the saving work of Christ. We accomplish this through the celebration of the sacraments, proclaiming and living the Gospel, reaching out to others in justice and charity, and providing all parishioners abundant spiritual, educational, and social opportunities to be known as a faith-filled, engaged, and generous parish.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: July 27 Vigil, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:30 p.m. Mary and Basilio Mendoza

Sunday: July 28, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 a.m. Diane Nester
 9:15 a.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish
 11:00 a.m. Harold Simmons

Monday: July 29, Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
 6:30 a.m. Joseph Reed
 8:30 a.m. Julie Minning Broom

Tuesday: July 30, Weekday Mass
 6:30 a.m. Rosemary Persinger
 8:30 a.m. Paul O'Neill

Wednesday: July 31, St. Ignatius of Loyola
 6:30 a.m. Phil Mignot
 8:30 a.m. Goebel Family

Thursday: August 1, St. Alphonsus Liguori
 6:30 a.m. J. Richard Lumpe
 8:30 a.m. Rita Melaragno

Friday: August 2, Weekday Mass
 6:30 a.m. Shirley Pappa
 8:30 a.m. John Germaine

Saturday: August 3, Weekday Mass
 9:00 a.m. Emmett Reichley

Vigil, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:30 p.m. Alexander Tye Sisamuth

Sunday: August 4, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 a.m. Lastenia Fajardo
 9:15 a.m. Louie and Frances Massenelli
 11:00 a.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish

BAPTISMS

Lucille Mae Wright,
 daughter of Douglas and Ali

Kylie Rose Gonzalez Nayar &
 Aimee Marie Gonzalez Naya,
 daughters of Juan Gonzalez Cardoso
 and Barbara Nayar Farina

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Kristen Shawgo and Alexander McFarland (3)
 Hannah Himes and Thomas Pullem (3)
 Abigail Pond and Nicholas Thrasher (2)

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend is the last weekend of July already! The summer season is flying by quickly. Soon it will be festival time here at St. Andrew. Volunteers are needed so please sign up to help. Also, don't forget to get your raffle tickets!

This weekend, we are welcoming Fr. Kamallesh Kumar Thippabathuni who will be preaching at all Masses and making an appeal for the Missions in the Diocese of Guntur, India. Every year, our parish participates in the Missionary Cooperation Plan and welcomes a missionary from a needy part of the world who invites us to join in the missionary activity of the church by learning about the church's work of evangelization in far away places, by joining in prayer, and by our financial support. Please be generous to the special collection today for the Diocese of Guntur.

I announced earlier this month to alert for the possibility of daily Masses being disrupted because of work to be done in the church to install our new LED lighting system, which we sorely need. We had reserved several weeks in July for this work to be done. After some delays, we have been informed that the lighting parts are still on back order and will not be delivered until October! This is a big disappointment to me, as our church lighting is already compromised. The disruptions we anticipated in July will not occur until at least October or November.

Finally, I want to share something delightful that happened at Saturday morning Mass on July 20. I was celebrating the morning Mass as usual – it was a sunny, pleasant morning and the church was filled with sunlight. During the homily, a sparrow that had somehow gotten inside the church flew toward me and then landed on the floor near the altar. This startled me, but I continued with my homily. Then I noticed there were actually two sparrows, and they flew up to the ceiling, perched on the beams, and sang and twittered during the Mass. At Communion time, I recited the Communion Antiphon from the Missal with the people. And what was the Communion Antiphon that day? "It was PSALM 84:4-5: "The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, forever singing your praise."

I think this was not just mere coincidence, but God's coincidence – a bit of divine serendipity. Think how fortunate we are when we, like those sparrows, dwell in the house of God, singing His praises! By the way, after Mass was over, I propped open all the doors of the church so the birds could escape.

May God bless you all in this last week of July!

Your pastor,

Msgr. Stephan Moloney

OCIA KICK OFF LUNCH SUNDAY, AUG. 4 // NOON-2 PM BRYCE ECK CENTER

Enjoy sandwiches, chips, and dessert while you learn more about OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults). This is the perfect opportunity to ask questions, meet new people, and hear from those who have gone through the OCIA process before.

RSVP through SignupGenius at [tinyurl.com/OCIA-LUNCH](https://www.signupgenius.com/OCIA-LUNCH). For more information, contact Adult Faith Director **Emily Jaminet** at 614-451-4290, ext. 110 or ejaminet@standrewparish.cc.



MILLIONS OF MONICAS MONDAY, AUG 5 // 6:00-7:00 PM CHURCH

All women of the parish are welcome to join the Millions of Monicas Prayer Ministry. Millions of Monicas is a group of women who come together in prayer to lift up our children of all ages. Many of us have children who struggle with their Catholic faith or have left the faith entirely.

For information about Millions of Monicas, visit www.millionsofmonicas.com. For information about this St. Andrew prayer ministry, contact **Amy Tague** at amyli14@gmail.com.



SUNDAY OFFERING

	JULY 14	YTD
ACTUAL	\$ 23,679	\$ 52,467
BUDGET	\$ 32,692	\$ 65,384
LAST YEAR	\$ 26,994	\$ 79,775

Thank you to all who are responding generously to our financial need. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

We encourage you to consider Online Giving, which is safe, secure and convenient. To sign up, visit osvhub.com/st-andrew-parish/funds or contact Business Manager Thomas Conigy at tconigy@standrewparish.cc or 614-451-4290, ext. 106.



WE ARE GETTING VERY CLOSE TO OUR GOAL!

Every donation helps! If you haven't yet made your gift to this year's appeal, please prayerfully consider a gift. Your gift, regardless of amount, is vital to the success of this diocesan-wide campaign. If you have made a donation, we THANK YOU! The Appeal supports essential ministries, formation, and outreach under the four pillars of evangelization, vocations, education, and social concerns. Money in excess of our goal will be returned to the Parish.



ST. ANDREW PROGRESS REPORT THROUGH JULY 24:

Pledged: \$ 199,970.80
Collected: \$ 140,265.80
Remaining: \$ 81,148.00
Goal: \$ 221,413.80

Pledge envelopes are available in the pews. Feel free to drop them in the collection basket with your pledge or donation, or mail them to The Appeal, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, OH 43215. Make checks payable to The Diocese of Columbus and include "St. Andrew Parish - Appeal" in the memo section. You may also pledge online at www.columbuscatholicgiving.org/appeal or scan the QR code.



American Red Cross

MANY THANKS to the 19 people who donated blood on July 18! We appreciate every donation and we have space for many more. Also thanks to Sally, Peg and JoAnn who volunteered their time to help.

Our next two blood drives are scheduled for October 3 and December 2. If you would like to sign up for a time to give blood, visit RedCrossBlood.org, sponsor code SACC, or call 1-800-733-2766.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration is simply the act of being in Christ's real presence while the Eucharist is on the altar. Adorers may stay as briefly or as long as they would like. At 8:45 p.m., Adoration concludes with Compline (end of day prayers) followed by Benediction. Make time to be in Christ's presence and open yourself to the graces that flow from the Eucharist!

Weekly Adoration Hosts: Parish Council (first Tuesday); St. Vincent de Paul (second Tuesday); Women of St. Andrew (third Tuesday); Men of the Parish (fourth Tuesday).

USED UNIFORM SALE

TUESDAY, AUG. 6 // 2:00-6:00 PM
ST. ANDREW SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Great prices on a variety of uniform items: \$5 special on unlimited uniform shorts, pants, and shirts. We have an abundance of these items and running out of storage space. Jumpers, sweatshirts, gym shirts, vests, skirts, sweaters, and spirit wear are not part of the \$5 special and are charged by the item. Cash or checks only.

Special request: With the new gym shirt requirement for all students, we need more donations of these shirts. Please do not donate the old style shirt. We always need more uniform sweatshirts and jumpers. Drop off donations at 2272 Haviland Road (front porch), Columbus, Ohio 43220. For more information, contact **Amy Hura, amyhura1@gmail.com**.



THURSDAY, AUGUST 8
BRYCE ECK CENTER - KELLY HALL

Euchre at 10 a.m. // Bingo at 11 a.m. // Lunch at Noon

The luncheons are a great way to catch up with old friends and forge new friendships with seniors within our St. Andrew Parish community. If you are 55+ and a registered parishioner, come and join the fun! There is no cost. **For more information**, contact **Pat Carroll**, 614-459-1402 or pccarroll@standrewparish.cc.



MANY VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED!

Sign up in the parlor after Mass or online at tinyurl.com/standrewfestival2024 or use the QR code. Sign-ups in the parlor each weekend take preference over online sign-ups. For more information, contact **Mary Beasecker** at mbeasecker@standrewparish.cc.



BE A WINNER! RAFFLE GRAND PRIZE=\$5,000

Raffle tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50. Tickets and money can be turned in to the collection basket or dropped off in the parish office. **July 27 and 28, additional tickets will be available after Masses** and you can also drop off raffle tickets and money at that time, too. As always, raffle tickets will be available in the Parish Office throughout the week. Look for the raffle ticket tables near the main church entrance and the McCoy Road parking lot entrance.

CONSIDER A DONATION TO THE SILENT AUCTION:

Gift cards, tickets for sports/entertainment, wine and jewelry are a few of our most popular items. If you prefer to make a monetary donation to the Festival Silent Auction, we will do the shopping for you! For more information, contact Helen Leahy at hholbery@gmail.com.



WE NEED KETCHUP DONATIONS!

The festival wouldn't be the same without our famous FESTIVAL FRIES and nothing goes better with fries than ketchup. This year, we're looking for ketchup donors. Please consider getting an extra bottle (or two) the next time you're at the grocery store. Heinz Ketchup is preferred. Look for the red bin in the parlor and place your ketchup donations in the bin. Thank you for your contributions!

COOKIE SATURDAY/DONUT SUNDAY IN AUGUST:

We will serve cookies after the Saturday Masses and donuts after the Sunday Masses on **August 3 & 4 and 10 & 11 in Nugent Parish Hall**. This is the perfect opportunity to pick up your **RIDE WRISTBAND VOUCHERS** while they last for **\$22 each** (cash or check preferred), good for one night. During the festival, ride wristbands cost \$25 each per night. **T-SHIRTS WILL BE ON SALE for \$12 each**. VERY limited quantities, so buy early. Also, you can drop off silent auction items, sponsorship donations and raffle tickets.

THANK YOU SPONSORS!

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IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO BECOME A SPONSOR!

Our sponsors are vital to the success of the festival and helping us offset costs. If you want to learn more about sponsorship and the many perks that come with it, contact **Melanie Houts** at **Melanie.Houts@gmail.com** or 614-595-5335. For details or to register as a sponsor online, visit tinyurl.com/FestSponsorRegistration.

ARE YOU COMPLIANT TO VOLUNTEER AT ST.

ANDREW PARISH? If you are 18 or older and interested in volunteering with youth activities, you must attend a PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN training session, provide a clear background check, sign the code of conduct and complete a volunteer application before you can volunteer. For full details, visit www.standrewparish.cc/parish-involvement/volunteers/. To register for a training session through the Diocese of Columbus, visit www.virtusonline.org. Upcoming Virtus Protecting God's Children (PGC) sessions:

- **August 3:** Immaculate Conception, 9:00 a.m.
- **August 10:** St. Brendan, 9:00 a.m.
- **August 26:** Our Lady of Victory, 6:00 p.m.
- **September 4:** St. Francis DeSales High School, 6:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Mary Beasecker, 614-451-4290 or mbeasecker@standrewparish.cc.

MEN'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY: Join us as we discuss the first and second books of the Maccabees each **Friday from 7:00-8:00 a.m., in the Parish Office Lower Level Meeting Room**. Learn more about the Maccabees, martyrdom, intercession, and persecution in this 31-week Bible Study series for men of all ages! The study combines commentary from renowned theologian Scott Hahn with time-tested interpretations from the fathers of the church. No homework or reading is required between meetings. Coffee is provided. For more information, contact **John Schechter** at 614-565-0824 or jedwardschechter@gmail.com.

JOIN US IN THE GARDEN EVERY MONDAY, 10:00-11:30 A.M. ALL ARE WELCOME! Bring your own garden gloves and hand tools and enjoy fellowship, exercise, fresh air and opportunities to beautify the church grounds. Each week, we meet near the flower garden with the swing. Join us as often as your schedule allows. For more information, contact **Karen Bruns** at kbruns145@gmail.com or 614-216-4694.

THE HOLIDAY BAZAAR COMMITTEE is hard at work planning our next bazaar. Scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 18, from 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m., we have room for crafters and vendors. Are you interested? While shopping online is growing, nothing beats finding that special something for someone special. Perhaps YOU can offer the special gift someone is looking for! This year's bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Nugent Parish Hall, and we're hoping it's the best bazaar ever! If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a vendor, please let us know. We have tables and booths available for rent. For more information, contact **Judy Brown** at judyzumba09@gmail.com or leave a message at 614-446-4812.

LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS**SAT, AUG 3: Vigil, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time****4:30 PM Mass**

Kris Pellissier	EMHC-B - B1
Dee Pellissier.....	EMHC-B - B2
David Varda.....	Lector - A
Pamela Sprigler.....	Lector - B
Samantha Zarick.....	Altar Server
Maggie Leahy	Altar Server

SUN, AUG 4: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**7:30 AM Mass**

Dick Curtis.....	EMHC-B - B1
VOLUNTEER NEEDED.....	EMHC-B - B2
Ali Wright.....	Lector - A
John Pashke	Lector - B
Keiryn McGuff	Altar Server
Hannah Gandu.....	Altar Server

9:15 AM Mass

Bob Chambers.....	EMHC-B - B1
Lindsay Kaleta	EMHC-B - B2
Karen Huey.....	EMHC-B - B CHOIR
Elizabeth Carpenter	EMHC-C - C1
Linda Daley	EMHC-C - C2
Megan Bellantis	EMHC-C - C3
Jennifer Schaefer	Lector - A
Joseph Chatlos	Lector - B
Joseph Kaleta	Altar Server
Mason Shoemaker	Altar Server

11:00 AM Mass

Liz Meyers	EMHC-B - B1
Mike Koehler.....	EMHC-B - B2
Damion Faulkner.....	Lector - A
Ann Pratt.....	Lector - B
Gabrielle Martin	Altar Server
Daniel Martin.....	Altar Server

To volunteer, visit www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/standrewcolumbus, or use the QR code here. If you need help with your username or password, contact the Parish Office, 614-451-4290.



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Send requests by Monday at 10:00 a.m. for the following weekend. Include a brief description, date, time, location, contact name, and send to bulletin@standrewparish.cc. Bulletin requests may be edited for clarity or space.

ePOST EMAIL MESSAGES: To subscribe, contact Mary Beasecker, mbeasecker@standrewparish.cc. The ePOST includes information about upcoming parish events and activities. To submit information, email Mary before Noon on Mondays. ePOST submissions may be edited for clarity or space.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

Registration information for the 2024-25 PSR school year has been mailed to families that were enrolled last year. All registration information is also available on the parish website at tinyurl.com/SAP-PSR-2024.

GRADES ONE THROUGH EIGHT: Classes begin on Wednesday, Sept. 4, from 4:30-5:45 p.m.

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THE EMMAUS ROAD SCHOLARSHIP FUND is a charitable donation that actually gives you a State Tax CREDIT of up to \$1,500 for married joint filers or up to \$750 for single filers. Keep in mind the credit is worth much more than a deduction. The credit reduces your tax liability dollar-for-dollar. A deduction simply reduces your taxable income.

Contributions can be made using the Diocese of Columbus' Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund link where you can direct your contribution to St. Andrew School tuition assistance. Any Ohio State Tax Payer can participate. You can also use this contribution as a federal tax deduction. The tax savings can be substantial. For more information, visit columbuscatholicgiving.org.

AROUND THE DIOCESE**UPCOMING FESTIVALS**

There are several festivals coming up in the area. Please consider supporting other nearby parishes!

AUGUST 2/3

Our Lady of Victory

6:00-11:00 p.m.

1559 Roxbury Road

AUGUST 9/10

St. Brendan

6-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday
(family fun hours 3-6 p.m. Saturday)

4475 Dublin Road

AUGUST 9/10

St. Cecilia

5 p.m.-midnight Friday,

4 p.m.-midnight

Saturday

434 Norton Rd., Columbus



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IN THE HOLY LAND
THROUGH EDUCATION**

*Cradling Christianity** 80th ANNIVERSARY
1914-2024
Preserving Christianity in the Holy Land

A Benefit Dinner for the
FRANCISCAN FOUNDATION FOR THE HOLY LAND

**MASS, RECEPTION & DINNER
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH HALL
1559 Roxbury Road | Columbus, OH 43212

Celebrant & Keynote Speaker: His Eminence, Christophe Cardinal Pierre

For inquiries email CradlingChristianity@gmail.com

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With the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship, a family of four making \$140,400 per year or less is eligible for a full scholarship for each child in the amount of \$6,166 (K-8) and \$8,408 (grades 9-12). Families above that income level are eligible for scholarships awarded on a sliding scale based on income and household size, with no less than \$650 awarded per child.

Visit ohiocathconf.org/edchoice to learn how EdChoice scholarships can help you send your child to a Catholic school near you. Applications are now open for the 2024-2025 school year!



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A PILGRIMAGE

TO MARK THIS YEAR OF GOING OUT ON MISSION
DURING THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF OHIO
INVITE ALL THE FAITHFUL

To Make a Pilgrimage to the Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey

Join the bishops, priests, deacons, consecrated religious and lay faithful from across the state to celebrate the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary **Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2024**, beginning at 9 p.m. for a candlelight procession with the Miraculous Statue of Our Lady of Consolation from the Basilica Shrine to the Shrine Park followed by Holy Mass at the outdoor Altar in the Shrine Park.

**Toledo Bishop
Daniel E. Thomas, Celebrant**
**Columbus Bishop
Earl K. Fernandes, Homilist**



FOR MORE INFORMATION, WWW.OHIOCATHCONF.ORG



The Mass

“Do This in Remembrance of Me” A Step-By-Step Walk Through the Mass

Fr. Luke Spannagel

✦ Part 34: Collection and Procession ✦

It’s time to pass the basket for the **Offertory**. For many people, the word offertory might make us think simply of the money offerings we place in the collection basket. While that certainly is part of the typical Sunday offertory, this is also an important spiritual moment for uniting ourselves to the offering on the altar.

The Collection in the Early Church

The practical details of this part of the Mass have looked different at various points in history. In earlier times, the gifts would typically be things that people brought from their homes. People would bring all sorts of food, along with bread and wine, and gifts for the poor (money or otherwise). These gifts would all be brought up and then sorted. The bread and wine were used for the Mass, some food and money were given to the priest to provide for him, and the remainder of the food and money were divided up and given to the poor. So, one can see that even in the earliest times, this part of the Mass was about offering and giving. In our modern day, to simplify the offertory, the ushers collect money. This money still symbolizes our gift: what we give to God for the Mass (bread, wine, candles, etc., are purchased for the Mass), what we give to provide for the needs of the priest and the upkeep of the church, and what we give to provide for the needs of the poor and those less fortunate. As the ushers prepare to collect the offerings, we can take a look at our lives, all that we have, all that the Lord has provided for us. We can show our gratitude and thank the Lord by offering a portion of what we have back to him for the good of the Church and others.

Along with the collection, the bread and wine (and water in some places) are brought forward, just as in the days of the early Church. Around the year 150 A.D., St. Justin Martyr describes this part of the Mass by saying simply: “bread, water, and wine are brought” (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 109). The gifts are brought forward by members of the faithful. Whether it is the ushers, family members who requested the Mass intention, or other parishioners, whoever brings the gifts forward represents the whole congregation, bringing forth our offerings to God.

An Offering of Spiritual Gifts

As we think about our practical or material gifts during this part of the Mass, we should not overlook the opportunity to also offer spiritual gifts. Mother Teresa of Calcutta was known for asking priests to leave room on the paten for her intentions. One priest also recalled her saying that she would place her heart on the paten so that it would be near Jesus in the Mass. If we think about this part of the Mass, offering the gifts we have in thanksgiving to God and in union with Jesus, it is true that one of the best offerings we can make is ourselves! Along these lines, Charles Belmonte teaches, “Together with Christ, we offer everything that we are and all that we possess, all that we have done or try to do. We offer our memory, intelligence, and will; our family, profession, hobbies, success, sufferings, failures, and worries; and our aspirations, [joys and hopes], and spiritual communions. Likewise, we offer our small and big mortifications: all those acts of love we performed yesterday and as many as we plan to perform today” (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 110).

If you haven’t thought about the offertory in this way before, I encourage you to think about including your personal spiritual offering along with whatever you drop in the basket. It certainly is a great way to join to the prayers the priest offers at the altar spiritually and a great way to deepen our unity with the perfect offering of Jesus!

For Reflection:

1. Respond to Father Luke’s invitation by considering what spiritual offering(s) you will offer at the next Mass in which you participate.
2. At least once a year, take time to reflect on the portion of your material or financial wealth you give during the Offertory. Compare this offering to various expenses in your life. Ask Jesus to help you identify what you can generously give. In addition to your financial offering, consider how Jesus may be inviting you to give of yourself to parish life in other ways.
3. Have you ever been privileged to represent the congregation by bringing forward the gifts during the offertory procession? Thank God for that experience. If not, pray about the opportunity to do so and inquire at your parish about how you can participate in the offertory procession.

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