St. Andrew the Apostle Taunton Catholic Church

Epiphany of the Lord



When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

Matthew 2:1-2

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

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ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 6th

4:00pm — Ann Thornley — 4th Anniversary

Sunday, January 7th

8:00am – John James Cabral Jr. 10:30am — Theresa Ducharme Hebert—1st Anniversary

Monday, January 8th

8:00am — Matthew & Julia Roberts

Tuesday, January 9th

8:00am — Peter McDermott—23rd Anniversary

Wednesday, January 10th

8:00am — Fr Edward J. Byington

Thursday, January 11th

8:00am — Jose F., Jose M Sousa. The Fontes Family, Tobey Alford.

Friday, January 12th

8:00am — James Silvia

Saturday, January 13th

4:00pm — Francis Guay—3rd Anniversary

Sunday, January 14th 8:00am – Jack & Laura Camara, Beatriz Pimentel 10:30am — Maria (Elisa) Soares—1st

Anniversary



Sanctuary Lamp for week of January 6th

Fr Edward J Byington

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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.

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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.

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

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FIRST READING

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah <u>Is 60:1-6</u>

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

R.\ Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

SECOND READING

A Reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters:

You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew Mt 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

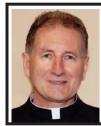
When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said. "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

The Gospel of the Lord.





By Father Edward A. Murphy

The EPIPHANY of the LORD

Like the Magi, let us offer Jesus his gifts to us on the feast of Epiphany.

- (a) The first gift might be friendship with God. After all, the whole point of Christmas is that God's son became one of us to redeem us and call us friends. God wants our friendship in the form of wholehearted love and devotion.
- (b) A second gift might be friendship with others. This kind of friendship can be costly. The price it exacts is vulnerability and openness to others. The Good News, however, is that, in offering friendship to others, we will receive back many blessings.
- (c) A third gift might be the gift of reconciliation. This gift repairs damaged relationships. It requires honesty, humility, understanding, forgiveness and patience.
- (d) The forth gift of this season is the gift of peace: seeking God's peace in our own lives through prayer, the Sacramental life and daily meditation on the Word of God. It is out of humble gratitude that we give Him from the heart our gifts of worship, prayer, singing, possessions, talents and time. As we give our insignificant, little gifts to God, the good news is that God accepts them!

Like the Magi offering their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, we offer what we have, from the heart, in response to what that Child has given to us – Himself.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel:

St. Andrew the Apostle

The word 'Epiphany' means a showing forth, a setting in the light. Today we celebrate the good news that God showed forth his son to all the nations, Jews and pagans alike. It is the pagan visitors from an unnamed city of the east who reveal to us how to respond to God's showing forth of his Son, God's gift of his Son.

Jesus was born into a Jewish world and these visitors from the east were strangers in that world: they were outsiders. It often takes strangers, outsiders, to show us how to respond to God's gift of his Son, how to appreciate the great riches of our faith, the presence of Christ in the Eucharist and in the other sacraments, the life-giving message of the scriptures, in particular, the Gospels. In recent years there has been a huge increase in the number of people coming to live with us from abroad. They often bring an enthusiasm and appreciation for the treasures of the faith, that we perhaps, have lost somewhat. They have enriched the Church by their readiness to share their gifts and energies with the Church here in their adopted homeland.

The Magi represent all those, of whatever creed or persuasion who seek to follow the light, the light of truth. The magi are the ancestors of all of us who seek the truth. At our baptism the light of Christ shone upon us and remains with us to enlighten every darkness and to lead us to our eternal home.

Fr. Edward A. Tufly

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Thank you for your support to our Parish family.

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December 30th && 31st

Weekend Masses	\$ 3241 .00
Winter Grounds Maintenance	\$ 1373 .00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 796.00
Annual Appeal	\$ 1595.00
Candles	\$ 85.00

Total Online Giving 2023	\$ 54,282.00
Weekly Offering	38,924.00
Fuel & Maintenance	2,702.00
Annual Appeal	2,438.00
Church Roof	5,329.00
Other	4,889.00

REMEMBER in PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers

Paul W. Cote

Who's funeral Masses were celebrated this past week. As well as our relatives, friends, and benefactors whose Anniversaries occur at this time.

St Andrew's ONLINE GIVING

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Faith Formation









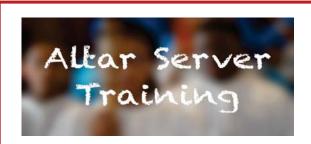


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FAITH FORMATION BEGINS

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		GRADES 9-10	
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1/28/2023	Grades 3 & 4	4 Grade 10	
2/4/2023	Grades 5 & 6	Grade 9	
2/11/2023	Grades 7 & 8	Grade 10	
2/18/2023 NO Faith Formation Classes- PRESIDENT'S DAY			
2/25/2023	Grades 1 & 2	2 Grade 9	
3/3/2023	Grades 3 & 4	4 Grade 10	
First Penance for Second Grade-			
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3/10/2023	Grades 5 & 6	Grade 9	



There will be an altar server training classes for new students ages 8 and older.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming an altar server, there are forms available in the Sacristy.

Please fill out and return.



HOLY CROSS FAMILY MINISTRIES

Make a New Year resolution worth keeping!

Daily family prayer! The annual Family Novena Celebrating Father Patrick Peyton's Birth takes place **January 9-17** worldwide.

Father Peyton devoted his priesthood to the spiritual well-being of families, praying with them and for them. We believe he still does this from heaven.

Pray through his intercession for your family needs and for Father Peyton's eventual canonization.

For simple Rosary instructions, prayers, and reflections, please download the free Novena booklet at:

FamilyRosary.org/TheGiftOfPrayer





Healing Mass January Schedule

St Andrew the Apostle

Thursday, January 25th

St Anne's Shrine

January 18th

Mass at 6:30pm

Medjugorje Message January 1, 2024

"Thank you for having responded to my call and praying for my intentions. You will not regret it, neither you, nor your children, and your children's children."





Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Please join Fr Murphy on his Annual Pilgrimage to Medjugorje on **May 7-16, 20243**, \$3299.00 from Boston. .

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"All of creation is changed by the appearance of Christ."

In popular tradition, the feast of Epiphany commemorates the arrival of the three kings at the stable in Bethlehem where Christ was born. The gospel reading for the day—Matthew 2:1-12 tells the story. Over the years, a lot of tradition has grown around this story. Many people will tell you that the magi were three kings, named Caspar, Balthazar, and Melchior, and they may note that Caspar is traditionally depicted with darker skin. But if you read those twelve short verses from Matthew's Gospel, it becomes clear that we really know very little about the magi. We don't know their names. We don't know where they came from—Matthew only says "from the east." We don't even know that they were kings. The word used by Matthew is "magi," meaning someone learned in esoteric knowledge. Some translations call them "astrologers," but the only basis for that is the statement that they were following a star. And even the star itself is a mystery. Astronomers can chart the movement of the stars back in time, but they can't seem to agree about the existence of an astronomical event that would explain the reference. And even the most casual observer would have a hard time explaining what it would mean for a star to move through the sky and then stop over a particular place. Regardless of who the magi were and how the star showed them the way, the most significant

part of this event is the identity of the one who is made know—Jesus, the newborn king, who is worthy of homage by all men and women. The meaning of the epiphany that occurs in this gospel passage is that the "the newborn king of the Jews" is revealed to and recognized by people from far and distant lands. The appearance of mystical signs in the sky makes the point that all of creation is changed by the appearance of Christ. Because God has chosen to become human, all creation and all the people of the earth can experience the redemption he has come to bring.

Fr. Rice is Vocations Director for the Paulist Fathers.

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You are cordially invited to renew your wedding vows at

The Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Sunday, February 11, 2024, 3:00pm.



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To register contact your parish



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The origin and foundation of Christian Baptism is Jesus. Before starting his public ministry, Jesus submitted himself to the baptism given by John the Baptist. The waters did not purify him; he cleansed the waters. "He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake . . . to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water" (St. Gregory Nazianzen, Liturgy of the Hours, I, 634). Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to

die to themselves to do God's will. Jesus did not need to be baptized because he was totally faithful to the will of his Father and free from sin. However, he wanted to show his solidarity with human beings in order to reconcile them to the Father. By commanding his disciples to baptize all nations, he established the means by which people would die to sin—Original and actual—and begin to live a new life with God.

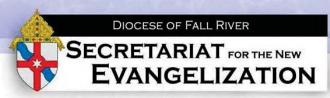
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The Family and Respect Life Office invites you to join us for the Divorced and Separated Healing Mass Sunday, January 28, 2024, 10:30am



Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption 327 2nd St, Fall River, MA 02721 with Celebrant Very. Rev. Jeffery Cabral



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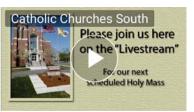
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