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SAINT ANDREW CHURCH AND THE CITY OF PASADENA SHARE AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE

The year was 1886 when the first electric lights illuminated the main streets in downtown Los Angeles amidst a building boom that increased the city's population to a then robust 18,000 inhabitants. To the northeast, the newly incorporated city of Pasadena showcased its first Tournament of Roses Parade on January 1st. It was eight days later that a young Irish priest, Father Patrick Harnett from St. Vibiana Cathedral in Los Angeles, celebrated the first Mass in the city known then by its Indian name of "Crown of the Valley" and today as the "Crown City."

That very first Mass, held in the Los Angeles House hotel located at Fair Oaks Avenue and Colorado Street, inaugurated what would become an historic Catholic presence in this new city of Pasadena, founded the same year as the establishment of St. Andrew Church, 1886. And it should be mentioned it was only because of a petition from a small committee of locals that then Bishop of Monterrey and Los Angeles, Francis Mora, agreed to assign Father Harnett to serve some 400 Catholics in the area.

In December 1887, a plain frame building erected on the corner of Pasadena Avenue and Bellefontaine Street resembling a modest schoolhouse and capable of accommodating perhaps a few hundred parishioners, became the first site for St.

Andrew Church, with Father Harnett again celebrating an inaugural Mass on the eighteenth of that month.

One year later, in 1888, St. Andrew Church welcomed its first resident pastor, Irish-born Father Andrew Cullen, who almost immediately requested that Bishop Mora put the parish under the protection of his patron saint, Andrew, one of the first apostles of Jesus Christ, a request immediately granted. At that time in church history, there was no other parish under his patronage in the State of California. Sadly, Father Cullen died two years later, in 1890.

Not long afterward, construction began on what was projected to be a permanent church location at Fair Oaks Avenue and Walnut Street. By the time that this new church was dedicated in December 1899, the population of Pasadena had grown to some 9500 residents. The total cost of building this new church was \$20,000!

The current St. Andrew Church that came into being in 1927 was the result of continued population growth in Pasadena that forced church leadership to find a new location, a second permanent site and third setting in a mere forty-one years since the birth of the church in 1886. The City of Pasadena had decided to widen Chestnut Street from Fair Oaks Avenue to Lake Avenue, thereby necessitating the demolition of St. Andrew's first "permanent" location, compensating the church some \$15,000 to relocate its church once again.

This towering new edifice, located at Raymond and Chestnut Streets, is modeled after the Basilica of St. Sabina in Rome, one

of the earliest Christian styles of church architecture. In fact, St. Andrew Church mirrors the plan, design, and general proportions of this predecessor, which was dedicated in 432 A.D. It also should be noted that the selection of St. Sabina to serve as an architectural model must be credited to the fifth pastor of St. Andrew, Father John McCarthy. The total cost of building this majestic monument, including the purchase of land, was less than \$500,000!

St. Andrew Church is noted for the richness of its interior, the use of uncommon marble throughout, and the paintings of the Stations of the Cross located above the side columns. The first Mass at this newly located church was celebrated on May 27, 1928, and attended by Bishop John Cantwell, who proudly declared that St. Andrew Church was "the pride of the diocese and a worthy replica of the ancient church on the banks of the Tiber."

The current pastor of St. Andrew Church, Father Paul Sustayta, has observed that each evening the illuminated bell tower "reminds us of the faith contained within these walls. We have been a beacon of hope and inspiration in Pasadena for 125 years."

The parish community of St. Andrew invites our fellow Pasadena residents as well as everyone in the greater Los Angeles area to join us for some or all of the many festivities planned throughout its 125th Anniversary Year, 2011. We look forward to welcoming you to share in the three themes of this Anniversary Year: **Honor, Celebrate, and Embrace.**



Sources: "The Tidings," May 7, 2004

"The History of St. Andrew's Parish," James Hourihan, 1986.



St. Andrew 125th Anniversary Events

You are invited to join as we
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 our history.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION *
8-Jan	3pm	St. Andrew Art & Architecture Tour (English)	
9-Jan	3pm	St. Andrew Art & Architecture Tour (Spanish)	
12-Jan	7pm	Life is Beautiful Forum	
16-Jan	2pm	125th Anniversary Mass, Cardinal Roger Mahony, Celebrant	
30-Jan	9:30am	Catholic Schools Week Mass, Tribute to the Sisters	
30-Jan	7am-3pm	Miranda Beck Scholarship Fund Pancake Breakfast	
9-Feb	7pm	Learning the Latin Mass Forum	
12-Feb		St. Andrew School Auction & Dinner	
13-Feb	12:30pm	Latin Mass, Fr. Robert Bishop, C.M.F. Celebrant	
13-Feb		Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive, All Day	
24-Feb		St. Andrew School World Finest Candy Sale	
26-Feb	8am-2pm	Religious Education Retreat	
17-Mar		Religious Education Congress Youth Day, Anaheim	
17-Mar		St. Patrick's Day Mass	
25-Mar	7pm	Healing Mass, Fr. Jim Clarke Celebrant (Spanish)	
26-Mar	9am-2pm	Day of Prayer, Bishop Gordon Bennett	Church Chapel
1-Apr	7pm	Healing Mass, Fr. Jim Clarke Celebrant (English)	
2-Apr	3pm	Art & Architecture Tours (English) **	
3-Apr	3pm	Art & Architecture Tours (Spanish) **	
6-Apr	7pm	Awaken a Deeper Prayer Life Forum	
7-Apr	11:00am	Ecumenical Prayer Service, honoring Pasadena "first responders"	
8-Apr	7pm	Pasadena Conservatory of Music Concert (FREE)	
23-Apr	12pm	Blessing of the Animals	School Yard
7-May	7pm	Tall & Small Jazz Band Concert	
28-May	5pm	Begin Diamond Sunday Celebration, sponsored by the African-American Ministry	
29-May		Diamond Sunday	
3-Jun	5pm	St. Andrew School Graduation Ceremony	
12-Jun	5pm	Gospel Mass, Bishop Oscar Solis, Celebrant	
23-Jul	7:30pm	Mariachi Sol de Mexico Concert	
5-Aug		Youth Rally, workshops, concerts open to area youth, sponsored by the Youth Ministry	
6-Aug		Youth Rally	
20-Aug	6pm-10pm	Fuente de Vida Young Adult Concert with Sandy Caldera (Spanish)	
9-Sep	7:30pm	Bach to Broadway Concert	
16-Sep	9am-11:30am	Morning of Prayer, Sister Gloria Therese, OCD Presenter	Pastoral Center
1-Oct	3pm	St. Andrew Art & Architecture Tour (English) **	
2-Oct	3pm	St. Andrew Art & Architecture Tour (Spanish) **	
6-Oct		200th Birthday Mother Marie Rose, foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus & Mary	
16-Oct	2pm	125th Anniversary Mass, Archbishop Jose Gomez Celebrant	
6-Nov	7pm	Los Angeles Master Chorale Concert	
9-Nov	7pm	Celebrate the Saints of St. Andrew Forum	
15-Dec	7pm	St. Andrew School Christmas Concert	

Events subject to change. Please refer to the Sunday Bulletin or call the Pastoral Center (626) 792-4183 for further information.

*All events held in St. Andrew Church 311 N. Raymond St. Pasadena, unless otherwise noted.

**Admission is FREE and NO reservations or tickets are required. Tours start promptly at 3:00 p.m.