

# *St. Andrew the Apostle* *Taunton Catholic Church*



T H I R D  
SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come after me, and  
I will make you  
fishers of men.”

Mark 1:17

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**

**T C A M TV**— Taunton Community Access and Media Inc

**HOLY MASS :** Sunday 3:30pm Tuesday & Thursday 1:00pm

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January 21, 2024

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE**  
**WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, January 20th**

4:00pm — Ana Freitas, Moitoso & Matos Families

**Sunday, January 21st**

8:00am — Special Intention  
10:30am — Manuel Silveira, Dr Thaddeus A. Figlock — 1st Anniversary

**Monday, January 22nd**

8:00am — Firmo Faria, Idalina Silva, August Ferreira & Ana Abreu

**Tuesday, January 23rd**

8:00am — Carol Alvarnaz

**Wednesday, January 24th**

8:00am — Jeanne Linhares

**Thursday, January 25th**

8:00am — Eileen Sullivan  
6:30pm — Healing Mass

**Friday, January 26th**

8:00am — The Botelho & Faria Families, Mr & Mrs John Duarte

**Saturday, January 27th**

4:00pm — Manuel P. DaRosa, Mary LaFlamme, Jeanne M Linhares, Ligia Fernandez – Months Mind. Emily Santarpia — 1st Anniversary

**Sunday, January 28th**

8:00am — Isac Andrade, Ana Jesus Andrade & Family  
10:30am — Roger, Irene & Andrea Boivin

**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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**Sanctuary Lamp for week of**  
**January 27th**

*Emily Santarpia*

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**FIRST READING****A Reading from the First Book of Prophet Jonah**  
**Jon 3:1-5, 10**

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying: "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you."

So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD'S bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed, " when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**      **Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9**

**R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;  
teach me your paths,  
Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my savior.

**R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,  
and your love are from of old.  
In your kindness remember me,  
because of your goodness, O LORD.

**R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

Good and upright is the LORD;  
thus he shows sinners the way.  
He guides the humble to justice  
and teaches the humble his way.

**R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

**SECOND READING****A Reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**  
**1 Cor 7:29-31**

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out.

From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL****A reading from the Gospel according to Mark**  
**Mk 1:14-20**

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:

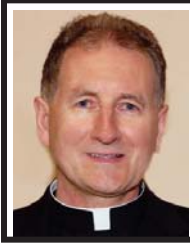
"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**





By Father Edward A. Murphy

## GOSPEL of MARK

When we listen to the words of Jesus in the gospels, or at Mass on Sundays, we see how his life was imbued with the Bible which for him was the first (what we call the old) Testament. He would have heard them prayed at home with Joseph and Mary. He would have heard them read and commented upon also in the local synagogue.

How often in his ministry did he use the words of the prophet Isaiah – in the synagogue at Nazareth when he declared fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, or in his ground-breaking Sermon on the Mount, or in his reply to John the Baptist who sent disciples to him asking him if he was the one who was to come or were they to wait for another. As he was dying on the cross the words of Psalm 22 are found on his lips.

He often used images from his Bible in his teaching. Isaiah and the psalms provided the inspiration for those words of blessing-the Beatitudes-with which he began his great sermon and which set the tone for the rest of that sermon and indeed his whole ministry.

Jesus' words and deeds transmitted by his disciples became in turn the Sacred Scriptures of Jesus' followers. The gospels and letters were gathered together to form the New Testament. Together the two parts of our Bible form a unity around the figure of Christ. Together they help us to understand the person and the mission of Christ. Together they challenge us to live lives worthy of our calling as followers of Jesus.

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

1. 'The time is fulfilled' – this is a decisive moment in the life of Jesus. His public ministry is about to begin. Recall turning points in your own life when something new happened and with hindsight you can say the time was ripe for it to happen, 'the time was fulfilled'.
2. 'Repent and believe the good news'. Jesus was not preaching a new doctrine, but calling for a change of heart, as a response to the good news of the gospel message. A new way of understanding God leads to a conversion in how we relate to God, a change of heart. A growth in awareness of who we are can lead us to a new level of self-confidence, another change of heart. Can you recall times when 'good news' led you to a change of heart?
3. The spirit of God who was at work in Jesus calling the disciples continues to work in our day and in our lives. That is why the gospel message is one of GOOD NEWS. When has your understanding of the gospel message led you to a different style of life? Who was the 'Jesus person' through whom the call came to you? To whom have you been a 'Jesus person' in this way?
4. This Sunday is called the SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD in order to emphasize the role and importance of the word of God in our lives. What has helped you to discover the Scriptures as a source of encouragement, enlightenment, and renewed faith? Is there something extra you could do now to enhance your appreciation and love of the word of God?

*Fr. Edward A. Murphy*

**WEEKLY PARISH ST. ANDREW'S SUPPORT**

Thank you for your support to our Parish family.

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

January 13th & 14th

Weekend Masses	\$ 3964.00
Fuel & Maintenance	\$ 1924.00
Annual Appeal	\$ 670.00
Candles	\$ 70.00

This week's Second Collection - will be for:  
**Snow Removal**

Next week's Second Collection - will be for:  
**Special Offering**

**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.



**Healing Mass January Schedule**

**St Andrew the Apostle**

**Thursday, January 25th**

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

Holy Mass will begin at 6:30pm.

**Faith Formation**



**ST ANDREW'S CHURCH**

**FAITH FORMATION BEGINS**

**SEPTEMBER 17th 9:10am—11:30am**  
**(includes the Holy Mass) In the CHURCH**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADES 1-8</u>	<u>CONFIRMATION</u> <u>GRADES 9-10</u>
1/21/2023	Grades 1 & 2	Grade 9
1/28/2023	Grades 3 & 4	Grade 10
2/4/2023	Grades 5 & 6	Grade 9
2/11/2023	Grades 7 & 8	Grade 10
2/18/2023	<b>NO Faith Formation Classes- PRESIDENT'S DAY</b>	
2/25/2023	Grades 1 & 2	Grade 9
3/3/2023	Grades 3 & 4	Grade 10
	<b>First Penance for Second Grade- Mandatory</b>	
3/10/2023	Grades 5 & 6	Grade 9
3/17/2023	Grades 7 & 8	Grade 10
3/23/2023	<b>Saturday-First Holy Communion Retreat</b>	



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**

**Family Rosary The Finest Wine**

*With Vigil Mass, Marriage Vow Renewal, Dinner, & Presentation*

The Finest Wine: Couples' Valentine Date Night! *YES! Wine.* Come celebrate the blessings of married life in the Lord! Set aside time together as a couple to experience a joyful and memorable evening. Meet other local married couples at this special, complimentary evening that will include **Vigil Mass & Renewal of Vows at St. Joseph Chapel at 5pm** and Dinner & Date Night at the Museum of Family Prayer from **6pm to 8pm on Saturday, February 10.** 518 Washington St., North Easton, MA 02356. Please use the QR code or the following link to RSVP by February 2: <https://qrco.de/bef6u9>.



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**Saturday, February 3, 2024**

**10 AM - Noon**

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

*Our Lady of Lourdes School* is looking to hire for the extended school day program to monitor children before and after school hours. Morning care runs from 7:00-8:30 AM and the after care runs from 3:00-5:30 PM. Both are paid positions.

If you are interested in one or both, please email Mary Turner at [mturner@ololtaunton.com](mailto:mturner@ololtaunton.com), or call the school at 508-822-3746.



**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje**

Please join Fr Murphy on his Annual Pilgrimage to Medjugorje on **May 7-16, 2024**, \$3299.00 from Boston. .

For more information visit 206Tours website <https://www.206tours.com/cms/fredwardmurphy/>

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**



A special Mass of thanksgiving will be celebrated for couples observing significant wedding anniversaries (including first year). This celebration will take place **Sunday, February 11, 2024, at 3:00pm** at St. Mary Cathedral in Fall River. For more information, please contact [lrobertson@dioc-fr.org](mailto:lrobertson@dioc-fr.org).

**THEOLOGY 101**  
By Douglas Culp



## ***THE EUCHARIST AND THE MORAL LIFE***

No one exists in isolation. Our very existence necessarily means that we are in relationship with the God who holds us in being – whether or not we want to acknowledge this. We are not solely victims of impersonal forces acting apart from us, but we are actually agents that help create these forces. The political, economic, social, environmental, technological and spiritual structures of society are the result of individual and collective human acts in relation to God, neighbor, self and creation. Individual decisions and relationships create the society in which one lives. This society then acts back upon the individual in a like manner. Thus, every human act (acts that are freely chosen and deliberate [cf. CCC 1749]) is a moral act.

### **A moral act**

If every human act is a moral act, we had better revisit how Catholic moral theology evaluates the morality of an act. Upon inspection, we learn that there are three components to every moral act: the object, the end and the circumstances. The object of an act is what is actually done. The end of an act is why the act was done or for what ultimate purpose. The circumstances consist of all other factors that have a bearing on the act. An act is only morally good, or ordered to the good, if all three components are morally good.

For example, we all have most likely heard the saying, “the ends do not justify the means.” Consider stem cell research. The “ends” for which stem cell research is undertaken are the cures of many different diseases and conditions, such as Parkinson’s disease or paralysis, respectively. These ends are certainly admirable and ordered to the good. However, to achieve these ends by means of destroying living human embryos as is done in embryonic stem

cell research renders the entire act immoral. The morality of the ends cannot compensate for the immorality of the means. An act will be morally evil if any of the three components are morally evil. Again, all three components (object, end and circumstances) must be morally good for the act itself to be morally good.

### **A view to eternity**

Human acts ordered to the good are morally good and thereby help produce further moral order. Since all goodness derives from God, who is ultimate goodness, human acts that are morally good also orient us to the eternal good, conform us to it and ultimately unite us with it. We were created freely, out of love, by God for eternal life in communion with God. From the Catholic perspective, then, every human act, which again is an act necessarily in relationship, has eternal implications. They are ordered to an end (good or bad) beyond the immediate, temporal end.

A reference we have used before is St. John Paul II’s apostolic exhortation, *Ecclesia in America*. In this work, the late pontiff described the work of the Holy Spirit as building and restoring communion. Communion is, in fact, a fruit of the Spirit in that only the Spirit can bear it forth. Communion then becomes another evaluative criteria for determining the morality of any political, social, economic, technological or environmental policy. Every decision impacts the human person’s relationship with God, neighbor, self and creation, and therefore represents a “yes” or a “no” to the greater communion humanity was destined to share eternally with God.

So, to a culture that increasingly asserts that nothing ultimately matters since there is no such thing as objective truth or that only results matter, the Catholic Church boldly proclaims, “No, everything matters (the object, the end and the circumstances) – and it matters infinitely!”

# PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE!

## JANUARY 16-24, 2024

### Prayers for Life

The over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a “throwaway culture.” However, we have great trust in God’s providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord’s help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

And while, on June 24, 2022, the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* decision overturned *Roe v. Wade*, right now state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to preborn children. So, great prayer and advocacy is still very needed.

**On January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday), the Church recognizes the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.** As individuals, we are called to observe this day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

**Join with thousands of Catholics** across the country to pray for life. For more information, and to sign up for text alerts with prayer intentions for life, please visit, [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com).

#### **9 DAYS FOR LIFE: DAILY PRAYER INTENTIONS** [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)

**Day One:** May the tragic practice of abortion end.

**Day Two:** May each person suffering from participation in abortion find forgiveness, hope, and healing in Christ.

**Day Three:** May every pregnant mother receive compassionate care and support as she nurtures the life in her womb.

**Day Four:** May every father of a preborn child lovingly support the mother of his child in welcoming new life.

**Day Five:** May every pregnant mother choosing adoption receive grace and support in embracing this loving option.

**Day Six:** May all who support or participate in abortion experience a conversion of heart to seek and receive the Lord’s boundless mercy.

**Day Seven (Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children):** May all preborn children be protected in law and welcomed in love.

**Day Eight:** May civic leaders work for the protection of all human life, in every stage and circumstance.

**Day Nine:** May all who defend life find strength and renewal in the Holy Spirit.



## Saint Agnes

DIED CIRCA 304  
FEAST DAY — JANUARY 21

**A**gnes may have been only 12 or 13 when she died a martyr's death in Rome. According to tradition, she refused to consider marrying and consecrated her maidenhood to God. When a persecution broke out, she left home and offered herself for martyrdom, probably dying by being stabbed in the throat, a common form of Roman execution. She was buried in a cemetery in the Via No mentana, where a church honoring her was built about 350. Her name and feast date were listed in a calendar of martyrs in 354. She is the patron of girls.



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## FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF PAUL THE APOSTLE JANUARY 25

When the Jewish Pharisee Saul set out from Jerusalem to Damascus, his aim was to persecute the fledgling Christian community. The dramatic story of St. Paul's miraculous conversion is told several times in the Acts of the Apostles and New Testament letters. Paul became the apostle to the Gentiles and carried Christ's message around the Roman Empire. He also shares a feast day with St. Peter on June 29. The January feast was known as the "translation" of St. Paul in the martyrology of St. Jerome; it may originally have commemorated the moving of Paul's relics. Now, it appropriately closes the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Paul is the patron saint of Greece, Malta, and the Cursillo movement.



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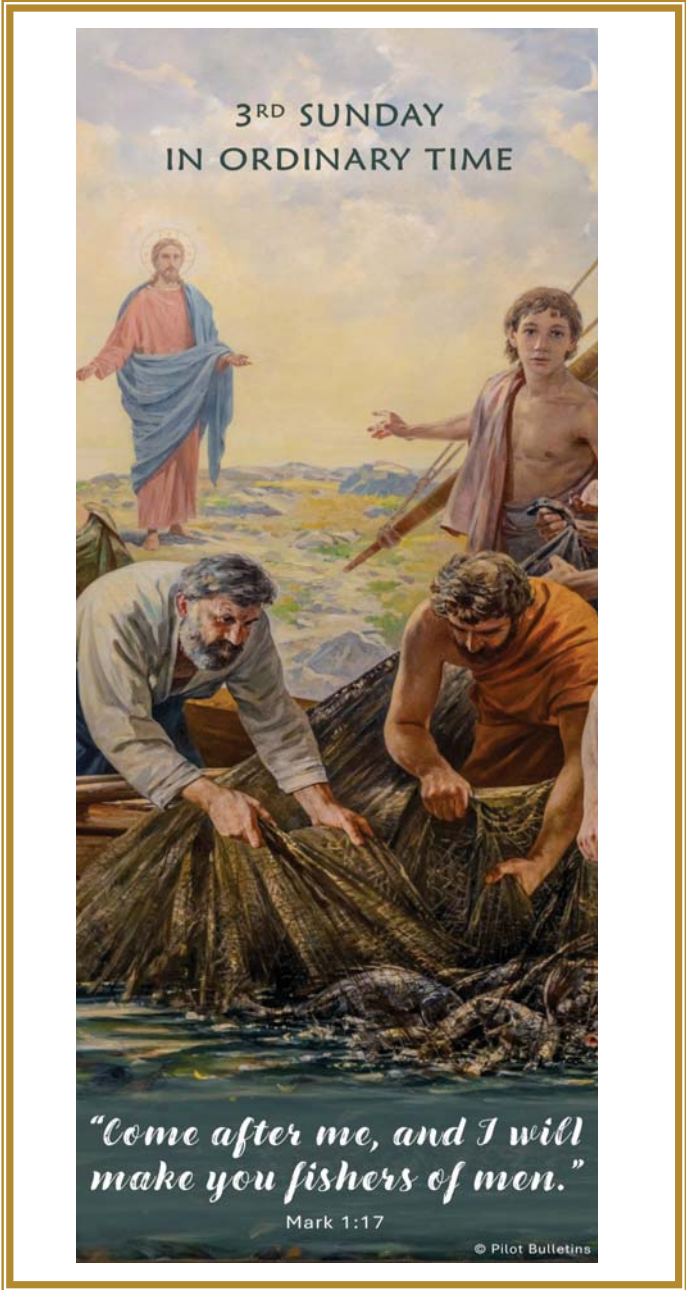
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