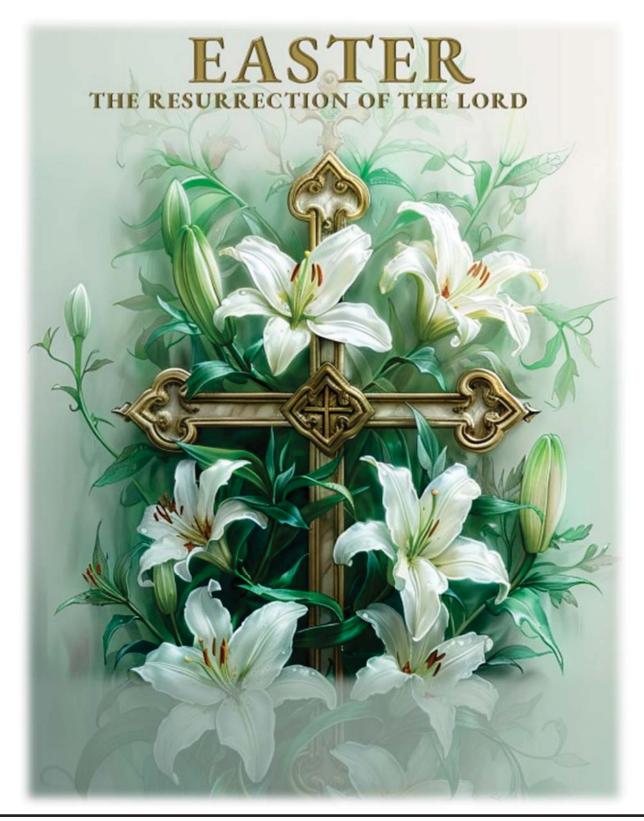
# St. Andrew the Apostle Taunton Catholic Church



March 31st, 2024 Easter Sunday

# ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, March 30th - Easter Vigil

6:30pm — Parishioners Living & Deceased

#### Sunday, March 31st - Easter Sunday

8:00am — Parishioners Living & Deceased 10:30am — Parishioners Living & Deceased

#### Monday, April 1st

8:00am — Joao & Maria Jose Costa & Deceased Family

#### Tuesday, April 2nd

8:00am — Marc De Sousa

#### Wednesday, April 3rd

8:00am — Carol Gonzalez

#### Thursday, April 4th

8:00am — James Ronald Souza

#### Friday, April 5th

8:00am — Special Intention

#### Saturday, April 6th

4:00pm — Jack & Laura Camara, Jose & Beatriz Pimental

#### Sunday, April 7th

8:00am — Audrey Zrebiec 10:30am — Elisa Soures



#### Sanctuary Lamp for week of March 30th



Thomas "Joe" Horgan

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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

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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

#### HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE

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#### FIRST READING

# A Reading from the book of The Acts of The Apostles

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said:

"You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached,

how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power.

He went about doing good

and healing all those oppressed by the devil,

for God was with him.

We are witnesses of all that he did

both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.

This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible,

not to all the people, but to us,

the witnesses chosen by God in advance,

who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.

To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him

will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

#### Thanks be to God.

#### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23**

# R.\ This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

for his mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say,

"His mercy endures forever."

# R.\ This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

"The right hand of the LORD has struck with power; the right hand of the LORD is exalted.

I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the LORD."

# R.\ This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

The stone which the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

R.\ This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

#### **SECOND READING**

# A Reading from the letter of Saint Paul to The Colossians

Col 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,

where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ your life appears,

then you too will appear with him in glory.

#### Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL**

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

Jn 20:1-9

On the first day of the week,

Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning,

while it was still dark,

and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

So she ran and went to Simon Peter

and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them,

"They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."

So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.

They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter

and arrived at the tomb first;

he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.

When Simon Peter arrived after him,

he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there.

and the cloth that had covered his head,

not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.

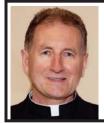
Then the other disciple also went in,

the one who had arrived at the tomb first,

and he saw and believed.

For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

#### The Gospel of the Lord



By Father Edward A. Murphy

The Hope of Easter

We, like Peter and the women, cannot discover life by being sad, bereft of hope. Let us not stay imprisoned within ourselves, but let us break open our sealed tombs to the Lord – each of us knows what they are- so that he may enter and grant us life. Let us give him the stones of our rancor and the boulders of our past, those heavy burdens of our weaknesses and falls. Christ wants to come and take us by the hand to bring us out of our anguish. This is the first stone to be moved aside this night: the lack of hope which imprisons us within ourselves. May the Lord free us from this trap, from being Christians without hope, who live as if the Lord were not risen, as if our problems were the center of our lives.

We see and will continue to see the problems both within and without. They will always be there. But today it is important to shed the light of the Risen Lord upon our problems, and, in a certain sense, to "evangelize" them. To evangelize our problems. Let us not allow darkness and fear to distract us and control us; we must cry out to them: the Lord is not here, but has risen! (Lk 24:6). He is our greatest joy; he is always at our side and will never let us down.

This is the foundation of our hope, which is not mere optimism, nor a psychological attitude or desire to be courageous.

Christian hope is a gift that God gives us if we come out of ourselves and open our hearts to him.... Today is the celebration of our hope, the celebration of this truth: nothing and no one will ever be able to separate us from his love (cf. Rom 8:39) The Lord is alive and wants to be sought among the living. After having found him, each person is sent out by him to announce the Easter message, to awaken and resurrect hope in hearts burdened by sadness, in those who struggle to find meaning in life. This is so necessary today.... Remember the words of Jesus, remember all that he has done in our lives. Let us not forget his words and his works, otherwise we will lose hope and become "hopeless" Christians. Let us instead remember the Lord, his goodness, and his life-giving words which have touched us. Let us

Pope Francis



remember them and make them ours, to be

sentinels of the morning who know how to

help others see the signs of the Risen Lord.

The Divine Mercy Novena will be said at St. Andrew's *in the Church* Monday, April 1st through Saturday, April 6th at 3:00pm

Sunday, April 7th

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** 

Holy Hour at 2:00pm-3:00pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm

Fr. Edward A. Mufly

# WEEKLY PARISH ST. ANDREW'S SUPPORT

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

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Weekend Masses \$ 3,984.00

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Easter Flowers \$ 1,784.00

Candles \$ 78.00

This week's Second Collection - will be for:

#### **Easter**

Next week's Second Collection - will be for:

**Roof Maintenance** 



The next Healing Mass at St. Andrew's will be held Thursday, April 25th, at 6:30pm

### Paint Party

On April 14th, there will be a Paint Party at St. Andrew's Parish.

Tickets are \$25 a person and are limited to 40 people. Tickets



will be sold Sunday, April 7th.

Contact Tara Sousa at 508-272-1173 for details.

### Faith Formation











#### ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

#### **FAITH FORMATION BEGINS**

SEPTEMBER 17th 9:10am—11:30am (includes the Holy Mass) In the CHURCH

DATE GRADES 1-8 CONFIRMATION

**GRADES 9-10** 

4/4/2024 **Thursday -**

**Grade 10 Confirmation** 

St. Andrew's Parish - 6:00pm

All students must arrive by 5:15pm

4/28/2024 **Sunday -**

First Holy Communion Rehearsal after 10:30am Mass (Mandatory)

5/4/2024 **Saturday -**

First Holy Communion - 10:00am Mass

for all 2nd Grade Students

All Students need to arrive by 9:15am



The Penny Sale on Saturday, April 27th

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



## Diocese of Fall River

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

#### Easter Message 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

Christ is Risen. Alleluia! At last, after preparing during six-weeks of Lent, we celebrate the joyous feast of Easter, the heart of our Christian faith. Our faith flows from our belief in the Resurrection. Christ's victory over sin and death means new life for us all. Easter is the proof of God's love for humanity and our assurance that God wants all of us to be raised up after our own death and to live with him forever.

We understand Easter as the passage from old to new; from darkness to light; and from suffering to joy. It is such a hope-filled and life-giving feast that we, the Church, celebrate Easter for not merely one day but for an entire 50-day season.

Let us not miss this opportunity to enjoy, celebrate, and be inspired by all the beautiful symbols and messages the Easter season offers us.

In my Lenten message, I proposed we offer our Lenten sacrifices for three special intentions to help us journey through the season with a more focused purpose. What if, for the Easter season, we continue to move forward in our faith practices with either the same or three new special intentions? For whom or for what intention can you continue to offer every prayer, every sacrifice, and every act of charity during the Easter Season in anticipation of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost?

Did you experience a renewed energy in your prayer life over the last 40-plus days as you placed your attention on those things you most desire for your family, community, nation, or world? If you took my recommendation to write down your three most important intentions, go back to those now and reflect on where you saw God working in each intention. Then, write three new intentions to focus on for the next fifty days of Easter. Maybe it is the same three; whatever you choose, try to now spend time in prayer each day with the Lord, asking for His graces in each situation or circumstance.

This exercise is especially significant during this year dedicated to prayer, as Pope Francis calls the whole world to focus on prayer during this year in preparation for the Jubilee Years, 2025. The celebration of this year of prayer has as the theme: "TEACH US TO PRAY".

"The Holy Father has repeatedly emphasized that prayer is not just a devout practice, but rather is like the 'breathing of the soul'; it is the expression of a deep and natural need of every human being. Prayer, according to Pope Francis, is a true dialogue with God, a 'face to face with Him'. (Living the Year of Prayer in Preparation for Jubilee 2025 pg. 17).

May our celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus transform us and renew us, and may we experience the peace and joy of the Risen Christ in our hearts and in our homes throughout this Easter season and beyond.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Koverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.

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We invite you to hear about Divine Mercy in it's purest form, directly from Saint Faustina's convent. Sister Mary Claire Kenneally O. L. M. will give a talk on Divine Mercy Sunday as we celebrate this Grace Filled Feast Day at Saint Andrew's.

Please join us from 2pm to 3pm and "Take as Many Graces as You can Carry"! (Diary 294)

### **DIVINE MERCY**

### **NOVENA and CHAPLET**

Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and ends on
Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11th
Holy Hour 2:00 - 3:00pm concludes with Divine Mercy.

1st Day — The topic will be "Today bring to Me all mankind,, especially all sinners, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy."

**2nd Day** — "Today bring to Me the souls of priests and religious, and immerse them in My unfathomable mercy."



4th Day — "Today bring to Me those who do not believe in God and those who do not yet know Me."

5th Day — "Today bring to Me the souls of those who have separated themselves from the Church."

6th Day — "Today bring to Me the meek and humble souls and the souls of little children, and immerse them in My mercy."

**7th Day** — "Today bring to Me the souls who especially venerate and glorify My Mercy and immerse them in My mercy."

**8th Day** — "Today bring to Me the souls who are detained in Purgatory and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy."

**9th Day** — Ending on Divine Mercy Sunday topic will be "Today bring to Me souls who have become lukewarm, and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy."



### **Confirmation Candidates**

Confirmation will be held on Thursday, April 4th at 6:00pm. Please keep all of the candidates in

your prayers:

Ike Asieybunam

Julia Botelho

Ryleigh Brown

Jadyel Cabrera

Jonathan Childs

Marcus Franca

Jeremy Knief

Orlando Madeira Jr

Makenzi McDaniels

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Kempton Pittsley

Mary Salter

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Confirmation retreat, March 23rd, 2024







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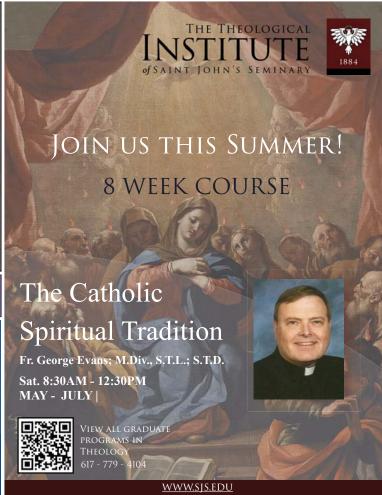
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