



## Weekly Message from Fr. Leo to St. Andrew Parishioners – January 23, 2025

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Hello St Andrew,

Well undoubtedly winter has arrived, and snow has even fallen in Florida, which is quite unusual. Let's keep in our prayers all those who don't have the necessary clothing to endure these cold days we have been experiencing.

Beginning in February, we will no longer have a St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Andrew. As I have mentioned before at mass and in emails, we have been trying to find new leaders, and no one has responded to that call. Gratefully, those who have been involved in St. Vincent de Paul want to continue to be of service to those in need. They have been very faithful in serving the needs of our community and I have greatly appreciated their service, but they cannot continue by themselves. I believe that together we can create a new Outreach Ministry at St. Andrew Catholic Church.

We do not want to stop being a place of hope and refreshment for those in need. We just need to do it differently than we've done in the past. This ministry has numerous possibilities which may include the service work St. Vincent de Paul is currently doing. It could also be open five days a week if we had the volunteers to staff it. If you're interested in helping in this new ministry, please call the church office at 407-293-0730 or email [standrewchurch@standrew-orlando.org](mailto:standrewchurch@standrew-orlando.org).

Many of you have been very generous to St. Vincent De Paul. Because of its dissolution, please make any future check donations to St. Andrew Catholic Church and write "Outreach" in the memo line.

Catholic Schools Week begins Sunday, January 26 with our kickoff mass at 11 AM, followed by Open House until 2:30 PM. Bishop Noonan will be with us on Wednesday January 29 for mass at 9 AM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

We have a Contemplative Retreat scheduled for Saturday, February 15. Please mark your calendars and make time to join us. The theme for the retreat is Hope. Please call the office to register by February 10.

The St. Andrew Grief Support group will begin on Thursday, February 6 at 6:30 PM in the Youth Room. All are welcome whether you attend St. Andrew or know someone who might benefit. Please call the office if you are interested.

Peace,  
Fr. Leo