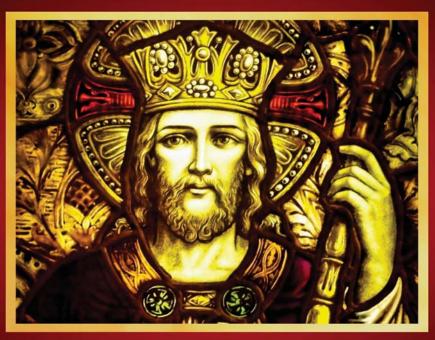
# St. Andrew the Apostle Taunton Catholic Church

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Matthew 25:34

Mass is Live-streaming on the website Monday-Friday at 8:00am Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm and Sunday at 8:00am and 10:30am

### TELEVISED MASS SCHEDULE

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## ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Saturday, November 25th</u> 4:00pm — Theresa Doyle, Sister Mary Margretta Sol

Sunday, November 26th 8:00am – Kelly Ocampo 10:30am — Isacc and Ana Andrade

Monday, November 27th 8:00am — Carol Alvarnaz

<u>Tuesday, November 28th</u> 8:00am — Helen Crowell—10th Anniversary

<u>Wednesday, November 29th</u> 8:00am — Alion Augustin, Etvie Verrier

Thursday, November 30th 9:00am — John Nosul

<u>Friday, December 1st</u> 8:00am — George Crowell—40th Anniversary

Saturday, December 2nd 4:00pm — Marc de Sousa

<u>Sunday, December 3rd</u> 8:00am – Antonio Graca Jr 10:30am — Armando Bettencourt

## Sanctuary Lamp for week of November 25th

Maria and Jacinto Rodrigues

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#### BAPTISM

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

#### RECONCILIATION

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 meet on the First Saturday of every month. Beginning with 9:00am Mass, followed by a meeting of fellowship and discussion. All men are welcome.

## ST VINCENT de PAUL 508-880-1583

### **PRAYER and ADORATION**

#### MONDAY NOVENA

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

WEDNESDAY Divine Mercy HOLY HOUR St Joseph's Chapel, 6:00pm to 7:00pm

**FRIDAY CENACLE PRAYER GROUP** St Joseph's Chapel, Friday 1:00pm — 2:00pm

#### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION in CHAPEL

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

#### HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE

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#### FIRST READING

#### A Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel

<u>Ek 34:11-12,15-17</u>

#### Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD.

The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly.

As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

#### Thanks be to God.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6

## **R.**\The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose. **R.\The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I** shall want.

Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. **R.\The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I** shall want.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **R.\The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I** shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come. **R.\The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I** shall want.

#### SECOND READING

## A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians Cor 15:20-26,28

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order:

Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

#### **GOSPEL**

#### A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew <u>Mt 25:31-46</u>

Jesus said to his disciples:

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him.

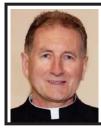
And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right,

'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink,

a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?

The Gospel of the Lord.



By Father Edward A. Murphy

## **Gospel of Matthew**

What is the Kingdom of Christ the King? Here is a beautiful explanation given by Gerald Darring (St Louis University: Center for Liturgy): The Kingdom of God is a space. It exists in every home where parents and children love each other. It exists in every region and country that cares for its weak and vulnerable. It exists in every parish that reaches out to the needy. The Kingdom of God is a time. It happens whenever someone feeds a hungry person, or shelters a homeless person, or shows care to a neglected person. It happens whenever we overturn an unjust law, or correct an injustice, or avert a war. It happens whenever people join in the struggle to overcome poverty, to erase ignorance, to pass on the Faith.

The Kingdom of God is in the past (in the life and work of Jesus of Nazareth): it is in the present (in the work of the Church and in the efforts of many others to create a world of goodness and justice); it is in the future (reaching its completion in the age to come). The Kingdom of God is a condition. Its symptoms are love, Justice, and peace. Jesus Christ is king! We pray today that God may free all the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice, to live in his love.

As we celebrate the Kingship of Christ today, let us remember the truth that he is not our King if we do not listen to him, love him, serve him, and follow him. We belong to his Kingdom only when we try to walk with him, when we try to live our lives fully in the spirit of the Gospel and when that Gospel spirit penetrates every facet of our living. If Christ is really King of my life, he must be King of every part of my life, and I must let him reign in all parts of my life. By cultivating in our lives the gentle and humble mind of Christ, we show others that Jesus Christ is in indeed our King and that he is in charge of our lives.

#### Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

1. This judgement scene contains surprises for us. One surprise is that nobody is condemned for doing wrong, but for their failure to do good. Being a disciple of Jesus is a positive choice about how we live and relate to others. Perhaps sinavoidance has sometimes dominated your view of what was being asked of you. What difference has it made for you when you viewed your Christian life as a daily opportunity to make a positive difference to others?

2. Another way of saying this is that the aim of Christian living is not me-centered (about my personal sanctification) but other-centered (about responding to the needs of others). What happens to you when you get caught up in yourself? Is your life not better, and often more enjoyable, when you can look beyond yourself to others?

3. Another surprise is to hear Jesus tell us that when we do something for another, he considers it done to himself. When has seeing Christ in others helped you in your dealings with them?

4. The story is about the judgement of the whole of humanity. It presents an ideal of society in which human relationships at all levels are governed by the law of love. In your experience what difference has it made to a group to which you belonged when there was a definite sensitivity to the needs of all members?

(Veritas November 2023)

#### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING MASSES:**

**Thanksgiving Day Mass** 

November 23rd at 9:00am

#### Feast of St Andrew the Apostle Vigil

November 29th at 6:30pm

Fr. Edward A. Mufly

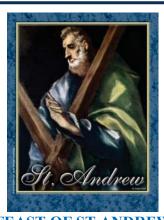
### WEEKLY PARISH ST. ANDREW'S SUPPORT

Thank you for your support to our Parish family. The Offertory for the weekend of

November 18th & 19th:

Due to Thanksgiving, Holiday, collections will be posted next week.

This week's 2nd Collection - will be for Winter Grounds and Maintenance



FEAST OF ST ANDREW

SAVE THE DATE.

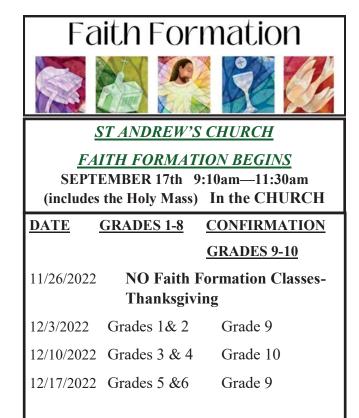
Come celebrate our church's feast day, On the Vigil *Wednesday November 29th* the **Feast of St Andrew**.

Mass will be celebrated at *6:30pm*. Social gathering downstairs to follow.

### St Andrew's ONLINE GIVING

Our parish offers **Online Giving** through **OUR SUNDAY VISITOR**, a web-based electronic contribution application. This service is safe and secure. The link is available on our website.

We currently have over 75 parishioners using the online giving. If you have any questions please contact the rectory



# THE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

#### Men of St Joseph Meeting

**Saturday, December 2nd** Mass at 9:00am Followed by Meeting and Fellowship



## Healing Mass St Andrew the Apostle Thursday, December 14th

#### Mass at 6:30pm

The Holy Rosary begins at 6:00pm and will include the Sacrament of Confession.

## SVdP HAT & GLOVE DRIVE





St. Andrews Conference of Saint Vincent de Paul will be doing a Hat and Gloves Drive in **November and December.** Children, Teens and Adult hats and gloves are being requested. All items **must be new**. Drop off box will be provided at the rear entrance in the addition. Your generosity is appreciated.

## SVdP Christmas Dinner Distribution

St Vincent dePaul Christmas Dinner Distribution will be on **Saturday December 16th 12:00-2:00pm**. Requests for meals need to be in by December 3rd.

Accepting canned vegetables, boxed stuffing, boxed potatoes, gravy, cake mix or corn muffin mix.

## POINSETTIA SALE

The *Women of Faith* will be taking pre-orders for Poinsettias. Weekends **November 25/26th** and **December 2/3rd**. Deadline for orders is **December 3rd**. Price is \$10.00 each. Orders and payment may be placed in collection basket, or to Women of Faith members at the doors. **Pickup date will be the weekend of December 9th and 10th**.

### PARISH CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



All parishioners are invited to participate in the Parish Giving Tree Program beginning the **First Sunday of Advent, December 3rd.** 

Gifts from the Parish Giving Tree go to the needy, the homeless, nursing home residents, and Birthright. Those in need will benefit from your generosity during the holiday season.

*Gifts should be returned no later than Sunday, December 17th.* 

If you know of someone, a family, or you yourself are in need, please contact Tara Sousa at tarasousa@aol.com, 508-272-1173 or call the parish office. All calls will be handled in confidence.





## Women of Faith Christmas Party Thursday, December 13th Segregansett Country Club Cocktails at 6:30pm, dinner at 7:00pm.

POINSETTIA Order Form —\$10.00 each			
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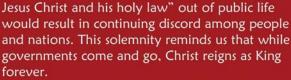
St. Andrew the Apostle

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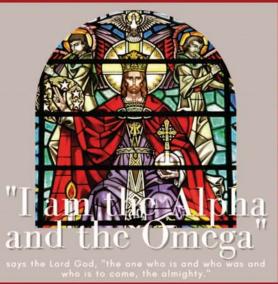
#### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical Quas primas ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust



During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and some parts of Europe, militantly secularistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic



Church and its faithful but civilization itself. Pope Pius XI's encyclical gave Catholics hope and —while governments around them crumbled —the assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever. Jesus Christ "is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind" (Quas primas, 7).

For Christians, when our faith is repeatedly marginalized in public

life, we can fall into the habit of compartmentalizing our lives. We love Jesus in our private lives, but we shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in social life. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord of the Church and of the entire universe.

# Saint Andrew the Apostle

In the synoptic Gospels, Andrew is a Galilean fisherman grouped with his brother, Peter, and with James and John in the inner circle of Apostles; in John's Gospel, he is the disciple of John the Baptist who is the first to follow Jesus and who brings his brother to the Lord. Many traditions about Andrew come from the apocryphal second-century Acts of Andrew, which depicts him as a zealous missionary in the Black Sea region who is crucified—tied to an x-shaped cross—by the Roman governor. Some early church historians also said he evangelized in Greece and Asia Minor. He is the patron saint of Scotland, Russia, Greece, and those who fish for a living.

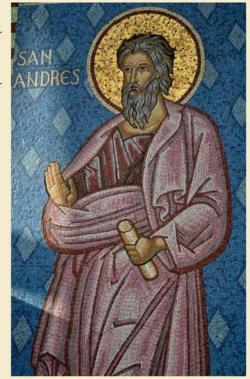
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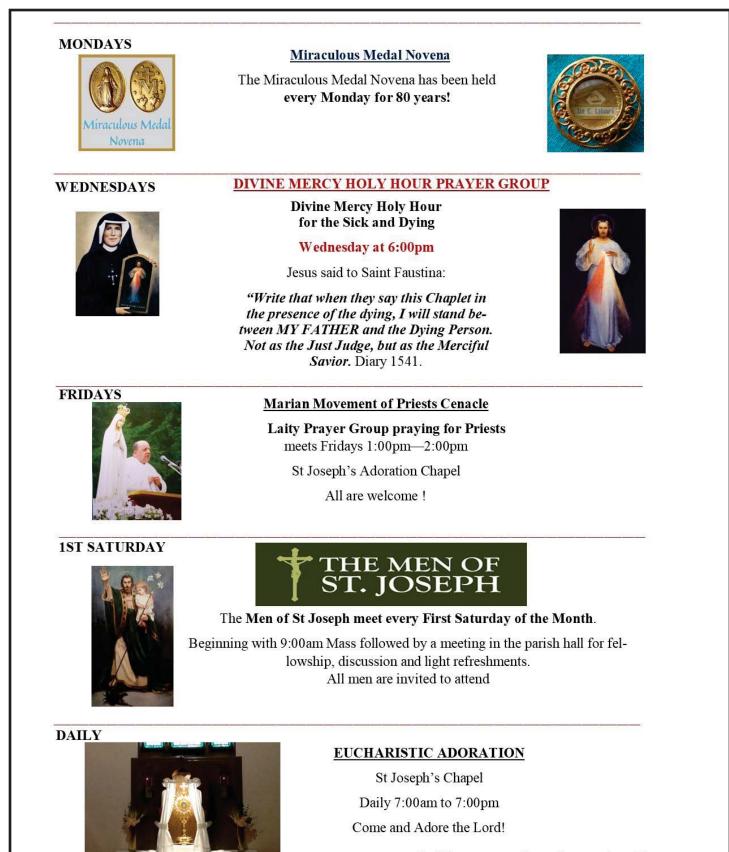
"He was truly a man of faith and hope; and one day he heard John the Baptist proclaiming Jesus as: "the Lamb of God" (Jn 1:36); so he was stirred, and with another unnamed disciple followed Jesus, the one whom John had called "the Lamb of God". The Evangelist says that "they saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him that day..." (Jn 1: 37-39). Thus, Andrew enjoyed precious moments of intimacy with Jesus."

-Pope Benedict XVI, General Audience, June 14, 2006

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"Could you not watch one hour with me?"



St. Andrew the Apostle

## **St. Andrew the Apostle**

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Fr Edward A. Murphy, Pastor

**Priests of LaSalette Shrine, Part-Time** 

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## Registration Opens Nov. 14

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