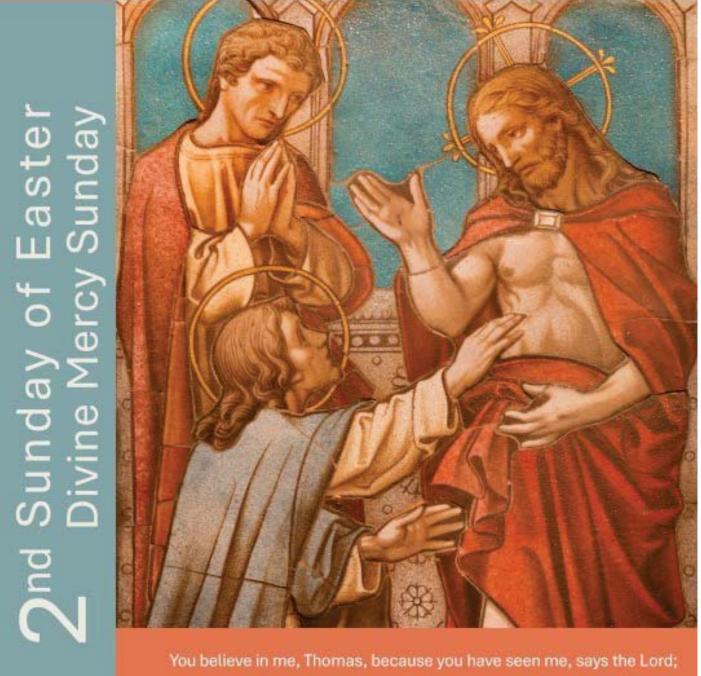
St. Andrew the Apostle Taunton Catholic Church



You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; Blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe! John 20:29

April 7th, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

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ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Saturday, April 6th</u> 4:00pm — Jack & Laura Camara, Jose & Beatriz Pimental

Sunday, April 7th 8:00am — Audrey Zrebiec 10:30am — Elisa Soures

<u>Monday, April 8th</u> 8:00am — Albert Gordon

<u>Tuesday, April 9th</u> 8:00am — Rita Cascia

<u>Wednesday, April 10th</u> 8:00am — Dennis Carvalho's 1st Anniversary

<u>Thursday, April 11th</u> 8:00am — Manuel & Ludovina Camara Jr., Eugene & Laura Soures

<u>Friday, April 12th</u> 8:00am — Sheila Julio, Gaye Petrillo

<u>Saturday, April 13th</u> 4:00pm — Manuel Silveira

<u>Sunday, April 14th</u> 8:00am — Matthew Briggs, Brian Collins, Jeffrey Briggs 10:30am — Angelo Chaves' 16th Anniversary

Sanctuary Lamp for week of April 6th



Botelho Family, Faria Family, Mr. & Mrs. John Duarte

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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

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FIRST READING

A Reading from the book of The Acts of the Apostles

Acts 4:32-35

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

Thanks be to God.

<u>Responsorial Psalm</u>

<u>Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24</u>

R.\ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING

A Reading from the first letter of Saint John 1 Jn 5:1-6

Beloved:

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to John

Jn 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

But he said to them.

"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them.

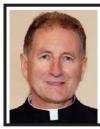
Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord



By Father Edward A. Murphy

The Gospel of John

Fear results from various causes. The perception of some immediate threat causes sudden fear as a sort of defense mechanism. This could save your life if, for example, the immediate threat is a car swerving into your lane. Sudden fear compels you to take action and avoid a collision. However, fear can also result from other more remote factors that we experience as threats to our well-being. For example, one may struggle with fear over an economic downturn or loss of profit in a business. The fear may be, 'How will I support my family?' Or one may have health issues and this causes increasing fear about the future. And the list could go on. Though some forms of fear are healthy most others are not. Specifically, when fear causes anxiety and worry, leading one to lose trust in God and His providence, this is a problem. But if God is alive in your heart, living and reigning there. His presence produces a supernatural confidence and trust in the midst of any and every struggle we face.

Reflect upon the specific fear you struggle with right now. What is it that causes excessive worry and anxiety? Whatever it may be, the Lord wants you to trust Him. Yes, a certain 'holy' fear can help us evaluate all situations properly and act diligently and responsibly, but too often what we actually struggle with is a lack of trust in God. Reflect upon your fear and your trust and invite Christ more deeply into your heart so that His presence will cast out all useless fear, enabling you to fully trust in His care, providence and Mercy.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

1. 'Peace be with you' was the greeting of Jesus on meeting his frightened apostles. Who has come to you bringing peace at times when you were frightened? For whom have you been an agent of peace?

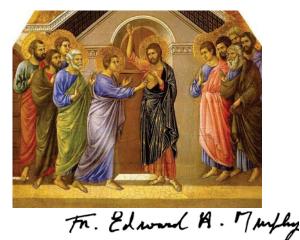
2. The greeting is followed by Jesus missioning his apostles, and us, to continue his project of spreading the Good News of God's love and forgiveness. What does it mean to you to see yourself as missioned by Jesus?

3. Jesus promises the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower the disciples to be witnesses to forgiveness. Forgiveness is at times an essential step on the road to peace. Perhaps you can recall when holding on to a hurt or grudge disturbed your inner peace. What helped you to forgive and find peace?

4. Thomas, doubting and

questioning, is possibly a person with whom we can identify. What part have doubting, and questioning, played on your faith journey? How has your faith been strengthened by such moments?

5. 'Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed'. That requires great trust. Perhaps you have had the experience of being trusted without having had to prove every step along the way. What was it like to be trusted in that way? Who have you been able to trust in a similar manner?



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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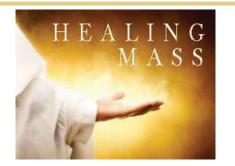
| Weekend Masses | \$ 4,720.00 |
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| Retired Clergy | \$ 2,345.00 |
| Good Friday | \$ 811.00 |
| Candles | \$ 90.00 |

This week's Second Collection - will be for:

Roof Maintenance

Next week's Second Collection - will be for:

Maintenance



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

REMEMBER in **PRAYER**

Please remember in your prayers

Jonathan Gorey

Whose funeral Mass was celebrated recently.



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

First Holy Communion Schedule

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

<u>Pilgrimage to Medjugorje</u>

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/

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The Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy was founded in Warsaw, Poland by Mother Teresa Eva Potocka on November 1, 1862. Our congregation is approved by the Holy See and has been in existence for over 150 years; *it enjoys a proven tradition of religious life.*

Join Us

The Congregation of The Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy has become widely known in recent years because of one of its members. Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska. The Sisters actively participate in carrying out Saint Faustina's mission by spreading the devotion to The Divine Mercy and imploring Divine Mercy for the whole world.

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)

In Loving Memory

James & Lillian McCaffrey, The Knox Family, The Rochette Family, The Gotham Family, The McCaffrey Family, Serafin & Maria Silveira, Mr. & Mrs. J. T. Dalrymple, Mr. & Mrs H. Corion, Charles F. Correia, Mary C. Silva, Peter & Santina Robino, The Cahoon Family, and the Kurtz Family.

Special Thanks

St. Andrews would like to thank all Decorators, Sacristans, Lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and all Choir members for their hard work throughout the Easter Triduum.



Sunday of Divine Mercy

"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." (Jn 20: 29)



Divine Mercy Sunday

The Origin of Divine Mercy Sunday, the Divine Mercy Image, the Chaplet and the Novena

Saint Faustina

Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. St. John Paul II explains:

This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, nazism and communism, were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies, that fact that God is mercy-the truth of the merciful Christ. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church.

-Pope Saint John Paul II, Memory and Identity (2005)

Divine Mercy Sunday

St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed, for example:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment Let no soul fear to draw near to Me It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary, no. 699)

On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.



The Image

Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (Diary, no. 742).

The Chaplet and Novena

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy was also given to St. Faustina with this promise: "Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you" (Diary, no. 1541). "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy" (Diary, no. 687). Jesus gave St. Faustina nine intentions for which to pray the Chaplet beginning on Good Friday and ending on the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday.



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Confirmation

Through the St. Andrews RCIA program, Mr. Christopher Kauffman was confirmed last weekend, March 30th, at the Easter Vigil. We congratulate him on his continued journey with Christ.



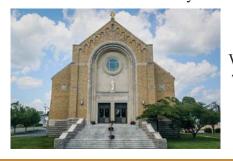
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Haitian Mass

St. Jude Parish will have a Mass for the Haitian Community of Taunton on Thursday, April 18 at 7pm. The Mass will be celebrated in French and French Creole by Fr. Larose of the Haitian Community in Brockton.



249 Whittenton St, Taunton, MA 02780

Child Abuse Prevention Month

See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father. ~ Matthew 18:10

Did you know...

April is both Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Child abuse can occur in every culture, religion, and socioeconomic demographic. The vast majority of child abuse occurs at the hands of someone known to the child victim. Those who seek to do harm to children will pursue opportunities that provide access to children and may appear to be helpful and friendly. Our Diocesan policy of the Essential Three requires that all who minister work, or volunteer in the Diocese complete background screening, training and agree to a code of conduct. This is one of the ways we endeavor to educate our parish and school communities and create a culture of child protection.

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. All proceeds will be going to funding the Saint Michael statue for our Parish.

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



Fatima Rosary Rally

Pray the Rosary with us on Saturday,

April 20th, at 12:00pm.

We will meet outside at St. Nicholas of Myra Church, on the corner of Spring and Pearl Streets in Dighton.

Contacts: Nancy - 774-218-1456

Brian - 774-217-0390

Prayer Service for Healing

Tuesday April 30 4:00pm Holy Name Church 709 Hanover St. Fall River, MA



Presider: Most Reverend Edgar da Cunha S.D.V, D.D. Bishop of Fall River

We will be joined by a courageous survivor of clergy abuse who will speak to the need for the ongoing work of healing and prevention in the church.

All are invited to listen and pray as we conclude the month of April: Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

St. Andrew the Apostle

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All Masses are **Livestreamed** at <u>standrewtaunton.org</u> Click: **Please join us here on "Livestream"**

TELEVISED MASS SCHEDULE

T C A M TV— Taunton Community Access and Media Inc HOLY MASS COMCAST CHANNEL : 15 VERIZON CHANNEL : 22 Holy MASS can be seen * Tuesday & Thursdays at 1:00pm. Sunday at 3:30pm

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



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.





