

St. Andrew the Apostle

Taunton Catholic Church

19th SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time



“You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.” Luke 12:40

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

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HOLY MASS : Sunday 3:30pm Tuesday & Thursday 1:00pm

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ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 9th

4:00pm — Ronald Gonsalves

Sunday, August 10th

8:00am — Maria & Manuel Moitoso & Family

10:30am — David Pelletier, Manuel & Louisa Matos

Monday, August 11th

8:00am — Maria E. & Jaime Almeida

Tuesday, August 12th

8:00am — Botelho & Faria Families, Mr. & Mrs. John Duarte

Wednesday, August 13th

8:00am — Intentions of the Keegan Family

Thursday, August 14th

8:00am — St. Anthony of Padua

Friday, August 15th

8:00am — Lorraine Cahoon

6:30pm — Blessed Mother

Saturday, August 16th

4:00pm — Alfred Dallaire 10th Anniversary

Sunday, August 17th

8:00am — Teresa Doyle, Kathleen & Brian

Duczowski, Leon Baker

10:30am — Pete Rose

Sanctuary Lamp for week of August 9th



George Hickey

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

Saturday at 3:30pm. 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 meets on the First Saturday of the month, September through June. Beginning with 9:00am Mass, followed by a meeting of fellowship and discussion. All men are welcome.

WOMEN AT THE WELL PRAYER GROUP

This group meets on the Second Saturday of the month. Beginning with the Holy Mass at 9:00am, followed by a fellowship and meditation. All women 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

Meets in the church, 6:00pm to 7:00pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION in CHAPEL

St Joseph's Adoration Chapel is open Daily 7:00am to 7:00pm

FRIDAY CENACLE PRAYER GROUP

Meets in the church, Friday 1:00pm to 2:00pm

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FIRST READING**A Reading from the book of Wisdom****Wisdom 18:6-9**

The night of the passover was known beforehand to our fathers, that, with sure knowledge of the oaths in which they put their faith, they might have courage. Your people awaited the salvation of the just and the destruction of their foes. For when you punished our adversaries, in this you glorified us whom you had summoned. For in secret the holy children of the good were offering sacrifice and putting into effect with one accord the divine institution.

Thanks be to God.**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22**

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Exult, you just, in the LORD;
praise from the upright is fitting.

Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,

upon those who hope for his kindness,
To deliver them from death
and preserve them in spite of famine.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Our soul waits for the LORD,
who is our help and our shield.

May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us
who have put our hope in you.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

**SECOND READING****A Reading from The Letter of Saint Paul to The Hebrews****Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12**

Brothers and sisters: Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. Because of it the ancients were well attested.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he sojourned in the promised land as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs of the same promise; for he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and maker is God. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age—and Sarah herself was sterile—for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore.

Thanks be to God.**GOSPEL****A Reading from The Gospel according to Luke****Luke 12:35-40**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Gird your loins and light your lamps
and be like servants who await their master’s
return from a wedding, ready to open immediately
when he comes and knocks.

Blessed are those servants
whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.

Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself,
have the servants recline at table, and proceed to
wait on them.

And should he come in the second or third watch
and find them prepared in this way,
blessed are those servants.

Be sure of this:

if the master of the house had known the hour
when the thief was coming,
he would not have let his house be broken into.
You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do
not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

Thanks be to God.



By Father Edward A. Murphy

Gospel of Luke

Sometimes it seems like life is nothing more than waiting. As children we wait for Christmas, summer vacation, and to grow up. As adults we wait for just the right job, that special someone who will make our life complete, a promotion, retirement. Some people wait for the diagnosis, others for a cure. Some wait for the day the pain will stop and the grief will end. Others wait for the answer to their prayers. Many of us wait for that day when we have enough time, enough money, enough freedom, and the day we will live happily ever after. Sometimes it seems as if the world has waited from the beginning of creation for peace, and the end of war, hunger, and poverty.

At some level waiting takes place every day. Each of us could name the things or people for which we wait. Sometimes we live with the overwhelming feeling of waiting but with no clear idea of what we are waiting for.

Today's gospel is not, however, simply about passing time. It is about presence and being present. Jesus sees waiting as an act of faithfulness; the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

So we are mistaken if we think today's gospel describes an absent God, a God who left some time ago, for whom we wait. We are equally mistaken if we think we are waiting for a God who lives out in the future.

Jesus is teaching us how and where to wait. He's inviting us to be present to the One who is always already present. He's inviting us to listen for the knock, to watch, and to be alert. He's inviting us to be present to the reality of God in each other, in the world, and in ourselves. This is the God who is present in the ordinary circumstances of our lives, even in our waiting.

Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel

Most of us don't like to be taken too much by surprise. We like to think that we have a good idea of what is coming down the road and when it is coming. Yet, we know from experience that the unexpected does happen. It is that experience of the unexpected that features in the parables Jesus speaks in this morning's gospel reading. The burglar breaks through the wall of a house at an hour nobody expects; the master arrives home at a time when his irresponsible servant is not expecting him. Jesus indicates that there can be the element of the unexpected in his relationship with us and ours with him. The Son of Man comes at an hour we do not expect. We may be inclined to relate that to the hour of our death; sudden and unexpected death is certainly a reality. However, more may be being referred to than that. The Son of Man comes to us in the course of our lives; his daily coming in the midst of life can also be unexpected. The Lord may call us to do something we had never thought about; he may take us down a path we might never have gone down if left to ourselves. The Lord can come to us through unexpected people, through people we would never think of as the Lord's messengers. The gospel reading suggests that when it comes to the Lord, we can expect the unexpected. He is always the God of surprises and that requires us to be alert and attentive to his many unexpected comings.

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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 August 2nd & 3rd

Weekend Masses	\$ 3,572.00
Music Maintenance	\$ 1,348.00
Candles	\$ 79.00
Faith Formation	\$ 400.00

This week's Second Collection will be for:

Fuel, Maintenance, & Repairs

Next week's Second Collection will be for:

Diocesan Assessment

WEEKLY PARISH ST. ANDREW'S SUPPORT (Online Giving)

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

Weekend Masses	\$ 2,156.00
Fuel & Maintenance	\$ 155.00
Annual Appeal	\$ 100.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 133.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 180.00



Faith Formation Registration

- Registration forms for the 2025-26 school year are now available at all entrances of the church as well as on our website www.standrewtaunton.org.
- We are finalizing this year's schedule and it will be posted on the website and in the bulletin.
- Classes will be held in the church from 9:10am to 10:20am.
- Beginning with grades 1 & 2, grades 3 & 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8.
- Confirmation classes will be in the Parish Hall on a rotating schedule.

Faith Formation Teachers Needed!!

Faith Formation classes for this upcoming school year are fast approaching, and we are in great need of volunteers to be teachers, as well as assistants and aids for grades 3 and 4, and especially grades 7 and 8.

If interested, please contact the Rectory.



This Thursday, August 15th, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

***IT IS A HOLY DAY OF
*OBLIGATION.***

Masses begin at
8:00am and 6:30pm

Summer Travel

During the summer, many families will be traveling and going on vacation, so please remember to submit your budget envelopes if you are unable to attend Mass here. Please also remember to visit Masstimes.org while traveling to find local Masses near you.



Young Adult Section

By Brooke Pina

How would you, as a young adult, explain idolatry? How can it be helped?

I would explain idolatry as something that subconsciously controls your life. It's being so obsessed with something that it becomes your every waking thought; something you're constantly thinking about or putting energy into. I think idolatry usually gets explained as something that takes your focus off of God, but I think there are other aspects to it. I think a lot of people don't even realize they are taking part in idolatry because they think they're already doing "enough" for God. Thinking about something constantly and excessively is a sign that you're becoming more devoted to something other than God, and taking a step back will help in the long run. Being devoted to worldly things or concepts can lead to hurt when things don't go as desired, and putting things on a pedestal creates a false image that can further control your life. Having a detox from certain things or consciously making an effort to stop thinking about the same things constantly are both good ways to help.

Priestly Retreat

Please keep Fr. Murphy in your prayers as he goes on his annual priestly retreat.



Fr. Murphy at last year's priestly retreat in Maynooth, Dublin with Sr Bridge.

An Evening in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



Join Sr. Anne Flanagan, FSP the author of 'Come to Me: Living the Nine First Fridays,' to refresh and renew your heart with Adoration and a talk entitled "The Sacred Heart: a Biblical Icon." You will be amazed at how much of the Bible can be found in the traditional image of the Heart of Jesus! Monday August 25th, 7PM. St. Mary's, 330 Pratt St., Mansfield. For more information, contact: mansfieldknights@gmail.com.



FALL RIVER VOCATIONS

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Visit fallrivervocations.org for more information.

Our Mission

In order to promote a culture of vocations through Southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod, and The Islands, we engage with and offer resources and programs to anyone discerning a call to priesthood and religious life. Our particular focus is on developing relationships with men who are considering becoming priests in the Diocese of Fall River. We help them through the application process to seminary and support them during their formation.



About Us

In a world so full of noise and distractions, it seems to be increasingly difficult to hear Christ's call to priesthood and religious life. Our work focuses on providing parishes, schools, and other Catholic entities with resources to remind men, particularly young men, to listen intently and see if God is calling them for a vocation to the priesthood or other religious life. We organize an annual retreat for boys to discover what God is calling them to do in their lives. Gatherings through the year are hosted for men considering the call to priesthood. Discerning a vocation to religious life is not something that seems natural in today's world, and finding resources or like-minded people to talk to about it can be difficult. We are here as a resource for parishes, schools, families, and individuals as they seek to create and embrace a culture of vocations. There are many obstacles to discernment, and sometimes all someone needs is a supportive presence or a loving nudge in the right direction. Once someone is on the path to religious life, that support and guidance is ever more important. Our office provides support not just to those who may be discerning a vocation, but those who are in priestly formation in a seminary.

25 Seminarians by 2030

After studying the demographics of the priests and parishes in our diocese, Bishop da Cunha has established a realistic and achievable goal of 25 seminarians. If the diocese can maintain a cohort of around two dozen men in formation, we can ordain enough priests to staff our parishes and bring the sacraments to the people of God. Thankfully, we've got an excellent plan to achieve this goal. It starts with our new Vocation Team, which was convened last year by Bishop da Cunha. In order to help Fr. Jack Schrader and Fr. John Garabedian, six additional priests were tasked with accompanying young men across our diocese, which has greatly expanded the capacities of the Vocation Office. Already, our events have been better attended, and we're in a much better position to personally follow up with young men. Thanks be to God, because of these efforts, we hope to have five new men beginning seminary formation in Fall 2025!

2025 Parish Leader CONVOCATION



Saturday, September 6, 2025
St. John Neumann, 157 Middleboro Road, East Freetown

Commencement and Development for all Parish, Catechetical, & Ministry Leaders, Catechists and Volunteers ahead of Catechetical Sunday with:



Jim Beckman
 Executive Director of the ImpactCenter, a Catholic apostolate dedicated to ministering to Church ministry leaders. He is the former Executive Director of Evangelization and Catechesis for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and adjunct professor at Augustine Institute. Jim has built thriving parish and diocesan ministries nationally, speaking also on ministering to Generation Alpha.

\$15 pp includes:

- Morning Mass with Bishop
- Continental Breakfast
- Workshops & Formation by Jim Beckman
- Address from Bishop
- Discussion & Networking
- Lunch
- Convocation Materials

Group pricing available

Bishop Edgar da Cunha, S.D.V.
 The 8th Bishop of Fall River, Bishop da Cunha will address parish leaders for the year ahead and celebrate the Convocation Mass.

Register at:
<https://bit.ly/PLC9625>

For questions email dcarvalho2@dioc-fr.org

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WOMEN'S RETREAT: SEEKING JOY!

Join Us...

LIGHT BREAKFAST AT 8:45 AM FOLLOWED BY RETREAT FROM 9:15 TO 12:00.

Retreat Leader
ALLISON GINGRAS



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 by September 29, 2025

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More information will be in the bulletin and on the website soon!!
<https://www.sight-sound.com/shows/noah>

The Women's Guild of the Annunciation of the Lord Parish is sponsoring a 3-day trip on October 21- 23, 2025 to the Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA as it presents "Noah". The cost varies depending on room occupancy. The price includes round-trip transportation, 2 nights' accommodation at Heritage Hotel, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, tour of Amish countryside and tickets to the Sight & Sound Theater. A minimum of 25 people is required.


Please call Maureen Delaney at **508-822-8710** or visit the parish website for further information.
www.annunciationtaunton.com

THE FRED CORNIER CLASSIC

Date: Monday, September 15, 2025
 Time: 8:00 AM, Scramble, Shotgun Start
 Poppy Brook Golf Club
 29 Leonard Street
 Lakeville, Massachusetts 02347

Contact:
 Mike Wojcik: 508.822.4254
 Tom Keating: 508.801.7922
 Bob Crossman: 508.823.7920

The 29th. Annual St. Andrew Knights of Columbus Scholarship Golf Tournament.



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71.7 126	69.8 122	67.7 119
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- Ball in water on all holes (except under repair)
- All roads and cartpaths are closed, general under repair

Course President


- Baker baskets, sugar, hot sauce, and coffee on carts
- Golf carts must be kept 50 yards from all trees, grass and bunkers
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8:00 a.m. Scramble Format with Shotgun Start - BBQ Chix Dinner to follow
 Closest to the pin, Longest Drive Contest, plus raffles.
 Make-up your own Foursome! Singles are also Welcome.

\$125.00 per person includes green fees, cart and delicious BBQ chicken, Texas baked beans, corn bread, corn on the cob, pesto pasta salad, crusty rolls and assorted pastry

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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 15th

What is the Assumption?

The first name of this solemnity was the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Later, its name in the East carried over, the Dormition (or Falling Asleep) of Mary. In the West, it became known as the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This solemnity celebrates the fact that Mary's Assumption is "a pledge of the future participation of the members of the mystical Body of Christ in the paschal glory of the Risen Christ." It shows that the Lord "reserves a munificent reward for his humble Servant because of her faithful cooperation with the divine plan, which is a destiny of fullness, happiness, glorification of her immaculate soul, her virginal body, perfect configuration to her Risen Son" (Directory, no. 180). The Mass has a proper vigil, and the solemnity replaces the Mass of the day when it occurs on a Sunday in Ordinary Time.



What does this all mean?

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which the Church celebrates every year on August 15. Simply put, the dogma of the Assumption states that at the end of her life, the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken, body and soul, into Heaven.

While this event isn't reflected in Sacred Scripture, it is clearly part of the Church's earliest observance. In the sixth century, St. John Damascene wrote in one of his sermons, "Your sacred and happy soul, as nature will have it, was separated in death from your most blessed and immaculate body, and although the body was duly interred, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay; your most pure and sinless body was not left on earth, but you were transferred to your heavenly throne."

Theologically speaking, death is often understood to be a consequence of original sin. Since Mary was conceived without Original Sin, some theologians have wondered if Mary died or if perhaps she was taken into Heaven without experiencing death. The Catechism of the Catholic Church doesn't answer this question but simply states, "The most blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven" (no. 974)

The Solemnity of the Assumption reminds us of the unique role that Mary served in the process of our salvation. Although she was without sin, we have the possibility of receiving God's forgiveness for our sins through Christ. Her entry into Heaven prefigures our own hope of experiencing the same eternal life.



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