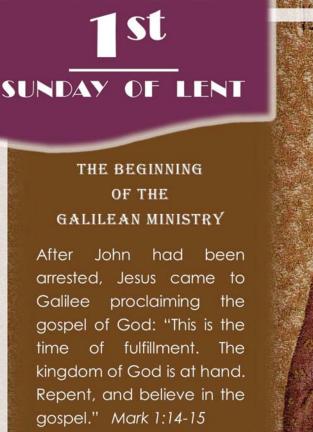
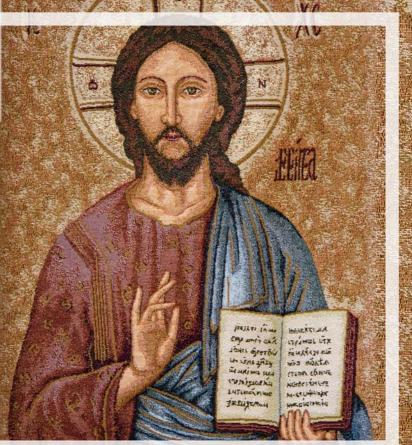
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ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Saturday, February 17th</u> 4:00pm — Isac & Ana Jesus Andrade, Deceased Family Members

Sunday, February 18th

8:00am — Zulmira & Maria Martins, Maria & John Andrade 10:30am — Joao & Maria Duarte

Monday, February 19th

8:00am — Botelho Family, Faria Family, Mr. & Mrs. John Duarte

Tuesday, February 20th 8:00am — Carol Alvarnaz

Wednesday, February 21st 8:00am — Walter O. Cahoon

Thursday, February 22nd 8:00am — Firmo Faria, Idalina Silva, August Ferreira. Ana Abreau 6:30pm — Healing Mass

Friday, February 23rd 8:00am — Jeffrey Briggs, Matthew Briggs, Brian Collins

<u>Saturday, February 24th</u> 4:00pm — Muriel E. Cusack, Manuel Mendonce, Eugene Lavigne, James Ronald Souza

Sunday, February 25th

8:00am — Lidia Narciso 10:30am — Timothy Roberts 10th Anniversary



Sanctuary Lamp for week of February 17th

Edward S. Sikorski

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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.

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

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FIRST READING

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Gn 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you

and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark.

I will establish my covenant with you,

that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth."

God added:

"This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you

and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds,

I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11

R.\ Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

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.\ Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

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.\ Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

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

R.\ Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

SECOND READING

A Reading from the First Book of St. Peter <u>1 Pt 3:18-22</u>

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

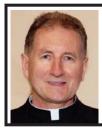
<u>Mk 1:12-15</u>

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.





By Father Edward A. Murphy

GOSPEL of MARK

Hope in the Wilderness

Seeing Jesus tempted here helps us to understand his full humanity. God made God suffer so that we could relate to Him. Each of us struggles with temptation daily, and it is standard to often feel alone in that battle. In this passage, the 'wilderness' and 'beasts' are metaphorical representations of the chaos and obstacles which impede on us as we stumble through life, bearing our burdens. The ability to turn to scripture and see Jesus facing the same difficulties is a comforting reminder that we are not alone in our struggles. In Jesus' example, in fact, we find that the wilderness is not a place to be feared, but one of great hope! It is a place to of revelation and of intimacy. In our darkest moments, when we are alone and most in need of God, he appears to us. Yes, Jesus was by himself among beasts, exhausted from battling Satan's temptations, but at the same time '...the angels ministered to [Jesus].' God was on his side, and for this reason, Jesus emerged from the wilderness in proclamation!

This is the beauty of this succinct passage: it wraps up the purpose of Lent in eight brief lines. Jesus remained in a dark place, confronting his temptations vulnerably, in the fullness of his humanity, for 40 days. So, too, do we begin that journey now. Angels ministered to Jesus throughout this battle. We, too, are reminded that we are never alone in our struggles. God reaches out to us in intimacy, yearning to create, heal, and nourish His personal relationship with each of us, especially within our darkest moments. After 40 days of restless confrontation, Jesus returned to Galilee, proclaiming the Good News to all who would hear it: 'Repent, and believe in the Gospel.' We pay heed to this advice when participating intentionally in the Lenten season, and we pray that as we work on ourselves, we experience intimacy with God in the wilderness. At this, our hearts will be transformed in a way which sends us off in proclamation — firm in both our faith and our desire to share it!

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel:

1. Jesus is about to start his public ministry. Mark tells us this was preceded by a deep inner struggle when his resolve to take on his Godgiven mission was tested. Recall important decisions in your own life. Were they accompanied by struggle and doubt? Who were the angels who supported you at that time? Give thanks for them.

2. Such periods of anxiety may seem like wilderness experiences at the time. Later, with hindsight, we may see them as being good for us. Perhaps, like Jesus, you recall a time when the Spirit of God led you into the wilderness to be tested and after the experience you had a clearer sense of your own identity or your purpose in life.

3. *Repent and believe the good news* was the heart of the message of Jesus. It was not a call to penance but to a change of heart, a change of attitude, leading to a change in behavior. The kingdom of God is a kingdom of right relationships: with God, with one another, with creation, with ourselves. It is a change that leads to a fuller life. When have you found that a change in your attitude towards God, others, yourself, or the world around you, has led you to a more fulfilled or more fruitful life?

4. There is an immediacy about the call of Jesus: 'the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near'. Recall when you had a realization that NOW was the moment of opportunity – for a change in your life, for a spiritual renewal, or a time to give a wholehearted yes to life. At this moment to what do you believe you are invited to say 'yes'?

Fr. Edward A. Mufly

WEEKLY PARISH ST. ANDREW'S SUPPORT

Thank you for your support to our Parish family.

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<u>February 10th & 11th</u>

Weekend Masses	\$ 3,899.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 2,158.00
Annual Appeal	\$ 250.00
Candles	\$ 64.00

This week's Second Collection - will be for:

Liturgical Expenses

Next week's Second Collection - will be for:

Fuel & Maintenance

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.



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Healing Mass February Schedule

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.

It will include praying individually in front of the monstrance and conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome.



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

FAITH FORMATION BEGINS

SEPTEMBER 17th 9:10am—11:30am

DATE	GRADES 1-8	CONFIRMATION		
DATE	GRADES 1-0			
	GRADES 9-10			
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	3 Saturday-First Holy			
Communion Retreat				
St. Andrew's Hall 10:00 1:00 Mandatowy				

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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.

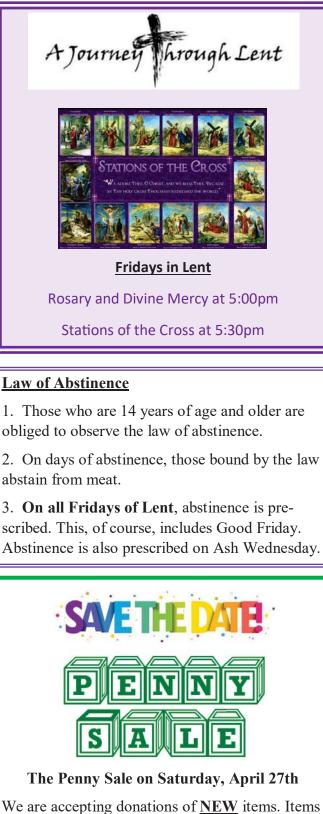
Please fill out and return.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

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

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

Office of Clergy Support Our Priests Make a Difference: Stories of Positive Impact

The Diocese of Fall River Clergy Support Office has begun a new initiative, "Our Priests Make a Difference: Stories of Positive Impact." People across the Diocese are being asked to submit stories of ways that they have been positively impacted by our priests. These stories will be used to show our gratitude for priests and to encourage them in their vocation and will be sent privately to the pertaining clergy. If they were to ever be used publicly, the submitter would not be named. If you would like to submit stories of how a priest has positively impacted you, your family, or your parish/ institution, please visit www.fallriverclergysupport.org or email Matt Robinson, Director of Clergy Support, at mrobinson@dioc-fr.org





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.





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



Diocese of Fall River Office of the Bishop Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D.

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people." ~1 Timothy 2:1

Wednesday, February 14, begins another Lenten season and how appropriate it should begin on a day associated with love. No act in history showed greater love for another as Jesus' dying upon the Cross for the salvation of our souls. As we read in St. John's Gospel, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (15:13).

Every Lent we are encouraged to participate in some way in the three tenets of Lent - prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (charity). St. Paul reminds us of the important role God has placed upon prayer in the life of the faithful. "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now" (Philippians 1:3–5).

This year I would like to propose something that gives those acts even more meaning this Lent. What if we each choose three special intentions for which every prayer, every sacrifice, and every act of charity was offered.

Imagine the fruit of these 40-plus days if we focused our attention upon those things we most desire for our family, our community, our nation, or even our world! I recommend writing down your three most important intentions, and each day spending time in prayer with the Lord asking for His graces in each situation or circumstance.

Again, I draw inspiration and encouragement for my Lenten message from St. Paul, who writes, "we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:9–10).

As you proceed throughout your day, as you help others, as you pray, or abstain from either meat or whatever penitential offering you are making this Lent, do so purposely attaching your prayer, your sacrifice, your penance, your act of charity for those intentions. Ask the Lord to take any merit or grace found in these Lenten moments toward your three special intentions.

Remember, there is no greater love we can show others by denying our own needs and desires, and offering our work, sacrifices, prayer, and charity for the good of another. Turning once more to leave you with the wisdom of St. Paul, "We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thessalonians 1:2–3)

May your 2024 Lent be like no other as you journey thorough these 40 days with prayerful purpose and renewed hope. Please know my prayers are with you all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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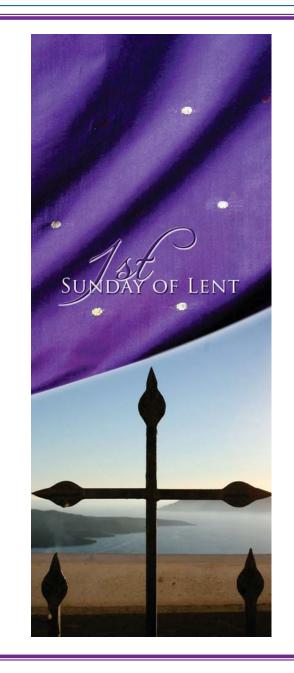


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