

St. Andrew the Apostle Taunton Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



So Jesus went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.
Mark 1:39

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

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February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE
WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, February 5th

8:00am — Jeffrey Lucas

Tuesday, February 6th

8:00am — Saint Rita Cassia

Wednesday, February 7th

8:00am — Dolores Grandmont

Thursday, February 8th

8:00am — Ruth Rebello

Friday, February 9th

8:00am — Lidia Narciso

Saturday, February 10th

4:00pm — Joanne Menard — 4th Anniversary

Sunday, February 11th

8:00am — Val and Bertha Winter

10:30am — Virginia Leitao

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
February 3rd

Manuel Silveira

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FIRST READING**A Reading from the Book of Job** Jb 7:1-4,6-7

Job spoke, saying:

Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?
 Are not his days those of hirelings?
 He is a slave who longs for the shade,
 a hireling who waits for his wages.
 So I have been assigned months of misery,
 and troubled nights have been allotted to me.
 If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?"
 then the night drags on;
 I am filled with restlessness until the dawn.
 My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle;
 they come to an end without hope.
 Remember that my life is like the wind;
 I shall not see happiness again.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial PsalmPs 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

Praise the LORD, for he is good;
 sing praise to our God, for he is gracious;
 it is fitting to praise him.

The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem;
 the dispersed of Israel he gathers.

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

He heals the brokenhearted
 and binds up their wounds.

He tells the number of the stars;
 he calls each by name.

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
 to his wisdom there is no limit.

The LORD sustains the lowly;
 the wicked he casts to the ground.

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

**SECOND READING****A Reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Brothers and sisters:

If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!

If I do so willingly, I have a recompense, but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my recompense?

That, when I preach, I offer the gospel free of charge so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible. To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL**A reading from the Gospel according to Mark** Mk 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John.

Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever.

They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them.

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons.

The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him.

Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."

So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord.



By Father Edward A. Murphy

GOSPEL of MARK

Everyone loves it when Jesus shows up. His presence makes a difference. Things happen. The sick are cured. Demons are cast out. Lives are changed. This is true not only for the people of Capernaum in Jesus' time but also for us here and now. He comes to our house as surely as he went to the house of Simon and Andrew.

I know an alcoholic who says that one day he prayed and Jesus removed from him the compulsion to drink. He has been sober ever since. I remember a man who had a vision of Jesus reaching out and taking him by the hand. I have heard men and women tell the story of how Jesus called them into the priesthood. Some have told me about experiences of calmness and peace that came from Jesus' presence. Others tell how his strength and grace carried you through days you were sure you could not survive. Several years ago I spent the night in a hospital with a man waiting and watching for his wife to die. It was a holy death; nothing short of miraculous. I know people who have wept for joy and gratitude in the presence of Christ. There are lots of people who get together in a group each week and tell about their 'moment closest to Christ.'

What happens, though, when we awaken to find ourselves in the nighttime of life? You know as well as I that there are times when life is just plain hard. We don't get our way. Things happen that we never wanted to have happen. Faith is difficult and its results are not so tangible. In those times it seems as if there is only darkness and Jesus is nowhere to be seen.

Regardless of how dark it may seem Jesus never leaves us. He may withdraw but that does not mean he is absent. His withdrawing is in reality an invitation for us to move to a new place, to the deserted place. He calls us out of the comfort of the house into the vulnerability of the wilderness. It is a deserted and desolate place; a place where there is only prayer.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel:

This passage tells three stories to illustrate the various dimensions of the life and ministry of Jesus. There is food for thought in each of them.

1. The first story is one of healing. You might reflect on times when you were sick in body, mind or spirit and someone was a 'Jesus person' to you, someone who 'took you by the hand and lifted you up'. Remember them with gratitude. Have there been times also when you did this for others?
2. The second story adds another dimension. People are freed from demons. Have you had the experience of being freed from demons that imprisoned you: fear, anxiety, guilt, low self-esteem, addictions, bitterness, etc.? What was it like for you to get that freedom? Who were the 'Jesus people' who helped to free you?
3. The third story has a number of different elements we can consider
 - a) Jesus goes off to a desert place to pray. After a hectic day he felt the need for quiet to ground himself once more. In the busyness of life how do you keep in touch with what is going on inside yourself? How do you keep in touch with God? Where do you find your 'deserted place'? What difference does it make for you when you do succeed in taking time out?
 - b) Jesus shows himself as a person seeking to break new ground. The disciples want him to continue ministry where he is. He wants to move on. What has been your experience of breaking new ground, moving beyond your comfort zone, or trying something you had not tried before? When has this had a life-giving effect for you?

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 27th & 28th

Weekend Masses	\$ 3472.00
Special Offering	\$ 1179.00
Annual Appeal	\$ 650.00
Candles	\$ 63.00
Faith Formation Fee	\$ 75.00
Magnificat	\$ 15.00

This week's Second Collection - will be for:
Church Heating & Electric

Next week's Second Collection - will be for:
Diocesan Assessment

REMEMBER in PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers

Eugene Lavigne

James Murphy

James Ronald Souza

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

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/>

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>
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	Grade 9
3/3/2023	Grades 3 & 4	Grade 10
	First Penance for Second Grade- Mandatory	
3/10/2023	Grades 5 & 6	Grade 9
3/17/2023	Grades 7 & 8	Grade 10
3/23/2023	Saturday-First Holy Communion Retreat	
	St. Andrew's Hall-10:00-1:00 Mandatory	



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.

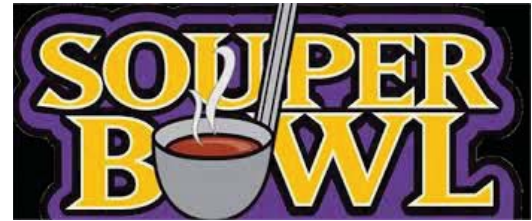
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Knights of Columbus - Chicken Parm Dinner
Saturday February 17th at 5:30

Adults \$15.00 / \$5.00 Under 12

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

Get your soup for the big game!

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Sunday, February 4th at 6:00p.m.

'The Sound of Freedom' PG 13. 2hr15 min

FREE admission - All are invited.

Bring a snack and a friend

Coffee and water provided

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Last Sunday's Candles Sale sold out!



Thank you to all who supported this sale.

There is an order form available at the entrances if you would still like to purchase candles.



Healing Mass January Schedule

St Anne's Shrine

Thursday February 15th

St Andrew the Apostle

Thursday, February 22nd

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

Holy Mass will begin at 6:30pm.



Tax contribution reports for 2023 will be available upon request. You can contact the rectory or email the parish office and the form will be prepared as soon as possible.



Diocese of Fall River
Office of Clergy Support

OUR PRIESTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE: STORIES OF POSITIVE IMPACT BY OUR PRIESTS

Our priests make a tremendous difference in our Diocese and in our lives as Catholics. That positive impact is extraordinary at times, like when a priest acts in the Person of Christ in the Sacraments, or when a priest visits us and our family during times of sickness or great need, or when a priest leads multiple parishes or assignments. Other times, the positive impact is felt in smaller yet profound ways, such as when a priest offers us a word of encouragement, or preaches an impactful homily, or takes the time to visit with our parish groups and ministries.

Whether in extraordinary or small yet profound ways, our priests make a great difference, and ***the Diocese would like to hear these stories of positive impact*** in order to encourage our priests in their divine vocation and on their path of holiness.

To that end, and out of a spirit of gratitude and encouragement for our priests, the Diocese is asking you to submit stories or experiences of when a priest has impacted you, your parish, or your institution. These stories can be big or small, and we encourage you to ***continue submitting your stories of impact both now and in the future.***



THREE WAYS TO SUBMIT STORIES OF POSITIVE IMPACT

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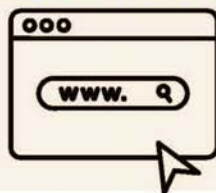
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Matt Robinson
Diocese of Fall River
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"One of the realities of life is that we tend to take people and things for granted. We tend to take for granted those we love and those for whom we should show appreciation. This program invites us to do just the opposite, to recognize the small or big differences our priests have made in our lives. I am sure we can all find some small actions that have impacted our lives. So, let us make it known."
~Bishop Edgar da Cunha, Bishop of Fall River

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MONDAYS



Miraculous Medal Novena

The Miraculous Medal Novena has been held every Monday for 80 years!



WEDNESDAYS



DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR PRAYER GROUP

Divine Mercy Holy Hour for the Sick and Dying

Wednesday at 6:00pm

Jesus said to Saint Faustina:

“Write that when they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between MY FATHER and the Dying Person. Not as the Just Judge, but as the Merciful Savior. Diary 1541.



FRIDAYS



Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle

Laity Prayer Group praying for Priests
meets Fridays 1:00pm—2:00pm

St Joseph’s Adoration Chapel

All are welcome !

1ST SATURDAY



The Men of St Joseph meet every First Saturday of the Month.

Beginning with 9:00am Mass followed by a meeting in the parish hall for fellowship, discussion and light refreshments.

All men are invited to attend

DAILY



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St Joseph’s Chapel

Daily 7:00am to 7:00pm

Come and Adore the Lord!

“Could you not watch one hour with me?”

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

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SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

Feast Day: February 8th



A PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

Saint Josephine Bakhita, you were sold into slavery as a child and endured untold hardship and suffering. Once liberated from your physical enslavement, you found true redemption in your encounter with Christ and his Church.

O Saint Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free.

Provide comfort to survivors of slavery and let them look to you as an example of hope and faith. Help all survivors find healing from their wounds.

We ask for your prayers and intercessions for those enslaved among us.

Amen.

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