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EASTER - THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 19th - Easter Vigil

6:30pm — Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, April 20th — Easter Sunday

8:00am — Parishioners Living & Deceased 10:30am — Parishioners Living & Deceased

Monday, April 21st

8:00am — Carol Alvarnaz

Tuesday, April 22nd

8:00pm — Matthew Roberts Jr.

Wednesday, April 23rd

8:00am — Ruth Medeiros, Dora McGlynn

Thursday, April 24th

8:00am — Special Intention, Dasilva & Garcia Families' Deceased Family Members

Friday, April 25th

8:00am — Jack & Laura Camara, Jose & Beatriz Pimentel
6:00pm — Confirmation

Saturday, April 26th

8:00am — Anne Doherty, George Corliss

Sunday, April 27th — Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00am — Robert Sullivan 10:30am — Amibar Barros

Sanctuary Lamp for week of April 19th



Thomas Joe Horgan

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BAPTISM

Parents who are registered and practicing members of the parish should call the rectory to make arrangements.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:30 pm. Before and after all weekend Masses. Or at any time at the Rectory.

WEDDINGS

Couples who are registered and practicing members of the parish may call the rectory eight months in advance to make arrangements.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you to our parish! Registration forms are available at the entrances of the church. Please complete the form and return as soon as possible.

WOMEN OF FAITH

For more information, please contact Tara Sousa at 508-272-1173 or tarasousa@aol.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #11914

For more information, please contact Grand Knight, Bob Crossman, at 508-823-7920.

MEN OF ST JOSEPH

The group meets on the First Saturday of the month, September through June. Beginning with 9:00am Mass, followed by a meeting of fellowship and discussion. All men are welcome.

WOMEN AT THE WELL PRAYER GROUP

This group meets on the Second Saturday of the month. Beginning with the Holy Mass at 9:00am, followed by a fellowship and meditation. All women are welcome.

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PRAYER and ADORATION:

MONDAY NOVENA

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena is held on Monday evenings at 7:00pm with Rosary and Benediction.

FRIDAY CENACLE PRAYER GROUP

Meets in the church, Friday 1:00pm to 2:00pm

WEDNESDAY Divine Mercy HOLY HOUR Meets in the church, 6:00pm to 7:00pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION in CHAPEL

St Joseph's Adoration Chapel is open Daily 7:00am to 7:00pm



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FIRST READING

A Reading from the Book of Acts

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said:

"You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached,

how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth

with the Holy Spirit and power.

He went about doing good

and healing all those oppressed by the devil,

for God was with him.

We are witnesses of all that he did

both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible.

not to all the people, but to us,

the witnesses chosen by God in advance,

who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.

To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him

will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

R.\ This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

for his mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say,

"His mercy endures forever."

R.\ This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

"The right hand of the LORD has struck with power; the right hand of the LORD is exalted.

I shall not die, but live.

and declare the works of the LORD."

R.\ This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

The stone which the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;

it is wonderful in our eyes.

R.\ This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

SECOND READING

A Reading from The Letter of Saint Paul to The Colossians

Colossians 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,

where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ your life appears,

then you too will appear with him in glory.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

A Reading from The Gospel according to John John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week,

Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning,

while it was still dark.

and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

So she ran and went to Simon Peter

and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them,

"They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."

So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.

They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter

and arrived at the tomb first;

he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.

When Simon Peter arrived after him,

he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there.

and the cloth that had covered his head,

not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.

Then the other disciple also went in,

the one who had arrived at the tomb first,

and he saw and believed.

For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

Thanks be to God.



By Father Edward A. Murphy

Gospel of John

The Easter story is basically a story of where God stands and that stand is clear in the resurrection. He raises up Jesus who told us to turn the other cheek. To go the extra mile, if someone asks for your shirt, give them your coat. He told us one should go first and be reconciled with your brother or sister. Then come and offer your gifts at the altar.

He told us do not return evil for evil but cry out with Him on the cross. "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." He said feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty and always remember it profits you nothing to gain the whole world then lose your soul. This Jesus' way of life the Father raises up.

In other words, Easter is beyond its tremendous mystery; is a statement. A divine statement of divine values. I do not preach about Easter bunnies and butterflies. They are nice and safe, more comfortable, but the truth is that Easter Christianity is about deeper stuff. It is about life and death, right and wrong.

The fact is, the day Jesus entered Jerusalem from the east on a donkey and Pilate from the west on a warhorse, that was the day you and I were confronted with the choice. Which entrance shall we take? Which procession shall we follow? Easter is the day God announced His choice. By raising His Son from the dead and all that He stood for. Easter is the day God announced His choice, what is left is yours.

THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

St Andrew's *in the Church*, Monday, April 21st through Saturday, April 26th at 3:00pm

Divine Mercy Sunday

Holy Hour 2:00pm—3:00pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm

Seeing Your Life Through the Gospel

It is the "first day of the week." Mary Magdalene is the first witness of an event which marks not just the beginning of a new week but the transformation of human history. But "it is still dark" and she does not yet understand what has happened. I ponder the mystery.

Wherever we share compassion, justice, reconciliation, faith, and encourage each other to be people of hope, we are people of the resurrection and ministers of the resurrection. Jesus is raised from death each time we live his way of life. We do this in our various ways of showing care and concern for the lives and troubles of others. Easter prayer can be an asking in prayer to be ministers of the resurrection, as we discern how best to serve the rise Lord.

The tomb was empty and, for the faithful ones, this was a sign of new life. Some would remember Jesus saying he would rise from death. Others would feel down, cheated or just lost. It is the same with ourselves: the tough times of life can bring us close to God, or distance us; suffering can make us better people, or make us bitter and isolated. We may feel a bit of both at times. The empty tomb is the message that nothing is final in this life, not even death. God's live is stronger than any human power, violences or cruelty. Love conquers all. (Intercom April 2025)

I wish you and your families a very Blessed Easter Season!

Fr. Edward A. Tufly



Diocese of Fall River

Office of the Bishop

Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D.

Easter 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is Risen. He is truly Risen! Let me begin by extending heartfelt Easter greetings and blessings to everyone in our Diocese of Fall River.

In our parish Masses and in gatherings with families and friends that will follow, we celebrate the great feast of Easter. It is a celebration of joyful hope, as it should be, for Easter is the ultimate message of hope.

In the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection, we witness eternal life spring forth from death, suffering turned into joy, and despair replaced with hope. Jesus is risen and is with us, helping us face the challenges of this world and carrying us to new life. His grace renews all things.

The Easter gift of joyful hope is not simply fleeting happiness that rises and falls with our emotions; rather, it is rooted in deep, abiding joy that comes from knowing and walking with God.

Life is full of struggles and uncertainties. Peace remains elusive in our world and sometimes in our families, division and turmoil challenge our country, and illness, despair, and economic woes impact so many. Christian joy does not deny suffering but can transform it. We need to turn to the hope of Easter to sustain us in our darkest moments and to give us strength to move forward even when the path ahead is uncertain. Easter reminds us that our struggles are not the end of the story. The Risen Lord is with us; may His presence be a source of strength and peace for all.

Spes non confundit or "Hope does not disappoint," from St. Paul's letter to the Romans (Rom 5:5), is the title of Pope Francis' document proclaiming our Jubilee Year 2025 of which hope is the central message. It is to be a year, Pope Francis writes, of opportunity for renewal "marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God."

During the Holy Year, Pope Francis has called the faithful "to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind." To become bearers of joyful hope, we ourselves must maintain a rich life of prayer and a strong connection with Jesus. As bearers of hope, let us reach out with faith and love in ways big and small to those in need around us. Our hope, rooted in Christ, will become a light for others to see.

During spring, budding trees and early flowers surround us with beauty of renewal and new beginnings. May our Easter celebration reflect a similar transformation within us and be a source of lasting joyful hope.

Please be assured of my blessings for you and your family. My prayers and best wishes for a Happy Easter to all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Severend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.

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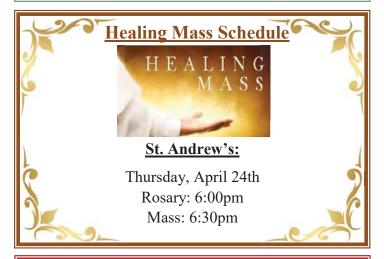
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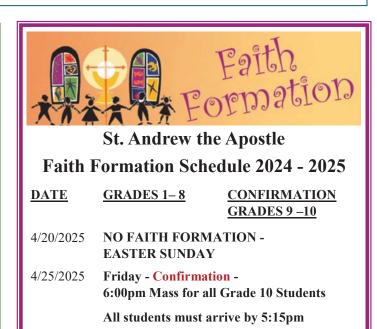
This week's Second Collection will be for:
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Next week's Second Collection will be for:
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<u>Baptism</u>



This past weekend, *Alvasco John Teixeira* (parents Arianna Teixeira and Dylan James O'Connell and family Melissa & John Teixeira) was baptized here at St. Andrew's!



First Holy Communion Rehearsal for Grade

2 - After 10:30am Mass (Mandatory)

Saturday - First Holy Communion - 10:00am Mass for all Grade 2 Students

All students must arrive by 9:15am

Contact: faithformationtaunton@gmail.com

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DIVINE MERCY NOVENA and CHAPLET

Divine Mercy Novena begins on **Good Friday** and ends on **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27th**Holy Hour 2:00 - 3:00pm concludes with Divine Mercy.





1st Day — The topic will be "Today bring to Me all mankind,, especially all sinners, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy."

2nd Day - "Today bring to Me the souls of priests and religious, and immerse them in My unfathomable mercy."

3rd Day — "Today bring to Me all devout and faithful souls, and immerse them in the ocean of My Mercy."

4th Day — "Today bring to Me those who do not believe in God and those who do not yet know Me."

5th Day — "Today bring to Me the souls of those who have separated themselves from the Church."

6th Day — "Today bring to Me the meek and humble souls and the souls of little children, and immerse them in My mercy."

7th Day - Today bring to Me the souls who especially venerate and glorify My Mercy and immerse them in My mercy."

8th Day - "Today bring to Me the souls who are detained in Purgatory and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy."

9th Day — Ending on Divine Mercy Sunday topic will be "Today bring to Me souls who have become lukewarm, and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy."



By Brooke Pina

How do you, as a young adult, know when you are following God's plan, and when you are straying from it?

It's very easy to claim that you're following God's plan. You can say it as many times as you want, but that doesn't mean you actually are. Saying it is a lot different than actually living it. You can't say you're going to trust God's Will and then go off and do your own thing without paying Him any mind. You have to be an active and willing participant in God's plan, even when things are scary or uncertain. When I know I'm fully trusting in God, I can feel it. I'm talking to Him constantly and asking for direction. Take things as they come to you and trust that God put you in that situation for a reason, even if you don't understand that reason in the given moment. Once you have your first real experience fully trusting in God, you can truly see the difference between just saying you trust Him and actually trusting Him. There is a very stark difference between the two. If I'm not talking to God and asking for direction, that's when I know I'm straying from God's plan. But truly, trust is the key factor.

A relationship doesn't work without real trust.



Confirmation

Please keep our Faith Formation students in your prayers as they make their Confirmation this Friday, April 25th.

Sabrina Anderson	Ethan Jorge	Ashley Pereira
Sarah Cabral	Harley LaCardo	Nora McDonough
Emily Dias	Trevor Lacerda	Mary Price
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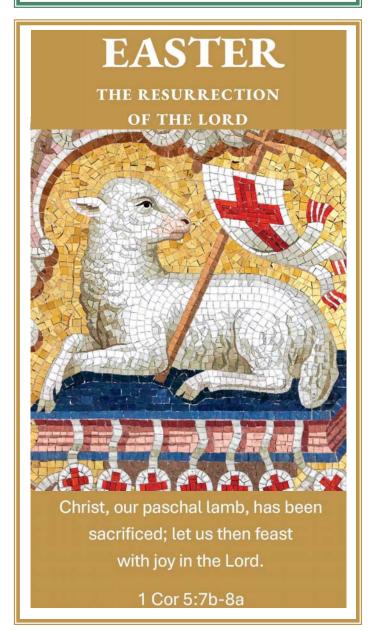
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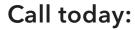


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