

# St. Andrew the Apostle Taunton Catholic Church

*Sixth  
Sunday in  
Ordinary  
Time*

*"If you wish,  
you can make  
me clean."*

*Mark 1:40*



*Healing*

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 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**Saturday, February 10th**

4:00pm — Joanne Menard — 4th Anniversary

**Sunday, February 11th**

8:00am — Val and Bertha Winter

10:30am — Virginia Leitao

**Monday, February 12th**

8:00am — John Manuel Costa

**Tuesday, February 13th**

8:00am — Kevin P. Fahay—8th Anniversary

**Wednesday, February 14th—Ash Wednesday**

8:00am — Parishioners Living &amp; Deceased

6:30pm — Parishioners Living &amp; Deceased

**Thursday, February 15th**

8:00am — Laura &amp; Joaquim Camara Sr

**Friday, February 16th**8:00am — Jorge & Anne Botelho, Mr & Mrs  
Antonio Araujo and Children**Saturday, February 17th**4:00pm — Isac & Ana Jesus Andrade, Deceased  
Family members**Sunday, February 18th**8:00am — Zulmira & Maria Martins, Maria &  
John Andrade

10:30am — Joao &amp; Maria Duarte



**Sanctuary Lamp for week of**  
**February 10th**

*Jeanne Linhares*

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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 Book of Leviticus****Lv 13:1-2, 44-46**

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron,  
 “If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule  
 or blotch which appears to be the sore of leprosy,  
 he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest,  
 or to one of the priests among his descendants.  
 If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest  
 shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore  
 on his head.

“The one who bears the sore of leprosy  
 shall keep his garments rent and his head bare,  
 and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out,  
 ‘Unclean, unclean!’

As long as the sore is on him he shall declare  
 himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean.  
 He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside  
 the camp.”

**Thanks be to God.****Responsorial Psalm****Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11**

**R.** I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,  
 and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Blessed is he whose fault is taken away,  
 whose sin is covered.  
 Blessed the man to whom the LORD imputes  
 not guilt,  
 in whose spirit there is no guile.

**R.** I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,  
 and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
 my guilt I covered not.  
 I said, “I confess my faults to the LORD,”  
 and you took away the guilt of my sin.

**R.** I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,  
 and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you just;  
 exult, all you upright of heart.

**R.** I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,  
 and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

**SECOND READING****A Reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians****1 Cor 10:31—11:1**

Brothers and sisters,  
 Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,  
 do everything for the glory of God.  
 Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or  
 Greeks or the church of God, just as I try to  
 please everyone in every way, not seeking my  
 own benefit but that of the many, that they may  
 be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.****GOSPEL****A reading from the Gospel according to Mark****Mk 1:40-45**

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down  
 begged him and said, “If you wish, you can  
 make me clean.”

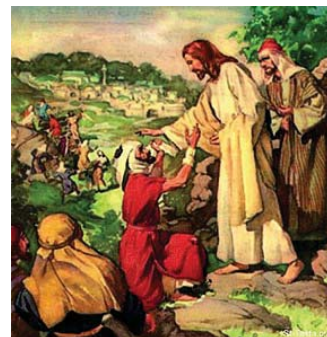
Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand,  
 touched him, and said to him,  
 “I do will it. Be made clean.”

The leprosy left him immediately, and he was  
 made clean.

Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at  
 once.

He said to him, “See that you tell no one any-  
 thing, but go, show yourself to the priest  
 and offer for your cleansing what Moses pre-  
 scribed; that will be proof for them.”

The man went away and began to publicize the  
 whole matter. He spread the report abroad  
 so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a  
 town openly. He remained outside in deserted  
 places, and people kept coming to him from  
 everywhere.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**





By Father Edward A. Murphy

## GOSPEL of MARK

### The Compassion of God

Through the humanity of Jesus, God has reached out his hand and touched us; all of us, in principle. Through the human heart of Jesus especially, that heart which was pierced by a lance, we have immediate access to God's infinite and eternal love.

The outstretched hand of Jesus continues to touch us in our daily lives. Above all, and most directly, we meet that touch in the sacraments of the Church: in sacramental absolution, and in holy communion. But we meet it in other ways too: in our prayer; in our holy reading; in the Saints; in other people. Sometimes we find ourselves being used as instruments of that divine touch for others.

166 years ago today the touch of God was expressed by an apparition of his holy Mother. On 11 February 1858, the 14-year-old Bernadette first saw our Lady in the grotto at Lourdes. On that occasion the Lady, or as Bernadette spoke of her, the girl, said nothing at all. What was utterly unforgettable about her was that she was so beautiful. She smiled at Bernadette and invited her gesture to pray. Only in the sixteen apparition did the young lady respond to Bernadette's repeated request for her name: I am the Immaculate Conception.

And from that day to this the crowds have flocked to Lourdes. Many healings of the sick, unexplained by medical science, have taken place there. But also: many sick people go to Lourdes who are not cured. Still they go because Lourdes is a holy place. People are converted there; they find prayer flows easily; they experience the blessing of God and of Mary there somehow more directly. Lourdes points people firmly in the direction of heaven, and they come away consoled and refreshed.

'If you will, said the leper, you can make me clean.' God does will.

Lord, touch and cleanse my whole life: that I may be ever more open to receive your love, and to give it back, now and forever.

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

1. Jesus' compassion for people suffering was an outstanding characteristic of his ministry. We see the healing power of God at work through him. Recall times when the compassion of others has had a healing effect on you. Remember also when your compassion towards someone in trouble brought them hope, healing or strength.
2. 'If you choose, you can make me clean'. Our choice is a key factor in how we affect others. We cannot choose to have no impact on the people in our lives. Even a choice to do nothing has an effect. When have you been particularly aware of the importance of your choice to be a positive influence on another?
3. Lepers were forced to live away from others. The leper's cure meant that he was also readmitted to contact with the community. Perhaps you recall people who were once ostracized being brought back into family or community. Who was the Jesus person who helped this healing to take place?
4. The joy of the leper on being healed was such that he could not keep the good news to himself. Bring to mind occasions when you were filled with good news that you could not keep it to yourself.

*Ash*  
**WEDNESDAY**  
*service*

**ASH Wednesday, February 14th**

**Ashes distributed at**

**Masses: 8:00am and 6:30pm**

*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

February 3rd & 4th

Weekend Masses	\$ 4098.00
Church Heating & Electric	\$ 1851.00
Annual Appeal	\$ 545.00
Candles	\$ 137.00
Faith Formation Fee	\$ 180.00
Magnificat	\$ 20.00

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

Next week's Second Collection - will be for:  
**Liturgical Expenses**

## 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 GRADES 9-10</u>
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>	



### **REMEMBER in PRAYER**

Please remember in your prayers

*Eileen Sullivan*

Who's funeral Masses was 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. .

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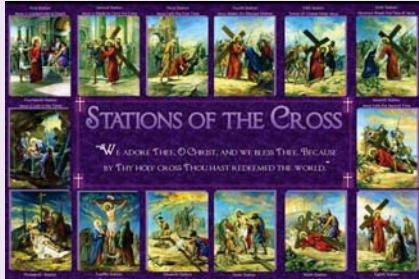


There will be an altar server training classes for new students ages 8 and older.

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

**Please fill out and return.**

## A Journey Through Lent



### Fridays in Lent

Rosary and Divine Mercy at 5:00pm

Stations of the Cross at 5:30pm

### Law of Abstinence

1. Those who are 14 years of age and older are obliged to observe the law of abstinence.
2. On days of abstinence, those bound by the law abstain from meat.
3. **On all Fridays of Lent**, abstinence is prescribed. This, of course, includes Good Friday. Abstinence is also prescribed on Ash Wednesday.



The Women of Faith will be having a **Soup-a-Bowl Sale** this weekend after all Masses **February 10th & 11th**

Get your soup for the big game!  
\$ 5.00 a quart



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.  
standrewtaunton@comcast.net.

## SAVE THE DATE!

# PENNY SALE

The Penny Sale on Saturday, April 27th

We are accepting donations of **NEW** items. Items can be left on the bench outside the parish office.

Any questions, contact Kathy Duarte at 508-822-5455



### Healing Mass February 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.

## Prayer : To Expel All Evil Forces

With the intercession of St Michael,  
Our Blessed Mother and all the Saints  
And Angels free from sin.

I command in the name of almighty  
God, and in the name of Jesus Christ  
His Son who shed his blood on Calvary  
For all human beings.

I command all the evil forces to be  
Expelled right now into the recesses  
Of Hell never again to attach themselves  
or torment us in any way.

Amen.





# A Journey Through Lent

**Monday's 7:00pm** — Miraculous Medal Novena

**Wednesday's 6:00pm** — Divine Mercy Holy Hour

**Friday's 5:00pm** — Rosary and Divine Mercy  
**5:30pm** — Stations of the Cross

**Daily Mass** — 8:00am

**Confession** — Before or after Masses

**Healing Mass** — Thursday, February 22nd & March 14th

**Men of St Joseph**—First Saturday of the Month

**St Joseph's Adoration Chapel** — Daily 7:00am to



**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS XXXII**  
**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 11 February 2024**

“It is not good that man should be alone”.

Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships

“It is not good that man should be alone” (cf. Gen 2:18). From the beginning, God, who is love, created us for communion and endowed us with an innate capacity to enter into relationship with others. Our lives, reflecting in the image of the Trinity, are meant to attain fulfilment through a network of relationships, friendships and love, both given and received. We were created to be together, not alone. Precisely because this project of communion is so deeply rooted in the human heart, we see the experience of abandonment and solitude as something frightening, painful and even inhuman. This is all the more the case at times of vulnerability, uncertainty and insecurity, caused often by the onset of a serious illness.

In this regard, I think of all those who found themselves terribly alone during the Covid-19 pandemic: the patients who could not receive visitors, but also the many nurses, physicians and support personnel overwhelmed by work and enclosed in isolation wards. Naturally, we cannot fail to recall all those persons who had to face the hour of their death alone, assisted by healthcare personnel, but far from their own families.

We do well to listen once more to the words of the Bible: “It is not good for man to be alone!” God spoke those words at the beginning of creation and thus revealed to us the profound meaning of his project for humanity, but at the same time, the mortal wound of sin, which creeps in by generating suspicions, fractures, divisions and consequently isolation. Sin attacks persons and all their relationships: with God, with themselves, with others, with creation. Such isolation causes us to miss the meaning of our lives; it takes away the joy of love and makes us experience an oppressive sense of being alone at all the crucial passages of life.

Brothers and sisters, the first form of care needed in any illness is compassionate and loving closeness. To care for the sick thus means above all to care for their relationships, all of them: with God, with others – family members, friends, healthcare workers – , with creation and with themselves. Can this be done? Yes, it can be done and all of us are called to ensure that it happens. Let us look to the icon of the Good Samaritan (cf. Lk 10:25-37), to his ability to slow down and draw near to another person, to the tender love with which he cares for the wounds of a suffering brother.

Let us remember this central truth in life: we came into the world because someone welcomed us; we were made for love; and we are called to communion and fraternity. This aspect of our lives is what sustains us, above all at times of illness and vulnerability. It is also the first therapy that we must all adopt in order to heal the diseases of the society in which we live.

To those of you who experience illness, whether temporary or chronic, I would say this: Do not be ashamed of your longing for closeness and tenderness! Do not conceal it, and never think that you are a burden on others. The condition of the sick urges all of us to step back from the hectic pace of our lives in order to rediscover ourselves.

At this time of epochal change, we Christians in particular are called to adopt the compassion-filled gaze of Jesus. Let us care for those who suffer and are alone, perhaps marginalized and cast aside. With the love for one another that Christ the Lord bestows on us in prayer, especially in the Eucharist, let us tend the wounds of solitude and isolation. In this way, we will cooperate in combating the culture of individualism, indifference and waste, and enable the growth of a culture of tenderness and compassion.

The sick, the vulnerable and the poor are at the heart of the Church; they must also be at the heart of our human concern and pastoral attention. May we never forget this! And let us commend ourselves to Mary Most Holy, Health of the Sick, that she may intercede for us and help us to be artisans of closeness and fraternal relationships.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 10 January 2024

## St. Andrew the Apostle

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