

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 and choose "Sacramental Emergency" from the list of options or press 3.

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:	Feb 8 Vigil, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m.	Special Intention
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Feb. 9, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time For the People of St. Andrew Parish The O'Neal and DeLos Reyes Family Living and Deceased Members of the Reider/Thoman Family
Monday:	Feb. 10, St. Scholastica
6:30 a.m.	Jack Quinn
8:30 a.m.	Francis Kreber
Tuesday:	Feb. 11, Weekday Mass
6:30 a.m.	Fr. Jim Willig
8:30 a.m.	Charles Rodes
Wednesday	r: Feb. 12, Weekday Mass
6:30 a.m.	Special Intention
8:30 a.m.	Diane Hewitt
Thursday:	Feb. 13, Weekday Mass
6:30 a.m.	John and Rosemary Persinger
8:30 a.m.	& Joseph and Katherine Reed John Germaine
	& Joseph and Katherine Reed
8:30 a.m. Friday: 6:30 a.m.	& Joseph and Katherine Reed John Germaine Feb. 14, Weekday Mass Glenn Willett
8:30 a.m. Friday: 6:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. Saturday:	& Joseph and Katherine Reed John Germaine Feb. 14, Weekday Mass Glenn Willett Jim Shough Feb. 15, Weekday Mass

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Emma Weisgerber and Andrew Granger (2)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY

Terri Albarracin

FACILITIES AND ROOM RESERVATIONS

If you would like to reserve one of the meeting spaces or halls at St. Andrew Parish, please contact Jen Wenzke, jwenzke@standrewparish.cc, or Greg Price, gprice@ standrewparish.cc. The event calendar can be viewed at standrewparish.cc/calendar.

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

During the month of February, I'm reminded of the importance of a simple introduction or a friendly invitation, especially as we plan for the upcoming Catholic Women's and Men's Conferences.

If you recall, our Patron Saint Andrew, known as "the introducer," led his brother Simon to Jesus. Today's Gospel reading details one of the brothers' early encounters with Jesus at the Sea of Galilee (called Lake of Gennesaret). After speaking to the gathered crowd, Jesus said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon was skeptical, having no success catching fish the night before, but he agreed. To his astonishment, he caught more fish than his imagination, his net, and his boat could accommodate. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."

With this in mind, I heartily encourage you to consider attending an upcoming conference and be "the introducer"-invite a family member or friend who's never attended to join you. Next weekend is the Catholic Women's Conference on February 15, and the following weekend is the Catholic Men's Conference on February 22. Both of these events take place at the Ohio Expo Center. The theme of the Women's Conference is "Created for This Moment." The theme of the Men's Conference is "Called to Be Saints-Men: On Mission." You will be inspired by great speakers and strengthened in faith and charity. This is the perfect opportunity for you all to become fishers of women and men.

Have a blessed week!

Your Pastor,

Monsignor Stephan Moloney

FRIENDLY REMINDER:

On Saturday, February 22, the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Andrew Parish will be celebrated at the 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass. With 77 confirmands as well as their family members and friends, the church will be very crowded, possibly standing room only. In addition, this Mass will probably last about 90 minutes or more. If you are a regular 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass attendee, you may want to consider attending a Sunday Mass on February 23.

START THE WEEK WITH A SWEET TREAT!

The St. Andrew Athletics Association is hosting **DONUT SUNDAY** on **FEBRUARY 9** in the parish hall after all Masses. Enjoy donuts, coffee, tea, and juice and learn more about St. Andrew sports. If you are a current athlete or parent, please sign up to help at **tinyurl. com/SAP-sports-donuts**.

REGISTRATION FOR SPRING SPORTS IS NOW OPEN! All St. Andrew School and PSR students are eligible to register for sports and activities through the association. To learn more, visit www.standrewsports.com/.

NEW MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY!

This year's celebration of Confirmation offers a unique musical opportunity. Since our parish choir is still on winter break, we will be creating a "Confirmation Choir" specifically for this occasion. The choir is open to men and women (of high school age



and older) willing to attend only TWO rehearsals and the Confirmation liturgy. So, for the many people in the pews who like to sing, but are unable to make a longerterm commitment, this opportunity is especially for you. You do not need to audition. You do not need to be able to read music. You do not need any formal music training. You will not have to sing by yourself. You only need to have an interest in singing, the ability to match pitch, and a desire to participate. You may even make some new acquaintances along the way. Best of all, **participation allows you choir loft seating during the Confirmation and also fulfills your Sunday Mass obligation for that weekend**.

The schedule is:

Thursday, February 13 | Rehearsal 7:00-9:00 p.m. Thursday, February 20 | Rehearsal 7:00-9:00 p.m. Saturday, February 22 | Warm up and Mass 3:45-5:45 p.m.

There is no commitment beyond these dates. It would be great to welcome new voices for this unique opportunity. If you're interested, please contact Music Director **Phil Lortz** no later than Feb. 10 at **plortz@standrewparish. cc** or 614-451-1839, so music can be prepared for you. Come share your gifts in a spirit of harmony!

SUNDAY OFFERING

	JAN 26	YTD
ACTUAL	\$ 31,330	\$ 1,005,148
BUDGET	\$ 32,692	\$ 980,768
LAST YEAR	\$ 37,150	\$ 1,060,212

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.



ST. ANDREW KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL #11275 will hold its next membership meeting on **Monday**, **February 10, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bryce Eck Center**. Come early as we pray the Rosary at 6:30. We will discuss our many upcoming programs. Stay after the meeting for fellowship and refreshments.



Any male 18 or older and a practical Catholic can join the Knights. To learn more, visit **www.kofc.org**.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO SCOUTING!

Scouts of all ages and from all over the world recognize February 8 as the birthday of scouting. To celebrate this occasion, **St. Andrew scouts will attend church services in full uniform THIS WEEKEND**. We are thankful to have an active, dynamic scouting program at St. Andrew Parish!



FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY COMING IN MAY!

Scouts of St. Andrew will demonstrate their appreciation for our chartered organization and parishioners by holding a special flag retirement ceremony on Sunday, May 18, 5:00-5:30 p.m. at the VFW on Walcutt Road in Hilliard. All are welcome to attend this special event! Scouts will accept any American flag that you would like to have appropriately retired. A box for donations is in the church parlor or, to make arrangement to have your flag(s) picked up, contact Eric Messerly at 614-446-5035.

BECOME A SCOUT!

If your son is interested in joining Scouts, contact Cubmaster **Steve Berling** at **ssberling.2012@gmail. com**, or Scoutmaster **Eric Messerly** at **emesserly73@ gmail.com**.



EUCHARISTIC 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. Adoration concludes at 8:45 p.m. with Compline (end-of-day prayers) and

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); Walking With Purpose (third Tuesday); Men of the Parish (fourth Tuesday).



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13 BRYCE ECK CENTER - KELLY HALL

Euchre~10 a.m. // Bingo~11 a.m. // Lunch~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 **Karen McCurdy** at **kmccurdy@cdeducation.org**.



"As you have done to the least of these..."

CAN YOU HELP?

Each month, the St. Andrew Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) makes more than 600 sandwiches to deliver to St. Lawrence

Haven downtown. The Haven, located at Holy Cross Church, is a ministry of the Diocesan Council of SVdP and provides sack lunches every weekday for anyone in need.

JOIN US ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16! This month, we are making sandwiches after the 9:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 16, in the parish hall kitchen. All are welcome!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

»MILLIONS OF MONICAS PRAYER MINISTRY:

All women of the parish are welcome to join us in prayer for our children, family members, and friends who struggle with the Catholic faith or have left the faith entirely. We meet the second Monday of each month. Our next prayer meeting is scheduled for **Monday, Feb. 10, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the church**. For information about this prayer ministry, contact **Amy**

Tague at amyliss14@gmail.com.

WOMEN OF ST.

ANDREW: Do you plan to attend the Catholic Women's Conference on February 15? If so, you are invited to carpool to the Conference



and sit with other women of St. Andrew Parish. For more information about carpooling, contact **Amy Tague** at 614-499-1902 or **amyliss14@gmail.com**. For more information about the Conference, including registration, visit **www.columbuscatholicwomen.com**.

»SAINT MONICA CLUB is a group of men and women who meet on the last Monday of every month from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. **The next meeting is Monday, February 24**, to pray for loved ones who have left the Catholic faith. For more info and to RSVP, contact **Amy Tague** at **amyliss14@gmail.com**.

»THAT MAN IS YOU! THE FIGHT OF FAITH is back for the second half of the Fight of Faith Program that equips and enables men to engage in the cosmic, spiritual battle raging in their daily lives. **The group meets from 6:30-8:00 a.m. at the Bryce Eck Center on Saturdays through May.** All men are welcome! For information or to register, contact **Colin Bellantis** at 440-728-4166 or **colinbellantis@gmail.com**.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE (WWP) is a women's ministry with a mission to help every Catholic woman encounter Jesus Christ through Bible study. The group meets weekly on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. For more information about this ministry or to register, email **wwpstandrewcolumbus@gmail.com**.

»OCIA: ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF

ADULTS offers men and women at all stages of their faith journey the unique opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith. This is a process of learning and discovery with a focus on prayer, study, understanding the Holy Mass and the Sacraments, discernment, and discipleship. For more information, contact the Director of Adult Faith/OCIA **Emily Jaminet**, 614-451-4290 ext. 110 or **ejaminet@standrewparish.cc**.

ST. ANDREW RELIGIOUS ED. NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIRMATION PRACTICE will be held **Monday, February 17, at 6:00 p.m. in the Church**. All confirmands and sponsors are required to attend this practice. If a sponsor is not available, a parent can fill in.

THE 2025 EIGHTH GRADE CONFIRMATION will be held on Saturday, February 22, during the 4:30 p.m. Mass. We look forward to sharing this special sacrament as a parish community. Please note that seating during this Mass will be limited and several pews will be reserved for the students and their families. **The Mass will be livestreamed at www. standrewparishlive.com**.

For more information, contact DRE Kathy Dowler at 614-451-2855, ext. 305, or kdowler@ standrewparish.cc.

»ST. ANDREW SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION IS

NOW OPEN! St. Andrew sports programs are available to all enrolled school and PSR students.

CYO Sports: New in 2025»Boys/Girls Coach Pitch (2nd-3rd) | Baseball (4th-8th) | Softball (4th-8th) | Track & Field (4th-8th)

Club Sports: Soccer (K-3rd) | Boys Tennis (6th-8th) | Field Hockey Preregistration (entering 5th-8th) | Field Hockey Summer Camp Preregistration (entering K-3rd)



Deadline to register is FEBRUARY 21 at **https://standrewsports.com/** or scan the QR.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

2025 ST. ANDREW VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 23-26 REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 1

VOLUNTEER TODAY! Youth and adult volunteers are needed to make SACRED 2025 the best ever!

To learn more and become a volunteer, visit tinyurl.com/VBS-VOLUNTEER-2025

For more information about SACRED, contact Jennie Statczar or Erin Karlquist at standrewsacred@gmail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The following St. Andrew School and parish students received academic honors at their respective high schools.

BISHOP WATTERSON: Josephine Betz • Valeria Del Toro • Mary Fitzpatrick • Berkley Grawe • Eesha Gupta • Benjamin Gusty • Madeline Lane • Olivia LaSusa • Kavanagh McClatchy • Chloe McClymont • Claire Oppenheimer • Isabelle Poulose • Kyndra Raidiger • Mishelle Ellerbrock • Ryan Garczewski • Morgan Kessler • Josephine Peddicord • Margot Susi • Nichole Bhowmick • Elizabeth Bimler • Anthony Brown • Marin Brush • Frances Ciesinski • Alexander Das • Anna Rose Gradisar • Morgan Grawe • Avery Jenkins • Olivia Lane • Gabrielle Martin • Gretchen McGowan • Kenzie McKerns • Arianna Riega • Ellen Rudzinski • Kaitlyn Bernotas • Sophia Blum Clare Ciesinski • Mallory Cromley • Michael DeLuccia • Keagan Ferguson • Clare Garczewski • Abrielle Gaughan • Eliana Geraci • Grant Hays • Ava Kennedy • Jonathan Koeninger • Elise Latshaw • Ava Liedtke • Joy Linton • Chase McKnight • Brigid McNamara • Nora Ott • Blase Pignotti • Lillian Ryan • Layla Stewart • Megan Terveer

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ST. FRANCIS DESALES: Ryann Lucas • Eliza Lyons



"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together."

~United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Married Love and the Gift of Life

LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS

SAT, FEB. 15: Vigil, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:30 PM Mass

Patricia Irsik	EMHC-B - B1
Don McNeal	EMHC-B - B2
David Varda	Lector - A
Angela Bonfante	Lector - B
Daisy McClymont	Altar Server
Samantha Źarick	

SUN, FEB. 16: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 AM Mass

Mary Kaminski	EMHC-B - B1
Anna Wang	EMHC-B - B2
John Pashke	Lector - A
Jason Mays	Lector - B
Ethan Kohl	Altar Server
Seth Reilly	Altar Server

9:15 AM Mass

Debby Murphy Jane Dickson	
Karen Huey	
Rosie Brandon	EMHC-B - B3
Herm Mollmann	EMHC-C - C1
Jeff Wenzke	EMHC-C - C2
Lindsay Kaleta	EMHC-C - C3
Carson Reider	Lector - A
Joseph Chatlos	Lector - B
Jaxson Arnett	Altar Server
Noah Woods	Altar Server

11:00 AM Mass

Mike Plahuta	EMHC-B - B1
Laddie Waldegar	EMHC-B - B2
Amy Tague	Lector - A
Damion Faulkner	Lector - B
Mateo Lessells	Altar Server
Peyton Niangoran	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 **Mary Beasecker** at **mbeasecker@ standrewparish.cc** or 614-451-4290, ext. 104.



BULLETIN AND EPOST ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Send requests to **bulletin@standrewparish.cc** by **Monday at 10:00 a.m.** for the upcoming weekend. Include a brief description, date, time, location, and contact name. If Monday is a holiday, all submissions must be received the Friday before. Submissions may be edited for clarity or space.



NATIVITY OF MARY SCHOLARSHIP is a multiyear \$2,000 Scholarship

to any rising Ninth grade student who is attending a Catholic high school in the 2025-2026 school year. Awards from the Nativity of Mary Scholarship are \$2,000 per year. Provided that the student remains in good standing and continues to attend a Catholic high school in the Diocese of Columbus, the scholarship will be renewed each year until that student graduates. To apply, visit https:// catholic-foundation.org/grants/scholarships/thenativity-of-mary-scholarship/. »The deadline to apply is February 28.

THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST SCHOLARSHIP

awards \$800 to a student (rising Eighth grade through rising high school Senior) who plans to attend or is currently attending a Catholic high school during the 2025-2026 school year. Applicants will need to show a financial need via FACTS tuition assistance information and provide a letter of recommendation from a community leader (clergy, youth minister, teacher, etc.) confirming active involvement in the applicant's Catholic faith formation. This is a single-year scholarship. To apply, visit https://catholic-foundation. org/grants/scholarships/the-hands-and-feet-of-christscholarship/.

»The deadline to apply is February 28.

FLORENCE MOSES NURSING SCHOLARSHIP is

a one-time \$1,000 award to a Diocese of Columbus Catholic high school Senior who has been accepted to and enrolled in the Mount Carmel College of Nursing. To apply, visit https://catholic-foundation.org/grants/ scholarships/florence-e-moses-nursing-scholarship/. »The deadline to apply is February 28. RONALD C. SULLIVAN SCHOLARSHIP awards

\$100,000 (\$25,000 per year) to graduating high school Seniors who will be incoming freshman at Ohio State University. Ronald C. Sullivan was a man of faith, education, business, and duty. He considered his Catholicism the foundation of his identity and as a lifelong Buckeye of The Ohio State University. Sullivan saw a college education as a key to success.

Scholarship requirements: A current high school Senior enrolled or about to enroll at The Ohio State University, a practicing Catholic (as verified by a letter from a parish leader such as a priest, deacon, or youth minister), active member of St. Andrew, St. Agatha, Our Lady of Victory, St. Christopher, and solid academic performance.

To apply, visit https://catholic-foundation.org/grants/ scholarships/ronald-c-sullivan-scholarship/. »The deadline to apply is March 28.

Since 2007, The Catholic Foundation has awarded more than \$1.5 million in scholarships, empowering hundreds of young people to continue their academic and vocational studies. For more information and to apply, please visit catholic-foundation.org/grants/scholarships/.

If you have any questions about the scholarship process, please feel free to contact **Dan Kurth**, VP of Grants, at 614-443-8893 or **dkurth@catholic-foundation.org**.

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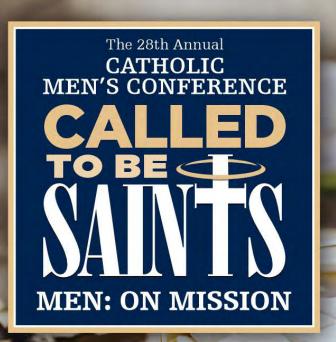
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ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) TUTORS NEEDED

We are excited to welcome four new deacons and three new fathers to our community, coming from Haiti, Italy, and Mexico. All seven are in need of ESL tutors, with particular focus on preparing and delivering their homilies with clarity and confidence. We ask volunteers to commit to a weekly tutoring session (approximately two hours each week). Tutoring sessions can be scheduled around your availability. The Dominican Learning Center provides all training and materials. If you are interested in helping the newest members of our community, please contact **Alyssa Angle** at 614-444-7330, ext. 11105, or **alyssa.angle@oppeace.org**.



Saturday February 22, 2025 Kasich Hall Ohio Expo Center, Columbus



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REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

www.CatholicMensMinistry.com Conference is scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.





"Do This in Remembrance of Me"

A Step-By-Step Walk Through the Mass

Fr. Luke Spannagel

✤ Part 56: The Doxology ∔

Today we are in the homestretch of our journey through the Eucharistic Prayer of the Mass! At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest prays some very special words: The **Doxology**. The glossary of our Catechism defines doxology as a "Christian prayer which gives praise and glory to God, often in a special way to the three divine persons of the Trinity" (CCC, 875). The Catholic Source Book tells us the word doxology comes from the Greek doxa, which means "glory." In our tradition, the Gloria can be referred to as the "Greater Doxology" and the prayer "Glory Be" the "lesser doxology" (The Catholic Source Book, p. 7). There are many doxologies found throughout our prayer, including those in the Bible. For example: "For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen." (Romans 11:36). Another example is: "To him be glory now and to the day of eternity" (2 Peter 3:18).

Gratitude for Participation in Jesus' Offering

As for the doxology of the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest raises the chalice and paten, and sings or says: "Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever." As the Diocese of Peoria teaches, "These words of praise addressed to the Father summarize well the reality of what has just taken place: the sacrificial offering of the Son to the Father through the Holy Spirit" (A Study of the Mass, p. 16). For me as a priest, this is always a truly special moment where I feel an overlapping mix of unworthiness and joy. Elevating Jesus in the Eucharist above the altar, I am often struck with a sense of being allowed to participate in something truly amazing! Here is Jesus truly present, being offered to the Father through this moment in the Mass. This moment of elevation reminds me of Jesus on the Cross–lifted up, giving everything in love for us. As I hold Jesus up above the altar, I feel that the gesture is saying to God the Father: "Here is Jesus, your Beloved Son; here is the One who loves us perfectly and gave everything for us!"

Fr. Guy Oury mentions this "offering gesture" and how "the offering is that of the Son and at the same time that of the Church. The Mass is inseparably both–an offering made by Christ and by the Church. It is one through the other. The sacrifice of Christ makes possible the sacrifice of the Church and evokes it in response. The Church, to speak in figure, receives the offering from the hands of Christ. He instituted it for the Church, which presents it with him" (The Mass, p. 103). I'm often amazed at the humility of Jesus: in his generosity and love, he invites us through the priest to join in this moment of offering and praise!

United with the Church, Both on Earth and in Heaven

Charles Belmonte breaks down the words of this doxology, highlighting the ways we are invited into this moment through Jesus, "Through him: Through Jesus' mediation, we have access to God... With him: We are children of God, through the adoption Christ merited for us... In him: There is one and the same life in him and in us... In the unity of the Holy Spirit: The Church is a unity brought together by the Holy Spirit. He joins us together as believers and gives us the life of grace by which we become children of God. He dwells in us, enabling us to offer the sacrifice of praise to God, together with the entire Church" (Understanding the Mass, p. 162).

This moment of the Mass brings us to the great culmination of the Eucharistic Prayer and the one perfect sacrifice of Jesus. As some saints have reminded us, in a very real way we are joined with the angels and saints in the heavenly liturgy. As Jesus is offered to the Father through the Holy Spirit, it seems that all of creation should burst forth together in praise and joy. How can we hold back in the midst of such a wonderful gift? As we will see, we all have a response at this moment that praises God: The Great Amen!

For Reflection:

- 1. When you pray the "Glory Be," imagine the elevation of the paten and chalice during the Eucharistic Prayer, and unite your prayer with the offering of Christ.
- 2. As you make decisions about what you give and what you receive today, consider how these acts of offering do or do not glorify God. At moments when you receive or give human praise, direct your heart to give glory to God.

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