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## St. Andrew's news for May 8 2020

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### *St. Andrew's Vision Statement*

**We are a Christ-centered community,  
joyfully making a difference by....**

**Worshipping, Loving, Welcoming, Including, Supporting**

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Have something you want in this electronic newsletter? [E-mail](#)

[Father John](#)

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[Read through the bible, click here for a daily resource.](#)

**Please send prayer requests to [Fr. John](#). I will publish them in the service prayers of the people, and here, starting next week.**

Bishop Barker has sent out an update to all parishes concerning Covid-19. and public worship. [Here is the link](#) for his message and a video he has also produced to go with his written message. The bottom line is that it will be a while before we can have any semblance of public worship. I support the bishop in this matter. The health and safety of our parish is of the utmost

concern. Having said that, I lament that we cannot gather together in a way that we are used to. It grieves me that I cannot see all of you face to face as we once did. I am reminded that scripture is full of passages of lament and ultimate trust in God. See for example Psalm 137:1 "By the rivers of Babylon—there we sat down and there we wept when we remembered Zion." It is appropriate to grieve and just as importantly, to know that Jesus is with us through it all.

Follow St. Andrew's on social media! It's also where you will find all our recorded Sunday services. A quick note: It is unlikely that public worship services will occur anytime in the near future even if other businesses or churches are opening up.

[Facebook](#)

This Sunday is the fifth Sunday of Easter. This Sunday's complete service [can be found here](#).

To view our service online [go to this link](#) and look for the word video on the left hand side. A reminder that you do not need a Facebook account to view the service. Also, the service is recorded, as are all of our services, and can be viewed at any time. We do hope you will join us for the live service that starts every Sunday at 10:30 am.

Please remember that the church's expenses continue even when we can't meet together. You may mail in a check, set up bill pay with your bank, call the office and have your donation taken out automatically each month and/or donate through [PayPal](#)

Did you know? Parishioners are willing to help with basic tasks like grocery shopping, etc, for those who might need the help. There are also financial resources available to those in the parish who may need extra assistance during this time. Please contact [Fr. John](#) if you require assistance.

Looking for spiritual nourishment during the week? A variety of online services are offered by various Episcopal churches around the diocese from Morning Prayer to Compline. Enrich your soul! [Click here for a complete list](#)

Sunday School for Children begins at 11:30 am for children 6-9 years old We

will use the same link as for the Virtual Coffee Hour. See immediately below for the link.

Each Sunday from 9 AM to 10AM we host a virtual coffee hour. This is a chance to reconnect with people at St. Andrew's. There is no particular agenda, other than to reconnect and see one another. Here is the information you need:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/496764969>

Meeting ID: 496 764 969

You do not need these numbers below unless you intend to use a telephone.

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Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/aoLtwdKqT>

A reminder!, Of course, you don't need to use videoconferencing to stay connected. We strongly encourage you to call, text, e-mail, and send notes to the people to whom you are connected at St. Andrew's and we encourage you to do so! We're in this together, and for the long haul.



## REFLECTIONS FROM THE PEW BY DAN SITZMAN

May 10, Mother's Day

On Mother's Day when I was in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, the priest ventured out into the congregation during his sermon, asking kids to help him describe why mothers are so special. As a prompt, he asked for words that started with the letters that spell mother.

M "Makes me happy"  
O "Outgoing"  
T "Terrific"  
H "Hero"  
E "Everything about her"  
R

A 1<sup>st</sup> grader had eagerly raised her hand for every letter, but had yet to be called on. Finally, the priest approached her, held the microphone to her mouth, and waited for her response as she leaned forward and, after a long pause, enthusiastically announced "Rug!" Even though there were giggles throughout the church, the priest confirmed, "Yes, rug starts with R!"

In this Sunday's gospel from John, the disciples are looking for guidance. Thomas admits they don't understand where Jesus is going. Phillip asks Jesus to "show us the Father," to which Jesus kindly reminds him that he has been showing him all of this time.

Sometimes, what seems to oneself like a good question or response, is a reminder that we are not perfect as we look forward to what is ahead.  
Almighty God, grant us to know your Son Jesus Christ that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life.

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