# St. Andrew the Apostle Taunton Catholic Church



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 : <u>Sunday 3:30pm Tuesday & Thursday 1:00pm</u> COMCAST CHANNEL : 15 VERIZON CHANNEL : 22



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#### ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

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

#### Sunday, February 25th

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

Monday, February 26th 8:00am — Jose Rocha

<u>Tuesday, February 27th</u> 8:00am — Valdonira & Manuel Pereira

Wednesday, February 28th 8:00am — Barbara Peixoto

Thursday, February 29th 8:00am — Amos Crossman

Friday, March 1st 8:00am — Ruth Rebello

Saturday, March 2nd 4:00pm — Marc De Sousa

Sunday, March 3rd 8:00am — Jacinto & Maria Rodrigues' 15th Anniversary 10:30am — Elisa Soures

#### Sanctuary Lamp for week of February 24th



Jacinto & Maria Rodrigues

#### Parish Office

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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

#### HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE



With elevator

#### FIRST READING

#### A Reading from the Book of Genesis <u>Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18</u>

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!"

"Here I am!" he replied.

Then God said:

"Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you."

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son.

But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!"

"Here I am!" he answered.

"Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him.

I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son."

As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son.

Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said:

"I swear by myself, declares the LORD,

that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son,

I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore;

your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies,

and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing—

all this because you obeyed my command."

#### Thanks be to God.



#### **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

# **R**.\ I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

I believed, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted." Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

## **R**.\ I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your handmaid; you have loosed my bonds. To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the LORD.

# **R**.\ I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

My vows to the LORD I will pay in the presence of all his people, In the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

# **R.**\ I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

#### SECOND READING

#### A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

#### Rom 8:31b-34

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?

It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised who also is at the right hand of God,

who indeed intercedes for us.

#### Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL**

#### A reading from the Gospel according to Mark



Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

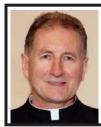
As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone,

except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

The Gospel of the Lord.



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By Father Edward A. Murphy

#### **GOSPEL** of MARK

#### **The Process of Transformation**

The story of The Transfiguration is one of the highlights of Jesus' revelation as the Son of God. Previously, Jesus mentioned His death and resurrection which the apostles, especially Peter, could hardly comprehend. They were getting confused because their expectation of Jesus as the Messiah was starting to fail. Then they witnessed the dazzling light in Jesus' Transfiguration and their spirit was once again lifted up.

This is one of the rewards of a believer, the opportunity to see the glory of God even in glimpses. Anyone who has received the Holy Spirit will attest to feelings that one is on 'top of a mountain' or on cloud nine no matter how fleeting that feeling may be. When you have that experience, you can say, like Peter, that 'it is good to be here.' Yet we have to admit that the life of a believer is not 'a magic carpet ride.' In fact, to live as a true witness means to carry our cross all the way to Calvary. Our badge as believers is the cross. That is why, even as we go up the 'high mountain' once in a while and experience real joy and peace, we go down and live in the valley of tears and darkness most of the time. It is in this valley where we are transfigured, where the Lord transformed us painfully and joyfully at the same time.

This process of transformation will only be successful and a lot easier if we constantly listen to God's beloved Son. Like the apostles, we may not totally comprehend what Jesus is telling us. We may not fully understand what is going on in the valley, but thanks to the story of the Transfiguration we have some help. The Transfiguration of Jesus gives us hope, just as the apostles discovered, that as we journey through the ups and downs of life, we will one day see the full display of God's glory. On that day, we will regain our very own image – the image of our creator.

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

*1*. Some special spiritual experiences are well nigh impossible to describe in words. The Transfiguration was one of these. Jesus had a new and deeper insight into his relationship with his heavenly Father, one that would sustain him through what lay ahead of him. Have you had WOW moments that you found hard to describe to others? How have these sustained you in difficult times?

2. It can be both scary and wonderful to witness transformation in another, especially a person who is close. At times parents get a taste of this when a child's talent blossoms and is recognized by the child. We may also experience it when a dear friend recognizes s/ he is in a blind alley and gives up an addiction.

3. 'This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him.' Peter, James and John were particularly close to Jesus, but they were not good at listening to Jesus, especially when he spoke of the painful road of servant discipleship. Jesus is the one we must listen to, even when his message is hard to hear. It is in this message we find life. When have you found this to be true?

4. Strangely this instruction came to the disciples when they were confused and 'in a cloud'. Perhaps you recall a moment of insight coming to you at a time when you were confused.



Fr. Edward A. Mufly

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

Thank you for your support to our Parish family.

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#### February 10th & 11th

Weekend Masses	\$ 3,498.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 1,457.00
Liturgical Expenses	\$ 1,380.00
Candles	\$ 84.00

This week's Second Collection - will be for:

#### Fuel & Maintenance

Next week's Second Collection - will be for:

#### **Diocesan Assessment**



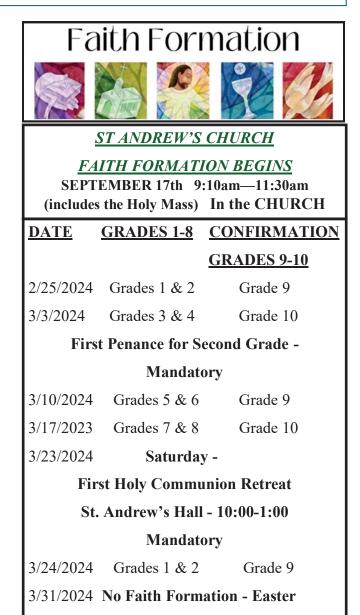
Tax contribution reports for 2023 will be available upon request. You can contact the rectory or email the parish office and the form will be prepared as soon as possible. standrewtaunton@comcast.net.

#### 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/

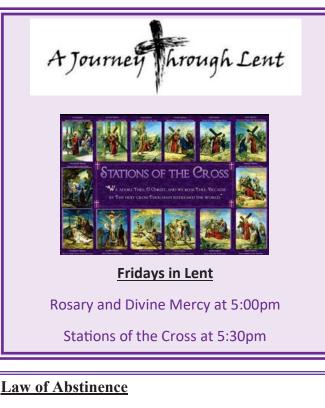






There will be altar server training classes for new students ages 8 and older, starting March 3rd.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming an altar server, there are forms available in the Sacristy. Please fill out and return.



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.



We are accepting donations of <u>NEW</u> items. Items can be left on the bench outside the parish office.

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







### CHOWDER & FRITTER FUNDRAISER

DATE: Friday, March 22, 2024 @ 6:15PM-7:15PM LOCATION: St. Andrew the Apostie Parish Hall TICKET PRICE: \$12 Adults, \$6 Children Tickets will be available after the Masses on the weekends of March 3rd, 10th and 17th.





Don't know what to cook for Friday night? Tired of fish and chips? Come join us for our annual Chowder and Fritter Friday! We will be serving Clam Chowder and Fritters, and then try your luck at our 50/50 cash raffle. It should be a fun night for all.



For more information contact Robert Crossman at 508-823-7920 or Mike Wocjik 508-822-4254.

The Kaufman Family at Chicken Parm Dinner, hosted by he Knights of Columbus.

Parents Christopher and Kristen Kauffman Children: Aurelia, Cecilia, Oberen, and Maximus





Michael Wojcik

St. Andrew the Apostle

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Fr Edward A. Murphy, Pastor

### **Priests of LaSalette Shrine, Part-Time**

#### CHURCH STAFF

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#### Announcement

Feeling Anxious or Sad? The Mental Health Ministry of Catholic Charities Diocese of Fall River in partnership with Hope Catholic Charities USA. offers a FREE chat service that provides encouragement and strategies on how to manage everyday stress and anxiety using Chatbot technology. Simply text "Hi" to Hope at 1-202-949-7249 to get instant support or visit https//www.facebook.com/HopeCCUSA Start Code: CCAOKC. Hope is confidential, private and available 24/7. Proven, faith-based, emotional and mental support service. Hope offers proven technology to offer custom mental health help when and where you need it. She is used by over 13 million users worldwide. Hope does NOT diagnose illnesses and is not meant to replace trained professionals. Hope is NOT intended for crisis interventions. If a text suggests an escalation to crisis (such as mention of death, suicide, or domestic violence), users may get a phone call from a LIVE human counselor for additional support and to explore resources and options to help them. For more information about Hope or the Mental Health Ministry, contact Jack Weldon (jweldon@ccfrdioc.org) or Rose Mary Saraiva (rsaraiva@ccfrdioc.org) at 508-674-4681. Visit our Mental Health Ministry page on our website at www.ccfrdioc.org.

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