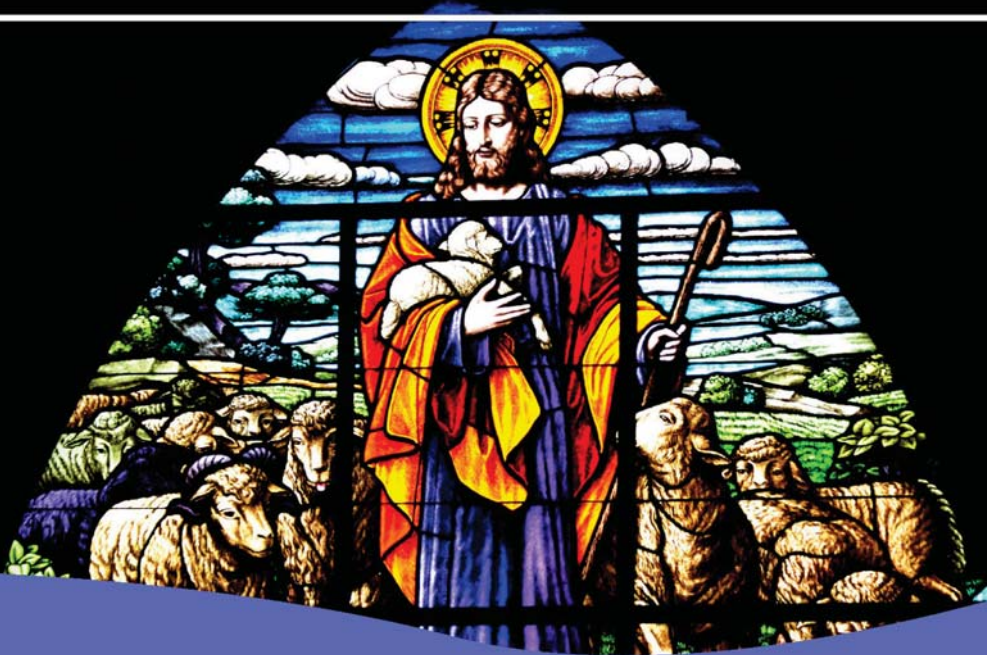


St. Andrew the Apostle Taunton Catholic Church



Fourth Sunday of Easter

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." (Jn 10: 14-15)

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Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm and Sunday at 8:00am and 10:30am

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April 21st, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

**ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE
WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, April 20th

4:00pm — Carol Alvarnaz

Sunday, April 21st

8:00am — Tobey Alford’s 1st. Anniversary, Jose F., Jose M. Sousa, Fontes Family

10:30am — Richard Williams

Monday, April 22nd

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

Tuesday, April 23rd

8:00am — Maria Amaral, John & Maria Vargas

Wednesday, April 24th

8:00am — Ruth Medeiros, Dora McGlynn

Thursday, April 25th

8:00am — Jack & Adrienne Sears

6:30pm — Healing Mass

Friday, April 26th

8:00am — Special Intention

Saturday, April 27th

4:00pm — Priscilla Morgan, Jonathan Gorey, Bob Sullivan

Sunday, April 28th

8:00am — Robert R Boucher 5th Anniversary

10:30am — Brian Collins, Jeffrey Briggs, Matthew Briggs

Sanctuary Lamp for week of April 20th

Michael Mazetis



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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.

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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

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FIRST READING**A Reading from the book of The Acts of The Apostles****Acts 4:8-12**

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said:
 "Leaders of the people and elders:
 If we are being examined today
 about a good deed done to a cripple,
 namely, by what means he was saved,
 then all of you and all the people of Israel should know
 that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean
 whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead;
 in his name this man stands before you healed.
 He is the stone rejected by you, the builders,
 which has become the cornerstone.
 There is no salvation through anyone else,
 nor is there any other name under heaven
 given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

Thanks be to God.**Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29****R.\ The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
 for his mercy endures forever.
 It is better to take refuge in the LORD
 than to trust in man.
 It is better to take refuge in the LORD
 than to trust in princes.

R.\ The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me
 and have been my savior.
 The stone which the builders rejected
 has become the cornerstone.
 By the LORD has this been done;
 it is wonderful in our eyes.

R.\ The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD;
 we bless you from the house of the LORD.
 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me
 and have been my savior.
 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
 for his kindness endures forever.

R.\ The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**SECOND READING****A Reading from the first letter of Saint John
1 Jn 3:1-2**

Beloved:
 See what love the Father has bestowed on us
 that we may be called the children of God.
 Yet so we are.
 The reason the world does not know us
 is that it did not know him.
 Beloved, we are God's children now;
 what we shall be has not yet been revealed.
 We do know that when it is revealed we shall be
 like him,
 for we shall see him as he is.

Thanks be to God.**GOSPEL****A Reading from the Gospel according to John****Jn 10:11-18**

Jesus said:
 "I am the good shepherd.
 A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
 A hired man, who is not a shepherd
 and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf
 coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the
 wolf catches and scatters them.
 This is because he works for pay and has no
 concern for the sheep.
 I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine
 know me,
 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;
 and I will lay down my life for the sheep.
 I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.
 These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice,
 and there will be one flock, one shepherd.
 This is why the Father loves me,
 because I lay down my life in order to take it up
 again.
 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my
 own.
 I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up
 again.
 This command I have received from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord



By Father Edward A. Murphy

The Gospel of John

Today, we hear much on the importance of social services, opportunities, mental health, and well-being. However, imagine we had a world where everyone had a good job, where the best services of physical and mental health were available, where the best roads and facilities were in place. Life might be good, but would we all be happier? Would this guarantee that the levels of crime would fall? Would less people be addicted to drugs and alcohol? The answer, of course, is no because the human heart longs for more than money, jobs, facilities, and opportunities. The human heart longs for love, for meaning, for family, and to know that we matter to someone. Every human life longs to directly experience the love of God which keeps it alive.

And when we read the Gospel on this Sunday, this is precisely Jesus' message to us. He says: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice. I know them.' We belong to a God who knows us and loves us. We are not the result of a chance, but are willed by the God who made us human. He says: 'They listen to my voice.' Deep in our hearts we recognize the voice of God's truth who has placed his Spirit in us. We know that we have a vocation, a calling. We now what is right and what is wrong, what is true and what is false. We know that we are made for more than this world, for eternal life, and we are on that journey together. Therefore, every life is precious, sacred, and unique.

If the Church is to be a voice that defends the dignity and vocation of all, then the leadership and presence of priests and religious is crucial. We ask you to please pray for us in our vocations and to pray for and encourage vocations in our parishes and diocese - that those who sense the voice of the Good Shepherd calling them to serve as priests and religious may listen to that voice and respond with faith and generosity.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

1. Our relationship with those 'in charge' of us changes when we sense that not only are they in charge, but they care. Remember the difference this made for you as a child and give thanks for the caring adults who were part of your life.
2. The good shepherd 'lays down his life for the sheep'. When has your care for another led you to 'lay down your life' for that person, e.g., as a friend, parent, spouse, son or daughter? When have you known another to do this for you?
3. Jesus speaks of the freedom of the Good Shepherd in laying down his life. Faced with the needs of others, we can at times feel trapped into looking after them, caught by duty, obligation, or guilt. We can become like the hired hands doing a job without care for the person. Perhaps you have experienced both attitudes, caring for others under duress and caring by your free choice. What difference did it make when you chose to care for the other, even in circumstances where you had little option?
4. What do these experiences of love and care in human relationships reveal to you about God's love for you?



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

April 13th & 14th

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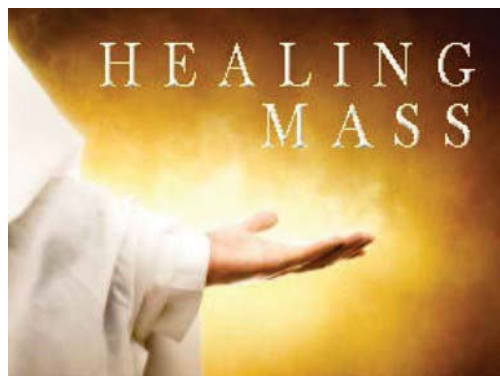


ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

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



Healing Mass Schedule:

St. Anne's: Thursday, April 18th
Rosary: 6:00pm
Mass: 6:30pm

St. Andrew's: Thursday, April 25th
Rosary: 6:00pm
Mass: 6:30pm



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is a process for those who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith and prepare to enter the Church through the Sacraments of Initiation.

Who can be a part of the R.C.I.A.?

- Someone who is unbaptized.
- A baptized Christian who is interested in the Catholic Church.
- A baptized Catholic who has not received 1st Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion and/or Confirmation.
- A Catholic who would like to know more about their faith.

There are forms available at all entrances or contact the parish office at 508-824-5577 or Standrewtaunton@comcast.net.

We look forward to speaking with you and answering your questions.



Eucharistic Revival

Small Group Series

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”
JOHN 6:51

Join us as we reflect on Jesus and the Eucharist!

Where: St. Andrew’s Church
19 Kilmer Street Taunton, MA.
02780, Parish Center
(downstairs)

When: Tuesdays,
May 7th- June 18th

Time: Beginning 6:30pm

Topics

- 1.) What’s Our Story?
- 2.) Who Is Jesus?
- 3.) Am I Saved?
- 4.) Why a Church?
- 5.) God Is with Us.
- 6.) The Story of the Eucharist.
- 7.) Bread for the Journey



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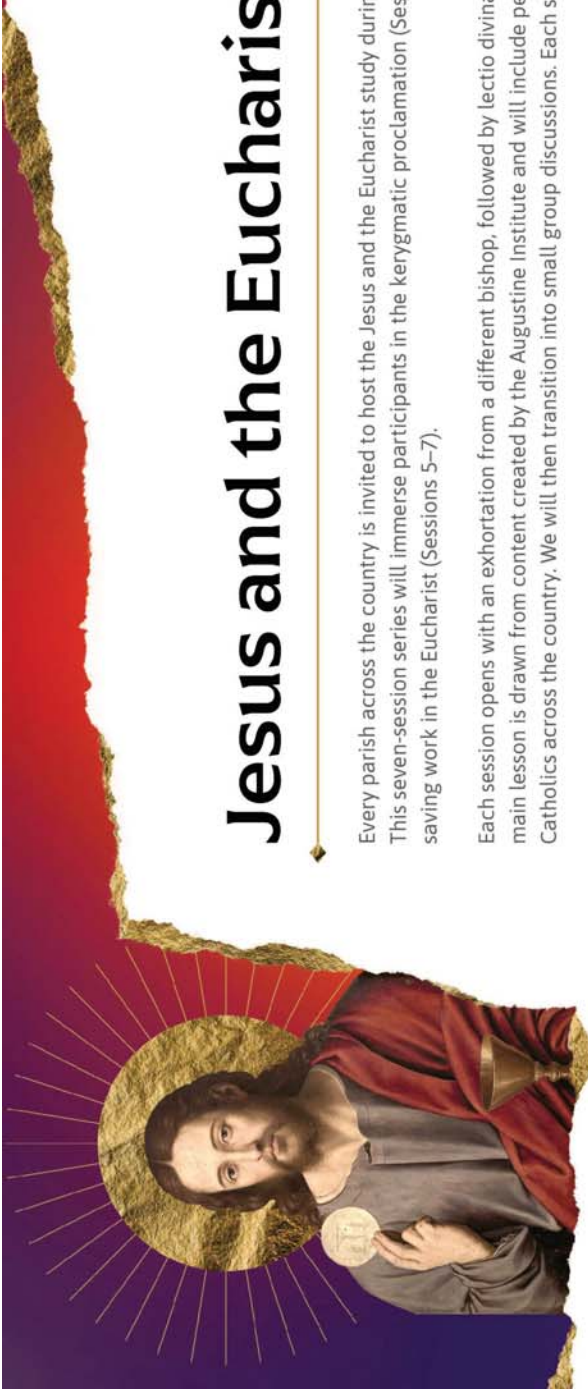
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Jesus and the Eucharist Study

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 us: 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

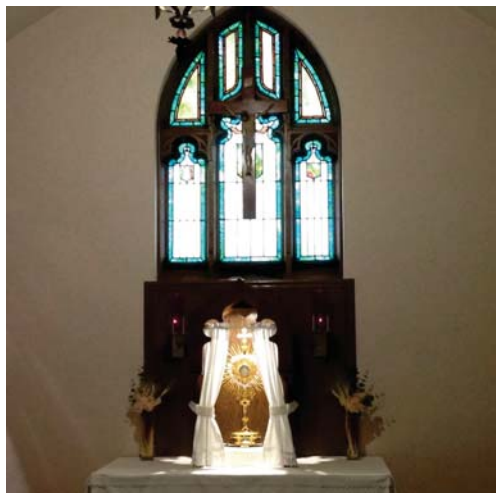
The story of the Eucharist can be traced throughout Scripture. From Genesis to the present day, this session explores how the Cross is the new Tree of Life, and the Eucharist is its fruit.

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 to access trainings, invitation templates, and other support materials.

Eucharistic Adoration



St Joseph’s Chapel
Daily 7:00am to 7:00pm
Come visit and sit with the Lord!
“Could you not watch one hour
with me?”

PENNY SALE

The Penny Sale on Saturday, April 27th

Annual Parish Penny Sale will be held on Saturday, April 27th, beginning at 6:30pm. The kitchen will be open following the 4:00pm Mass and throughout the evening.



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.



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Register here!

MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU!

Baptism

This past Sunday, April 14th, the Baptisms of the following were celebrated:

Alexander Carmona Jr

Vincente Marc Moitoza

Valentina Aurora Grace Cave

Liam Jameson Reed

Eseosa Anthony Elie-Otabor

Fr Murphy with
Vincente Marc
Moitoza with parents
Cameron &
Alexandra Moitoza

Fr Murphy with Eseosa
Anthony Elie-Otabor and
parents Elie Otabor &
Patricia Iriagbonse



Paint Party

Thank you Tara Sousa and everyone who participated in the Paint Party last Sunday. All proceeds will go to funding the St. Michael statue.



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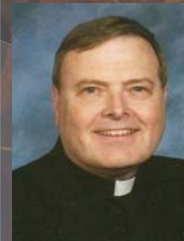


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