

# St. Andrew the Apostle Taunton Catholic Church



## Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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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January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**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

**Monday, January 29th**

8:00am — Barbara Peixoto—5th Anniversary

**Tuesday, January 30th**

8:00am — Matthew Briggs, Brian Collins

**Wednesday, January 31st**

8:00am — Jeffrey Briggs—5th Anniversary

**Thursday, February 1st**

8:00am — Thomas Horgan—5th Anniversary

**Friday, February 2nd**

8:00am — Marc de Sousa

**Saturday, February 3rd**

9:00am — Men of St Joseph  
4:00pm — Jose F, Jose M Sousa, Fontes Family,  
Tobey Alford

**Sunday, February 4th**

8:00am – Jack and Laura Camara, Jose &  
Beatriz Pimentel  
10:30am — Joanne Uva

**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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**January 27th**

*Emily Santarpia*

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**FIRST READING****A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy  
Dt 18:15-20**

Moses spoke to all the people, saying:  
 "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God,  
 raise up for you from among your own kin;  
 to him you shall listen.  
 This is exactly what you requested of the LORD,  
 your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly,  
 when you said,  
 'Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our  
 God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.'  
 And the LORD said to me, 'This was well said.  
 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from  
 among their kin, and will put my words into his  
 mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him.  
 Whoever will not listen to my words which he  
 speaks in my name, I myself will make him an-  
 swer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in  
 my name an oracle that I have not commanded  
 him to speak, or speaks in the name of other  
 gods, he shall die.'"

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9

**R. \ If today you hear his voice, harden not  
 your hearts.**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;  
 let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.  
 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
 let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

**R. \ If today you hear his voice, harden not  
 your hearts.**

Come, let us bow down in worship;  
 let us kneel before the LORD who made us.  
 For he is our God,  
 and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he  
 guides.

**R. \ If today you hear his voice, harden not  
 your hearts.**

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:  
 "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
 as in the day of Massah in the desert,  
 Where your fathers tempted me;  
 they tested me though they had seen my works."

**R. \ If today you hear his voice, harden not  
 your hearts.**

**SECOND READING****A Reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Co-  
 rinthians** 1 Cor 7:32-35

Brothers and sisters:  
 I should like you to be free of anxieties.  
 An unmarried man is anxious about the things of  
 the Lord, how he may please the Lord.  
 But a married man is anxious about the things of  
 the world, how he may please his wife, and he is  
 divided.  
 An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about  
 the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in  
 both body and spirit.  
 A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious  
 about the things of the world, how she may please  
 her husband.  
 I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to  
 impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of  
 propriety and adherence to the Lord without dis-  
 traction.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL****A reading from the Gospel according to Mark**  
Mk 1:21-28

Then they came to Capernaum,  
 and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue  
 and taught.  
 The people were astonished at his teaching,  
 for he taught them as one having authority and not  
 as the scribes.  
 In their synagogue was a man with an unclean  
 spirit;  
 he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus  
 of Nazareth?  
 Have you come to destroy us?  
 I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"  
 Jesus rebuked him and said,  
 "Quiet! Come out of him!"  
 The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud  
 cry came out of him.  
 All were amazed and asked one another,  
 "What is this?  
 A new teaching with authority.  
 He commands even the unclean spirits and they  
 obey him."  
 His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole  
 region of Galilee.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**



By Father Edward A. Murphy

## GOSPEL of MARK

### Teaching with Authority

Someone recently asked me, ‘Why do I care so much about what other people say and think about me?’ I thought about today’s gospel. We’re such funny people. Deep down we long for intimacy and authenticity but the last thing we want is to be found out, to have someone see us for who we truly are and who we are not.

We say the right things, act the right way, dress and behave the right way, even believe the right way, and all the while we are creating ourselves in the image and likeness of the unclean spirit. The irony is that those fronts we put up, those personas, keep us from having the very things we think they will gain us, things like intimacy, love, acceptance, healing, forgiveness, and authenticity. The personas offer no possibility for life to flourish and be abundant. Still, we hold on to those false voices, voices that collectively ask, ‘Have you come to destroy us?’

That is exactly what Jesus has come for. He has come to destroy. He silences our false voices. He casts out all our personas and makes us people with a clean spirit. He stands before us as the mirror image of who we can become. He calls us into our true self, the one made in the image and likeness of God. Today’s gospel is as much about calling forth as it is about casting out. They are two sides of the same coin.

The true voice and the true image are always present. That’s why the man with an unclean spirit can cry out, ‘I know who you are, the Holy One of God.’ He speaks from a deep place of knowing. His recognition of Jesus is at a profound level a recognition of himself and his own holiness. For every voice that denies that and leaves us crying, ‘What have you do to with us?’ Jesus says, ‘Shhh. Be quiet. That’s not who you are. You are mine and I have everything to do with you.’ Listen to that voice and you too will be astounded at what can become of your Life.

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

1. In this first chapter Mark familiarizes his readers with the type of things Jesus did to proclaim the kingdom, the Reign of God. Our passage today touches on two of these, the first being that ‘he taught as one having authority’. It makes a difference when you listen to someone who is clearly speaking from experience and personal knowledge. Remember people who impressed you in this way.
2. Jesus’ combined teaching with healing, and he drove the evil spirit out of the man. The power of God that worked this wonder through Jesus is also at work in and through us today. When have you been freed from some bad habit?
3. The evil spirit convulsed the man before it left him. The path to liberation can be a painful struggle. If you have found it so, who was the Jesus person that helped you through the struggle to freedom?
4. It is not only individuals but groups that can be struggling with an evil spirit – jealousy, rivalry, malicious gossiping, abuse of power, etc. Sometimes a Jesus person comes into the group and drives out that evil spirit. Have you experienced this? Perhaps you yourself have been this person on some occasion?



*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 20th & 21st

Weekend Masses	\$ 1037.00
Snow Removal	\$ 1251.00
Annual Appeal	\$ 1270.00
Candles	\$ 46.00

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

**FEAST OF ST BLAISE**



Next **Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** is the **Feast of St Blaise**, Bishop and Martyr. There will be blessing of the throats at First Saturday Mass.

**Blessing of the throats after 9:00am**

*Through the intercession of Saint Blaise,  
bishop and martyr,  
may God deliver you from every disease  
of the throat and from every other illness:  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje**

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

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**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>
1/28/2023	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>	
	<b>St. Andrew's Hall-10:00-1:00 Mandatory</b>	



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## THE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

### Men of St Joseph Meeting

**Saturday, February 3rd**  
Mass at 9:00am

Followed by Meeting and Fellowship  
All Men are welcome!



**Knights of Columbus - Chicken Parm Dinner**  
**Saturday February 17th at 5:30**

Adults \$15.00 / \$5.00 Under 12



**The Women of Faith will be meeting on**

***Thursday, February 1st at 7:00pm***  
in the parish hall.

There will be a brown bag raffle.

The Women of Faith will be having a  
**Soup-a-Bowl Sale on February 10th & 11th**

Get your soup for the big game!

\$ 5.00 a quart

### First and Second Graders learning about God's forgiveness.



## The Presentation of the Lord



The Presentation in the Temple, Alvaro Pérez Portuguese, The Met Museum

“We too are called to welcome Jesus who comes to meet us. To encounter him: the God of life is to be encountered every day of our lives; not now and then, but every day. To follow Jesus is not a decision taken once and for all, it is a daily choice.” —Pope Francis, Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, 2019

The Presentation of Jesus in the temple shows him to be the firstborn Son who belongs to the Lord. With Simeon and Anna, all Israel awaits its encounter with the Savior—the name given to this event in the Byzantine tradition. Jesus is recognized as the long-expected Messiah, the “light of the nations” and the “glory of Israel,” but also “a sign that is spoken against.” The sword of sorrow predicted for Mary announces Christ’s perfect and unique oblation on the cross that will impart the salvation of God has “prepared in the presence of all peoples” (CCC, no. 529).

## World Day for Consecrated Life

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God’s gift of their vocation.



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## Saint Blaise

**S**aint Blaise is a bishop and martyr who lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. For a time, Blaise lived in a cave to escape persecution. On his feast the church recalls a miracle cure associated with him and celebrates the blessing of the throats. Blaise apparently saved the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone. The saint said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection, thus candles are used in the traditional throat blessing. He is listed among the Fourteen Holy Helpers, saints revered as healers.

He is the patron saint of throat illnesses, animals, wool combers, and wool trading.

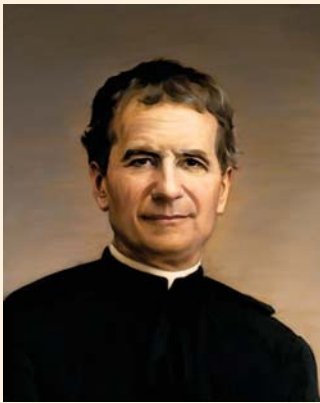
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FEAST DAY — FEBRUARY 3



## *Life of St John Bosco - Feast Day January 31*



St. John Melchior Bosco is often referred to as Don Bosco - "Don Bosco" means "Father Bosco" in Italian. Don Bosco was a man of bold courage. He was the instrument that God used to found a religious family dedicated not only to helping and educating the young and the disadvantaged but to journey with them towards heaven.

St. John Bosco was born on August 16, 1815, in the small Italian hamlet of Castelnuovo d'Asti, in northern Italy. John had two older brothers, Anthony and Joseph. Their father, Francis, died when John was still a toddler - just two years old. As a child, Johnny watched over his family's sheep.

Don Bosco recounts a dream he had. "When I was about nine years old I had a dream that left a profound impression on me for the rest of my life. I dreamed that

I was near my home, in a very large playing field where a crowd of children were having fun. Some were laughing, others were playing and quite a few were cursing. I was so shocked at their language that I jumped into their midst, swinging wildly and shouting at them to stop."

At that moment a man appeared and said 'You will have to win these friends of yours not with blows, but with gentleness and kindness.

A Lady of majestic appearance came upon the scene and said to me "This is your field, this is where you must work." John finally became a priest and met Bartholomew Garelli, a local homeless boy, on December 8, 1841. Don Bosco ended up offering Garelli and his friends' food, games, and catechism lessons. Don Bosco's work with the young grew and young men began to gather around and eventually formed the followers of Don Bosco called Salesian Priests and Brothers.

In January 1888, Don Bosco took to bed with a fever. The doctors said that his body was completely exhausted. John Bosco died on January 31, 1888. He was canonized on April 1, 1934, by Pope Pius XI.



# CHICKEN PARMESAN DINNER!



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## Date, Time & Location

Saturday, February 17, 2024 @ 5:30PM

St. Andrew the Apostle Parish Hall



## Tickets

Adults \$15.00, Children 12 and under \$5.00.

Tickets will be available after all Masses on the weekends of  
January 28th, February 4th, and 11th.

## Dinner Details

The dinner will start off with Caesar salad, then continue with Chicken Parmesan and Spaghetti or Ziti along with Green Beans and Rolls with Butter. And to top it all off Strawberry Shortcake for Dessert. We will also have a Chinese auction, with none other than our own Mike Wojcik.

For tickets or information, call Bob Crossman @ (508) 823-7920 or Mike Wojcik @ (508) 822-4254

## St. Andrew the Apostle

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