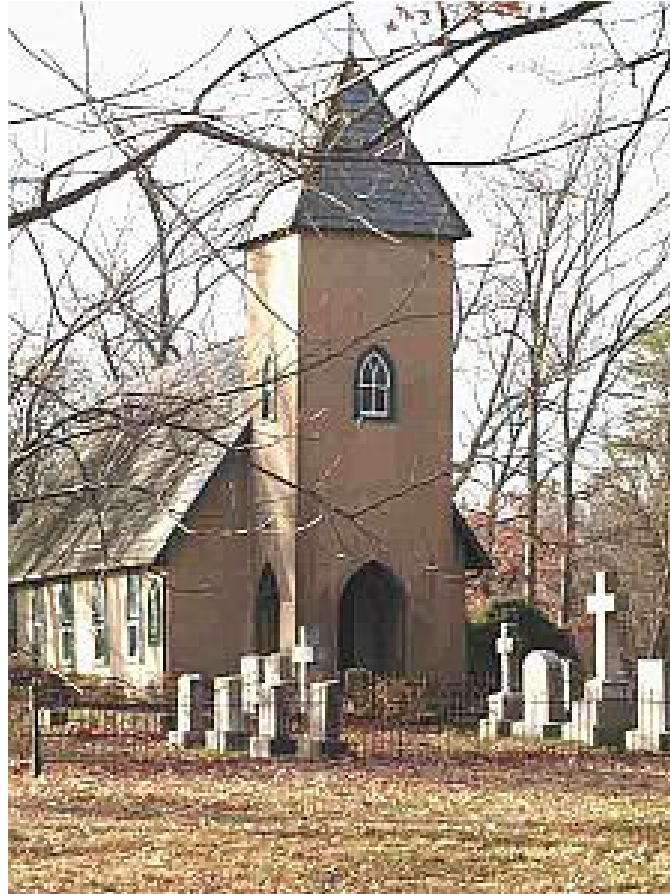


Saint Andrew the Apostle

Catholic Apostolic Church in North America

Celebrating at Grace Church, Casanova VA



September 30, 2012
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

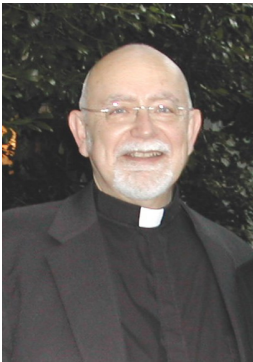




**The Most Reverend
Anthony F. Santore**
Diocesan Bishop
CACINA Presiding Bishop



**The Most Reverend
Carl Purvenas-Smith OSB**



The Reverend Ron Stephens
Pastor
St. Andrew the Apostle Parish



The Reverend Michael Meyer
Assistant Pastor
St. Andrew the Apostle Parish

WELCOME!

We are glad you joined us today – be it as our guest or as one of our parishioners. As you open your heart and celebrate with others at Mass you will find that God is here.

It was Saint Augustine who said that a person's heart is restless until it finds rest in God. He was right, because we were made in the image and likeness of God and are not truly happy until we are at rest in Him.

It might give you comfort to know that you are not alone. Many of us searched for a church home where we could practice the true faith we embrace everyday and where beliefs reflect real life. You are among others who experienced restlessness in some part of their lives and came to find rest in God. We offer fellowship and community, and extend love, hope, and joy to everyone who enters our doors. We are part of the family of God and rejoice that you are with us.

God Bless you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Santore'.

The Most Reverend Anthony F. Santore
Presiding Bishop

SCRIPTURE READINGS and MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

Today's Readings –

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Second Reading: James 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday

Mass Intention People of the Parish

Tuesday

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Wednesday

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Thursday

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Friday

Mass Intention Friends and family who
who have gone to their rest

Saturday

Mass Intention Bishop Santore and all
members of the Clergy

Next Sunday's Readings –

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Source of Readings: The Catholic Calendar Page

The actual (Canadian) readings that we use each week can be found online at –

<http://www.catholicdoors.com/homilies/index.htm>

If you click on a homily for that day, the readings will follow that homily.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances.

—1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

WE PRAY ...

For the unemployed and the under-employed that they soon find suitable and fulfilling work, and receive just compensation for their labor.

For all who suffer with HIV and those who have died from AIDS.

For all who are sick or injured including Sharon Meyer, Tom Wilt, Fr. Tom Ruppel, Barry O'Hare, Mark Brabazon, Bishop Carl, Elijah Frazier, Rich Kall, Colin Brooker, Liam Tait, Anna, Fr. Joe Reynolds, Wilbert & Bertha Stephens, Barbara Bromley, Kay Reese, Annie Reilly, Gil Brooker, William Wyatt, Lorry Michel, Fr. Ron, Shea, Agnes Zueger, Teresa Martin, Irving Hooper, Tara, Betty Strother, Gary McPherson, Dennis McKeeman, Dawn Watson, Beth Jenkins, Dee Kellett, Jim Casey, Kelly Ridley.

For all who are suffering with cancer including Agnes Reed, Mary Ann Hassan, Rachel Navatta, Lucy Walbroehl, Nikola Testa, Wanda Wiser, Aubrey Hale, Renee Fry-Hawker, Clark Kall, Lynn Vosburgh, Theresa Bates, Jane Condry, Lyle Brenneman, Andy Reed, Edward Linares, Anne Biggins, Jose Stuntz, Helen Mills.

For the repose of the soul of Ian Heflin, and for lasting comfort for his family & friends.

Finances –

The Constitution and Canons of CACINA states: *[T]he laity have the right to control matters pertaining to the financial affairs of the Parish with the approval of the Pastor and diocesan bishop ... and ... the duty to financially support their Parish, diocese and CACINA*

Last Week's Collection: \$ 301.00

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Andrew's has a *PayPal* account for those who prefer to contribute electronically or via credit card. You can contribute directly from a link on our website or, if you have your own *PayPal* account, you can easily send payments via email.

"Remember your word to your servant, o Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low." Psalm 119, 49-50

Reflection on Today's Readings

By Larry Gillick, S.J.

A few months ago a friend called me and asked if I would talk to her son who was questioning his receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. He is a fine lad and sincere. He expressed his fear of, or distaste for, the idea that this sacrament was going to make him “better than other people.” Coming from his adolescent culture, his feelings and interpretations of this sacrament were well founded. His being “better than” would place him “outside the camp”, too different and isolated.

In our First Reading today, we read about God's sharing the very Spirit of God with a group of elders who had made the “list”. Moses, in the previous verses of this chapter, had been pleading and, yes, arguing with God who had promised “meat” for the hundreds of thousands of people in the camp. Moses reminded God about just how big a promise God was making. God asks Moses whether Moses thinks that God's arm is too short. Moses is challenged to wait and see.

Our reading interrupts the story - for immediately after these verses - a tremendous flock, herd, swarm, army of quail land right in the midst of God's people. You might enjoy reading these verses on your own.

After God's finishing the argument with Moses, God extends a spirit upon seventy elders who immediately begin prophesying in the camp. This bestowing of the Spirit took place in a holy tent outside the camp. Two men, originally on the list of elders, remained in the camp and so were not included among the elect. Joshua complained to Moses about these two who also received the Spirit, but were not in the right place. Moses responds with the all-inclusive wish for God's Spirit to embrace all in God's camp.

The Gospel has two sections. The First has to do with the same question as above. Who can do the works of grace in the name of Jesus? Who belongs and who does not? The second section deals with living out our being included. They can seem separate, but living out virtuously is related intimately with the deep sense and belief that we are blest and sent and meant to be blessings.

John notifies Jesus that someone, not of their starting team, was driving out demons in His Name. Jesus speaks directly to the question: those who do the good of blessing do them with and in Him and are not to be prevented. All truly good works come from and lead back to God. Jesus is revealing that one doing a good and mighty deed, need not have official credentials. The true credential for doing good is our being human, created, and God seems to work mightily through us. Perhaps the test for one doing good in God is inclusiveness. Selectivity or exclusion are not elements of Jesus' ways. John, who has asked the question about who belongs and who does not, receives an essential teaching concerning the mission of Jesus.

The second section of today's Gospel is dramatic. Those who are generous toward a follower of Jesus will be blest by doing something as simple as offering a cup of water. There are serious consequences for those who cause others to sin. Just as it would be better to be holy of soul by ridding the body of parts of the body which cause sinning, so anyone who causes an other to sin will be cut off and thrown out of the camp. The whole second section then has to do with being a blessing and not a prevention of God's goodness.

Now I return to my young friend Dan. Being “better than” is not the sacramental mission. The early apostles certainly were not better than their country-folk. Actually it seems that following Jesus and listening to His teachings, they came to see their own need for conversion. Their questions about who would be first, who belongs, who will be saved, all indicate their self-centered attitudes. They were not “better than”, but being spun around, turned upside down and sent out to be with their human brothers and sisters. They were sent, not to impress, but to turn their attitudes around as well about their being loved and blest.

The encounters with Jesus by the apostles, and our sacramental meetings with Jesus are all the same. We are always being formed to be “better for” and not better than. The prophets, the apostles, are in the same need as those to whom the prophets and apostles were and are, sent. Jesus came onto the earth to meet us eye to eye, hand to hand. He meets us in every sacrament in this way, Meeting us in our fragility so that we will not be paralyzed by this fragility, but inspired and incarnated to embrace the fragility around us. This is the “better for” of Jesus. It seems when I allow my fears of, and experiences of not being good enough, Jesus embraces me and them, invites me into His camp and then sends me out, more embracingly reverent of the humanity He came to bless. It seems I am better for you when He has made me better than I judge myself to be.

Daily Prayer this Week

A regular way of reporting some important news today is to cite the source: “according to a highly placed government official,” even when the source is anonymous. We give the story credibility if it seems to come from an authoritative source, deserving credibility. Jesus tells us clearly that the source of his message and his power is God, the Father, himself.

This week we can experience intimacy with God in the midst of our busy lives if we take brief moments throughout our day, every day, to let the connection between ourselves and God become conscious. We forget who we are. We get distracted by the world around us, even with things that are our duty, or commitment. To become more conscious of the presence of God with us in our busy days takes some practice. It is a matter of desire and choice. If we desire it, we will choose it. And, it takes a “method.”

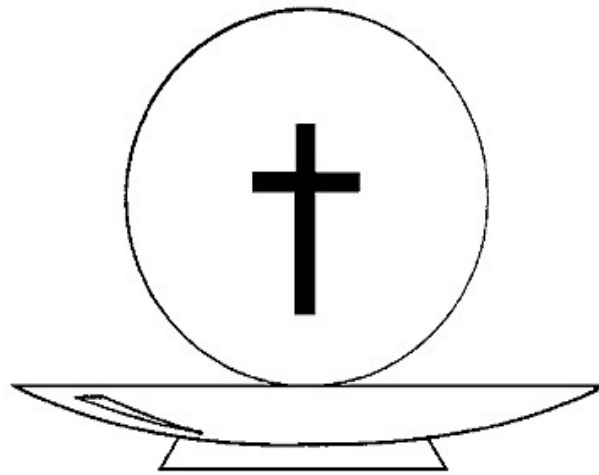
This week we can wake each morning and let our first thoughts turn to our Lord and our relationship. “Good morning, Lord. Thank you for letting me be your disciple today. Help me to be connected with you throughout this day. With your love, help me to be freer and more grateful, in the midst of the anxiety and tension I experience today.” That takes less than 30 seconds to say. We might object, saying “I am just barely awake when I wake up. How am I supposed to think this clearly immediately?” It just takes practice. The point isn't to focus on the words, but on the relationship that frames our day. Then, in the shower, while getting dressed, getting to work, and at a dozen in between times throughout the day and evening, we can re-connect consciously, in an ongoing conversation - 20 or 30 seconds at a time.

“Be with me in this next challenge, Lord. I often lose my temper here. I can get fairly impatient at this time. I get hooked and slip into judgment and anger. Stay with me and I will rely on your grace to be more patient, gentle and loving.” Or, walking down the hall to the restroom, I might say, in my heart, “Lord, it really helps me to remember that beyond my job description, I'm your disciple. Help me to listen to you. Help me sense I'm here to let your Kingdom enter the world here. Give me the help to bring healing and love in this place today.”

Try to take a brief few moments while getting ready for bed to recall the moments of connection and grace this day and give thanks.

“Daily Reflections” and the “Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer” are available from Creighton University's **Online Ministries** web site: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>
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Ian Heflin was with us a couple of times for Mass. Last Sunday he sang, prayed and thankfully received The Body of Christ and the Blood of Our Savior. He was an active, fun 16 year old who played lacrosse, was a trained gymnast and a Liberty High School cheerleader. Ian died in a car accident on his way to school Monday morning. We are thankful for his brief presence in our midst.



Our Eucharistic Ministers are available to those who are ill or incapacitated and would like to receive the Holy Eucharist.
Please contact us and one of them will be happy to share the Eucharist with you.

Schedule for Lay Readers & Ministers

<i>Date</i>	<i>1st Reading</i>	<i>2nd Reading</i>	<i>Prayers of the Faithful</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>
30-Sep	Craig	Dan	Craig	Gil
7-Oct	Matt	Mary Ann	Matt	Mary Ann
14-Oct	Cooper	Linda	Cooper	Linda
21-Oct	Aggie	Rich	Rich	Aggie
28-Oct	Matt	Mary Ann	Matt	Mary Ann
4-Nov	Cooper	Linda	Cooper	Linda
11-Nov	Aggie	Rich	Rich	Aggie

As a result of building-related issues, the Holy Trinity dedication and open house has been postponed. We will let you know when systems have been repaired and the celebration is rescheduled. Let's keep them in our prayers!

If you've not already done so, please complete and return the Volunteer form. We appreciate your efforts and assistance!

Coping with Change

God is the only constant in our ever-changing lives

by Earle Donelson

Everything that should change stays the same, and everything that should stay the same changes.

—Unknown

A friend of mine has echoed that observation several times in the past few weeks. It reflects her struggle with all the changes and transitions she's going through. Newly divorced, a single parent, she's mother, caregiver, nurse, worker, taxi-driver, maid, cook, shopper, tutor, schedule juggler, mediator and on and on. While she's played all these roles before, she now has to manage them completely on her own. The transition is not easy, there aren't enough hours in the day and, at times, she is overwhelmed. I sometimes think about how she, and the rest of us, cope with all that is going on.

It seems that change is the one constant in our lives. Jobs, homes, cars, clothes, appearance and possessions all change. Health, hope and happiness. Philosophy, politics and beliefs. Morals, ethics and values. Even friends, families, spouses and/or lovers change. The world keeps changing, and so do we. Life is full of transitions and as we age, our lives and roles change, too. Before we know it, we've moved from youth to middle age to our "golden years." There are so many things in life that change and not always in ways that we want.

With these transitions, we are called upon to adapt, change, grow. It can be demanding, complicating, confusing, frustrating. We rely on our basic coping strategies. We use our wisdom, tolerance, flexibility and adaptability. We look to our friends and family for support and advice. We use our sense of humor and irony. Sports, recreation, hobbies, travel, fun, etc. offer stress relief. Sometimes, we work with a therapist or a pastor. And, of course, many of us rely on our faith to deal with life's changes. But even our spiritual life is subject to change throughout our spiritual journey. The way we believed in our childhood is often quite different from our spiritual beliefs as thirty-somethings, forty-somethings, fifty-somethings, etc. Oh, for the innocence and simplicity of childhood! Isn't there anything we can count on?

The friend mentioned above sometimes answers that question simply: God has been the one thing, the only thing, she knew she could always count on. And she's right. The one thing we can rely on, the one constant in this sea of change and transition, is God's grace and love for us. God is always there and always provides us with the love, support and strength to deal with life. Even when we "act the fool" or behave in the most un-Christian manner, God remains there for us. In our darkest hour, God provides us with light and love.

Paul once wondered aloud how God could possibly love him, such a miserable, worthless wretch of a human being. Sometimes, in the wee small hours of a restless night, I, too, wonder aloud, could God really love me? And the answer always comes back the same. "Yes." Incredible as it might sound to me, I am loved.

Change and transition don't always have to be bad things. God's love and strength can help us deal with them. Through faith and prayer, we can find opportunities for hope, growth and second chances in change. We can make our lives what we want to make them. Lives that better reflect our thoughts and beliefs. Lives more grounded in our faith and spirituality. A time of thanks for our many blessings. A time of applying the wisdom and insight acquired through our experiences and faith journeys. We can use God's love and strength in the most difficult of transitions. It doesn't mean that everything will go our way or that every transition and change will be painless or positive. But God is there for us.

Even as my beliefs change and evolve, I take comfort in the knowledge that God loves me. I rely on the strength that God and my faith provide me. Like my friend says, God remains the one thing I can count on throughout all the transitions I go through. God is the one constant in a world of change.

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- *St. Paul the Apostle – Brooksville, FL*
- *St. Bernadette Mission – Spring Hill, FL*
- *St Charles of Brazil – Baltimore, MD*
- *St. Theresa's Sanctuary – Minneapolis, MN*
- *Holy Innocents Cathedral Parish – Halcottsville, NY*
- *Sts. Francis and Claire of Assisi – Putnam Valley, NY*
- *Sts. Serguis & Bacchus – Jackson Heights, NY*
- *St. Benedict Mission – Brooklyn, NY*
- *Cana House Community – Portland, OR*
- *New Creation Abbey – York Springs, PA*
- *Holy Trinity Parish – Herndon, VA*
- *St. Andrew the Apostle – Warrenton, VA*

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www.andrewtheapostle.org

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Mass 10:45 am

Grace Church

5096 Grace Church Road, Midland VA 22728

Confession

Before mass on request

Baptism and Confirmations (by appointment)

During Sunday Mass

Marriage (by appointment)

Contact Bishop Tony, Father Ron, or Father Mike