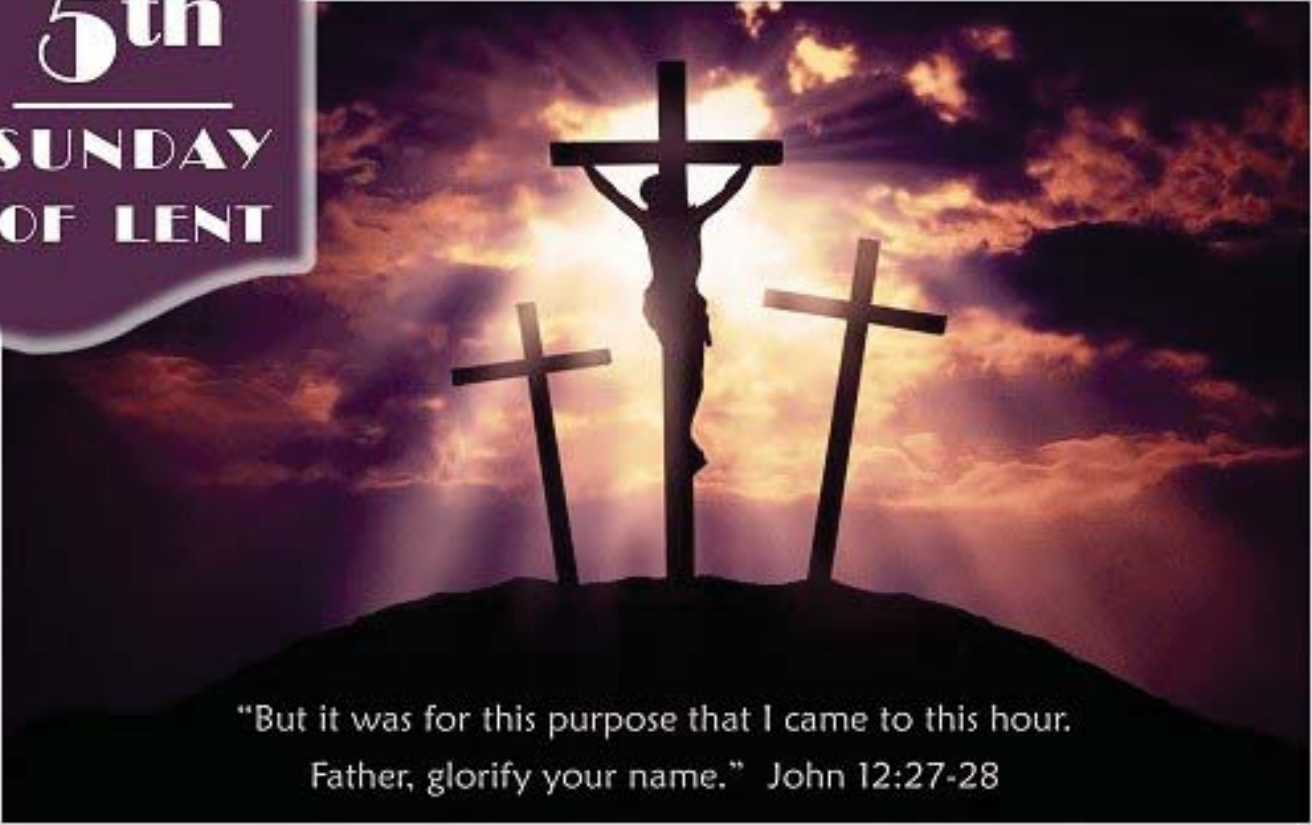


# *St. Andrew the Apostle Taunton Catholic Church*

**5<sup>th</sup>**  
**SUNDAY**  
**OF LENT**



"But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.  
Father, glorify your name." John 12:27-28

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

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March 17th, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Lent

**ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE  
WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, March 16th**

4:00pm — Raymond J. Ducharme’s 23rd Anniversary

**Sunday, March 17th**

8:00am — Laura & Joaquim Camara Sr.  
10:30am — Emily Mae Santarpia

**Monday, March 18th**

4:00pm — Joao & Maria Duarte

**Tuesday, March 19th**

8:00am — Barbara Peixoto

**Wednesday, March 20th**

8:00am — Carol Alvarnaz

**Thursday, March 21st**

8:00am — Jack & Laura Camara, Jose & Beatriz Pimental

**Friday, March 22nd**

8:00am — Firmo Faria, Eldalino Silva, August Ferreira, Ana Abreau

**Saturday, March 23rd**

4:00pm — Susan Costa, Serena Grace Alvarnaz, Priscilla Morgan, Deceased Parishioners

**Sunday, March 24th**

8:00am — Jeannie Linhares  
10:30am — Manuel Silveira

**Sanctuary Lamp for week of March 16th**



*Thomas (Joe) Horgan’s  
4th Anniversary*

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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 Jeremiah****Jer 31:31-34**

The days are coming, says the LORD,  
when I will make a new covenant with the house of  
Israel and the house of Judah.  
It will not be like the covenant I made with their  
fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them  
forth from the land of Egypt;  
for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself  
their master, says the LORD.  
But this is the covenant that I will make with the house  
of Israel after those days, says the LORD.  
I will place my law within them and write it upon their  
hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my  
people. No longer will they have need to teach their  
friends and relatives how to know the LORD.  
All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the  
LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember  
their sin no more.

**Thanks be to God.****Responsorial Psalm****51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15****R.\ Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;  
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my  
offense.

Thoroughly wash me from my guilt  
and of my sin cleanse me.

**R.\ Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

A clean heart create for me, O God,  
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.  
Cast me not out from your presence,  
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

**R.\ Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

Give me back the joy of your salvation,  
and a willing spirit sustain in me.  
I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners shall return to you.

**R.\ Create a clean heart in me, O God.****SECOND READING****A Reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Hebrews****Heb 5:7-9**

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he  
offered prayers and supplications with loud cries  
and tears to the one who was able to save him from  
death, and he was heard because of his reverence.  
Son though he was, he learned obedience from what  
he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he  
became the source of eternal salvation for all who  
obey him.

**Thanks be to God.****GOSPEL****A reading from the Gospel according to John****Jn 12:20-33**

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the  
Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from  
Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would  
like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew;  
then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.  
Jesus answered them,  
"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be  
glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain  
of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just  
a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much  
fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever  
hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal  
life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where  
I am, there also will my servant be.  
The Father will honor whoever serves me.

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say?  
'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this  
purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify  
your name."

Then a voice came from heaven,  
"I have glorified it and will glorify it again."  
The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder;  
but others said, "An angel has spoken to him."  
Jesus answered and said,

"This voice did not come for my sake but for yours.  
Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the  
ruler of this world will be driven out.  
And when I am lifted up from the earth,  
I will draw everyone to myself."  
He said this indicating the kind of death he would  
die.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**



By Father Edward A. Murphy

## GOSPEL of John

The Deep End – ‘We should like to see Jesus’

Those poor Greeks. Did you notice that they never actually get to meet Jesus? At the start of Today’s gospel, some Greeks who are followers of Jesus come to Jerusalem. That are travelers, outsiders, and would like to meet Jesus in person. But when Phillip and Andrew relay the request, Jesus begins to talk about how his ‘hour’ is coming. It is the last we hear of the Greeks, who disappear from the story altogether.

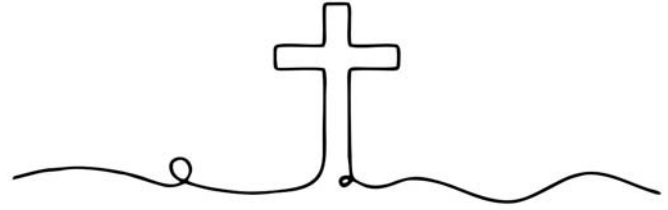
But they are important nonetheless. Firstly, they indicate that word about Jesus is spreading. More importantly, they prompt Jesus to reveal that when his hour comes, he will draw ‘all people’ to himself.

In the space of a few short verses, we go from a brief mention of a group of foreigners seeking Jesus, to Jesus making it clear that his saving mission is for all people, of all nations, both Jews and Gentiles – including these Greeks! There is no suggestion from Jesus that some groups are ‘in’ and others ‘out’. All are included. All are invited. All are welcome.

I remember once hearing someone describe their home as a domestic church, a place of ‘indiscriminate welcome’. As we continue our journey through Lent and soon into Holy Week, we listen carefully to these words of Jesus. He came for everyone. He wishes to draw all people to himself.

Notwithstanding the current restrictions on gatherings and public worship, let us take this time to reflect on the world we would like to build when things open up again. Are we open to everyone, including ‘outsiders’? Do our homes, parishes and communities radiate welcome, where all who enter experience God’s love?

*‘For some, the good news is that there are insiders and outsiders and they are the insiders. For others, the good news is that there are no outsiders.’*



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

1. The parable of the grain of wheat reminds us of a truth that any parent can testify to, namely that it is in dying to ourselves that we can give life to others. We will never be of benefit to others if we remain wrapped up in ourselves. In what ways has your dying to yourself brought life to another? How has the generous giving of another brought life to you?
2. Sometimes our emotions rebel at the thought of what lies ahead and we feel like praying Father, save me from this hour. Then a realization may come for you as a parent, a teacher, a spouse, a friend: No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Recall times when you have accepted pain or hassle and been a source of life to others for doing so.
3. The story presents the death of Jesus as the moment of his glorification by God. We are also glorified when the grace of God enables us to give generously of ourselves. When have you experienced his in yourself or in another?
4. This voice has come for your sake and not for mine. The angel spoke that we might recognize the love being shown us by Jesus. Sometimes it requires the voice of another to draw our attention to love that is being offered to us. When was this your experience?



*Fr. Edward A. Murphy*



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

Thank you for your support to our Parish Family. The Offertory for the weekend of

**March 9th & 10th**

Weekend Masses	\$ 3,362.00
Parking Lot Repairs	\$ 1,317.00
Candles	\$ 63.00

This week's Second Collection - will be for:

**Fuel & Maintenance**

Next week's Second Collection - will be for:

**Organ Fund & Maintenance**

**Easter Flowers + Easter Distribution**

*Easter Candles*

The Easter Candle sale will be held next weekend, March 23 & 24. Candles are made from 100% pure beeswax and will be blessed before Mass. \$10 each.

Available scents: honey almond, lavender, and clean cotton.

**Easter Dinner**



Saturday, March 23rd  
12:00pm - 2:00pm

St. Vincent de Paul will be distributing Easter Dinner for those in need.

**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>
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3/23/2024 **Saturday -**  
**First Holy Communion Retreat**  
**St. Andrew's Hall - 10:00-1:00**

**Mandatory**

3/23/2024 **Saturday -**  
**Confirmation Retreat**  
**St. Ann's Parish - 9:00-1:00**

3/24/2024 Grades 1 & 2 Grade 9

3/31/2024 **No Faith Formation - Easter**

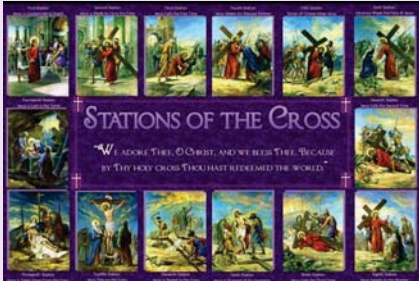
4/4/2024 **Thursday -**  
**Grade 10 Confirmation**  
**St. Andrew's Parish - 6:00pm**  
**All students must arrive by 5:15pm**



There will be altar server training classes for new students ages 8 and older: March 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th, at 11:30am.

**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.

# 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

# CHOWDER & FRITTER FUNDRAISER

**DATE:** Friday, March 22, 2024 @ 6:15PM-7:15PM

**LOCATION:** St. Andrew the Apostle 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.

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## St. Andrew Knights of Columbus

### Council #11914 Scholarship

#### Application Available

Scholarships will be rewarded in May 2024 to graduating high school seniors who meet the qualifications and are members of the St. Andrew Parish in Taunton. All interested students should contact Laurindo DaGraca at 508-824-4147 or Michael Wojcik at 508-822-4254 of St. Andrew Knights of Columbus or the Guidance Counselor of their school, to obtain an application. All applications must be sent to the scholarship Committee by April 26, 2024.

*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,

Saturdays at 3:30pm

**Healing Mass** — Thursday, March 14th (St. Andrew's),

Thursday, March 21st (St. Anne's Shrine)

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

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



## SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK MARCH 24TH - MARCH 31ST

### Palm Sunday - March 24th

Masses: 8:00am; 10:30am

\*Confession will be held after the 10:30am Mass. First Holy Communion students and their families should be coming to Mass preparing for First Holy Communion.\*

### Holy Thursday - March 28th

6:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Adoration until 10:00pm

### Good Friday - March 29th

3:00pm Divine Mercy followed by Seven Last Words  
3:45pm Stations of the Cross  
4:15pm Liturgy of the Lords Passion

### Holy Saturday - March 30th

3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet  
6:30pm Easter Vigil Mass

### Easter Sunday - March 31st

Easter Masses: 8:00; 10:30am  
3:00pm Divine Mercy Novena

### Divine Mercy Novena

Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday & finishes  
Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7th

Holy Hour 2:00-3:00pm  
concludes with Divine Mercy  
In Church each day at 3:00pm





# Eucharistic Revival Series

Come join us as we discover a deeper understanding of our loving relationship with Jesus Christ & with His Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist to help sustain us on our faith journey to eternal life. The series will contain seven sessions, once per week starting **May 7th until June 18th, each session with be on a Tuesday night in the Parish Center beginning at 6:30PM.** The session format will consist of: opening prayer, a video presentation, a discussion period on the video topic, a second video presentation, a second discussion period on the video topic, and end with closing prayer.



## Jesus and the Eucharist Study

Every parish across the country is invited to host the Jesus and the Eucharist study during the Year of Parish Revival. This seven-session series will immerse participants in the kerygmatic proclamation (Sessions 1–4) and unveil God’s saving work in the Eucharist (Sessions 5–7).

Each session opens with an exhortation from a different bishop, followed by lectio divina prayer with scripture. The main lesson is drawn from content created by the Augustine Institute and will include personal testimonies from Catholics across the country. We will then transition into small group discussions. Each session will be 2 hours or less.

### BELOW IS AN OVERVIEW OF EACH SESSION:

**Session 1: What’s Our Story?**

The Bible is the story of God’s love for us. He created us out of love, redeemed us by his love, and transforms us in his love.

**Session 2: Who Is Jesus?**

Jesus is both God and man, therefore he reveals who God is in relation to us. Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Who do you say that I am?” (Matthew 16:15) He asks this same question of: who do you say Jesus is?

**Session 3: Am I Saved?**

Salvation is a gift from God through Jesus Christ that requires our “yes.”

**Session 4: Why a Church?**

Jesus didn’t simply leave us a written message or instruction manual to follow. He gave us a living, dynamic Church where we encounter him personally and allow ourselves to be transformed into his likeness.

**Session 5: God Is With Us**

God’s presence in the Old Testament foreshadows the gift of the Eucharist, one of the seven sacraments of the Church. Jesus established the Eucharist to give us strength and accompany us at every moment of our earthly journey.

**Session 6: The Story of the Eucharist**

The story of the Eucharist can be traced throughout Scripture. From Genesis to the present day, this session explores how the Cross is the new Tree of Life, and the Eucharist is its fruit.

**Session 7: Bread for the Journey**

The Eucharist sustains us on our spiritual journey. Our participation at Mass through the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist is an offering of thanksgiving to God. We are then sent forth to share what we have received.

Through the generosity of our donors, the content of this study is available free of charge. Additionally, we will be providing you with support to help you and your team be successful in hosting this series at your parish. Visit the Parish Point Person Portal at [eucharisticrevival.org/parishpointperson](http://eucharisticrevival.org/parishpointperson) to access trainings, invitation templates, and other support materials.

# Stations of the Cross



Stations of the Cross take place every Friday at 5:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

# St. Andrew the Apostle

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## Baptism



Linda Maria Cintron

March 10th, 2024

Father Murphy with Linda Maria Cintron, parents Jovan & Jamie Cintron, and Godparents Yoshio & Helen Escobar.



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