

## Statement of H.E. Archbishop Bernardito Auza Apostolic Nuncio and Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations

### Security Council Open Debate on Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction

23 August 2016

Mr. President,

The Holy See commends the Presidency of Malaysia for bringing this topic to the attention of this Chamber and the entire International Community.

At the very outset, my delegation wishes to reiterate the Holy See's constant and firm opposition to the production and use of weapons of mass destruction. Any act, any weapon that aims indiscriminately to destroy entire cities or extensive areas, together with their inhabitants, is against all international humanitarian law and merits unequivocal and unhesitating condemnation.

Mr. President,

While treaties and conventions have been reached to ban chemical and biological weapons and prevent the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, human genius continues to invent new ways of annihilating itself. For instance, conventional weapons are becoming less and less "conventional" as technological advances elevate their power to destroy to the level of weapons of mass destruction.

For this reason, the Holy See recommends that discussions on weapons of mass destruction go beyond the traditional categories of nuclear, chemical, biological, and radiological weapons to include devastatingly powerful conventional weapons used to perpetrate war crimes and crimes against humanity. Military forces, rebels, terrorists and extremist groups use with greater frequency ever more powerful conventional weapons, showing scant regard for civilian immunity, discrimination, or proportionality.

Indeed, humanitarian disasters that continue to unfold in real time before our very own eyes show us that schools, hospitals and other civilian infrastructure are blown up by the incessant use of powerful conventional weapons. The tens of millions of refugees and displaced persons send an important message to this Chamber today: We must flee or die as our cities and communities are entirely devastated, not by nuclear, chemical or biological weapons, but by powerful conventional weapons. These tragedies appeal to the international community to implement strictly all legally binding treaties and instruments on the prohibition and nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and urgently to review existing classifications and definitions of what constitutes a weapon of mass destruction.

Mr. President,

In this very Chamber and in other fora, the Holy See has repeatedly called on the weapon producing nations of the world to severely limit and control the manufacture and sale of weapons to unstable countries and regions of the world, where the likelihood of their illegal use and their falling into the hands of non-state actors is real and present. The proliferation of weapons, regardless of whether they are conventional or of mass destruction, simply aggravates situations of conflict and results in huge human and material costs, profoundly undermining development and the search for lasting peace. Indeed, non-proliferation, arms control and disarmament underpin global security and sustainable development. Without them, the achievement of the much-vaunted 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development will be seriously jeopardized.

Mr. President,

Double standards in the implementation of treaties and conventions on the prohibition and the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction can only encourage disregard for the very same treaties and conventions on the part of those who are aggrieved or discriminated against. The discrimination between countries with and countries without weapons of mass destruction cannot be a permanent situation. If it is unthinkable to imagine a world where weapons of mass destruction are available to all, it is reasonable to imagine, and to work collectively for, a world where nobody has them. The international community must thus appeal and act with one voice to ban all weapons of mass destruction. This objective requires the continued advocacy and cooperation of all, because much remains to be done to achieve it.

Mr. President,

There is no doubt that every step towards banning weapons of mass destruction is a giant step towards achieving a better world. Thank you, Mr. President.

# St. Gerard Catholic Church



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## The Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 28, 2016

### Mission Statement

*Called to be a People for Others*

### Vision Statement

*Anchored by faith hope and love in Jesus Christ,  
we strive to be active disciples, serving each  
other and all God's people by welcoming and  
embracing the enriching diversity of our community of faith.*

**Father Emmanuel Andinam: Administrator**

**SUNDAY READINGS**  
First Reading:  
**Sirach 3:17-18,2,28-29(126C)**  
Responsorial:  
**Psalm 68:4-5,6-7,10-11**  
Second Reading:  
**Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24a**  
Gospel:  
**Luke 14:1,7-14**  
Today's Missal

### Lectionary Readings for the week of August 28, 2016

Monday: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5;

Mark 6:17-29

Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16;

Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9;

Luke 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 3:18-23;

Luke 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5;

Luke 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Corinthians 4:6b-15;

Luke 6:1-5

*Then he said to his host, 'When  
you give a lunch or a dinner, do  
not invite your friends or your  
brothers or your relations or  
rich neighbors, in case they  
invite you back and so repay  
you. No; when you have a party,  
invite the poor, the crippled, the  
lame, the blind; then you will be  
blessed, for they have no means  
to repay you and so you will be  
repaid when the upright rise  
again.'*

**Luke 14:12-14**



**Mass Times:** Weekdays Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:15 AM,

First Friday Benediction after Mass

Weekend Saturday 4:00 PM, Sunday 7:00 AM and 11:00 AM

**Confessions:** after weekday Masses and by Appointment

**Office Hours:** 9:00 AM till 3:00 PM Tuesday - Thursday

**Bible Study:** Fridays 10:00 AM resuming in the fall, **CCD:** Sundays TBD during school year,

**RCIA:** Tuesdays 10:00 AM restarting in the fall

**Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages and Funerals:** By Appointment, Contact the office.

**Contact Us:** Phone 803 649-3203, E-Mail [stgerardscatholi@atlanticbbn.net](mailto:stgerardscatholi@atlanticbbn.net)

Facebook @stgerardaiken, **Emergency number for Father 803 341-5933**



**Pray for our sick:**

Judy Riley  
 Gary Gilbault  
 Marge Glauser  
 Leonard Saunders  
 Shirley Paige  
 William and Jackie Cobbs  
 Woody Alexander  
 Lena Mickens  
 Rosa Johnson  
 Brenda and Ike  
 Lignons  
 Joe Fulmer  
 Chuck Simkin  
 Joe Begic

**Weekend Offering**

**August 20-21 2016**

Collection \$2,445.00  
 Needed \$2,612.00  
 Short \$167.00  
 Attendance 173  
 Stewardship a way of life

When we turn over our lives to become disciples of Jesus, we trust that our needs will be met, our sacrifices worthwhile. This first step can be very difficult. We need to remember it is God whom we can trust. And God will not be outdone by our generosity.



**Mass Intentions**

4:00 PM Mass, 11:00 AM Mass are said for your own personal intentions The 7:00 AM Mass is said for Fr. Anthony

The Gathering Hymn 20 M  
 All Hail, Adored Trinity  
 The Offertory Hymn is 21 M  
 Soul of My Savior  
 The Communion Hymn is CHOIR  
 Hymn of Praise (Te Deum)  
 Our Song of Praise is 662 H  
 Let There Be Peace on Earth



**Pastoral Council:**

Wayman Johnson,  
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 Jacqueline Brown  
 Fredrick Cadek  
 Nancy Durden  
 Marge Glauser  
 Joan Hesik  
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 Gregory Wright

**Finance Council:**

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 Leon Gagnon and  
 Anna Marie Key,  
 Auditors  
 Lisa Solenberger,  
 Secretary  
 Art Wagner

**Lay Ministers**

Saturday September 3	Sunday September 4	Sunday September 4
4:00 PM Vigil Mass	7:00 AM Mass	11:00 AM Mass
Lector: Tami Schaeffer	Mary Kay L'Esperance	Janet Menefee
E E Ministers: Joe Dennis/Jerry Schaeffer	Gerard L'Esperance	Jeanette Coleman
Saturday September 10	Sunday September 11	Sunday September 11
4:00 PM Vigil Mass	7:00 AM Mass	11:00 AM Mass
Lector: Joan Hesik	Denise Gelinis	Sheila Wagner
E E Ministers: Ellen Heim	Roger Gelinis	Mary Rose
Refreshments August 28	Refreshments September 4	Refreshments September 11
Jackie Brown/Rosa DiStefano	Jackie Cobb/Rosa Johnson	Sheila Wagner/Matt Fitzpatrick

If you have used books in decent condition, please bring them to church for the book sale at the Fall Festival. Please contact the office or a parish council member.

Next week we will take a second collection for Fr. Anthony's 40th Anniversary Gift.



The Legion of Mary schedule is flexible. If you want to know if they are meeting at 1:30 on any Friday call the office on Thursday and we can tell you. Please continue to pray the Rosary.

Perpetual Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Tuesdays at the 8:15 Mass



We need the support of all St Gerard parishioners to make this a successful event. VENDORS, volunteers, raffle items/baskets, books and items for a silent auction are still needed.

Showcase and sell your creations. Clean out your house of items no longer wanted and sell them at the fall festival. Spread the word to family and friends. All spots are free to St Gerard parishioners. We ask for at least 10% donation from your sales. You may bring your own tent and set up at one of the outside spots; however, we have one shelter rented for this event with power, water, grill and eleven picnic tables. For business vendors the spots are \$50.00 for a 14 ft. X 14 ft. spot. Bake sale, book sales, raffles and silent auction will be held inside the Weeks Center in room #4.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP

**Volunteer Corner:**  
 Thank you to the finance council for the work on the budget. The pastoral council and fall festival committee for their work on the fall festival.

America needs Fatima rosary rally is on 15 October this year. Please mark it in your calendar. We had a small group show up last year. The prior year we had a large group. More info will be coming.

ACTS has a position opening that supports our Women's Enrichment Program, 'Coffee with JoJo'. If you have questions or need more information, please call Carla at ACTS, 649-3800.

Please Volunteer  
 Remember Time, Talent and Treasure

When we get closer to the date of the Fall Festival we will need bake goods for the bake sale.

Please pray for Mary Kay L'Esperance's brother

This weekend we will be asking those members of our parish family that have no contact information with the parish to be aware that we will be asking for their contact information at all the masses. Thanks for your cooperation in this effort.

**Attention Parents** CCD classes will begin on September 11 at 10:00 AM Jeanette Coleman will be in touch with you.

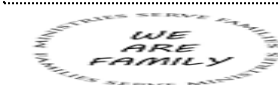
If you attend St. Gerard on a regular basis and feel welcome, Why not consider becoming a member. We would love to have you. Feel free to talk to a member or call the office 649-3203. Registration forms are in the the church hall lobby.

Fall Festival meeting 5:00 PM Tuesday August 30.

St. Mary Help of Christians in Aiken, SC will welcome Gloria Purvis to speak on being bold advocates of the faith and active participants in conversations around faith-based issues. Gloria is co-host of EWTN's morning radio program Morning Glory which is heard around the country, and is a passionate witness who has had several religious experiences, one of which prompted her conversion while in middle school. The talk will take place on Saturday, September 24 at 6:30 PM in St. Angela Hall on the school campus, 118 York St. SE, Aiken, 29801. There is no charge and child care will be available. For more information, contact St. Mary's at 803-642-2676 All ages are welcome and everyone will be inspired and encouraged by Gloria's timely message.

Show your thanks for all your blessings by giving back. ACTS is in desperate need of volunteers to serve in our Resale Store and Client Room assisting clients with their clothing vouchers. Shifts are available Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Commit to as few or as many hours and/or days as fit your schedule. It's not only rewarding but fun, as well! Just e-mail [usatvolunteer@actsofaiken.org](mailto:usatvolunteer@actsofaiken.org), or call 803.649.3800 for more information.

Emergency Assistance Caseworker, Receptionist, and Voicemail Person Food Pantry Helper on Monday during the summer If interested please contact Deondra Roper, Volunteer Coordinator at 803.857.6053

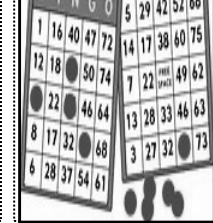


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**BINGO**

Columbus Club Hall Every Monday at 7:10 PM till 9:00 PM 5 Cards \$ 10.00

Each Additional Card \$2.00 15 Regular Games \$20 Payout



1 Coverall Jackpot \$150 Payout

Wanted: New items that would be useful for the silent auction. Last year that was our big profit item.



**Childcare Worker Position Opening**  
 The individual selected will provide care and supervision for children in a daycare-type environment. Lead games and activities for multiple children, keeping them engaged. Change diapers and/or clean children up after activities. The opening is a part time position and is available immediately. It is the 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month (except Nov-Dec will be only the 2nd Thurs); 5:45 pm-8:15 pm (2.5 hrs per day).  
**Location is Hope Center Graniteville, SC.**  
 Skills and abilities required: experience with children; a positive, friendly demeanor and ability to stand, kneel, bend, stoop and lift up to 30 lbs. This position supports a program that is an affiliation of ACTS, Christ Central, FamCo, and HUGS, LLC. Beginning pay \$8.00/hr. Submit resume to [carla@actsofaiken.org](mailto:carla@actsofaiken.org).