

*St. Andrew the Apostle
Taunton Catholic Church*

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I HAVE COME TO SET THE
EARTH ON FIRE

LUKE 12:49



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

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

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August 17th, 2025

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, August 18th

8:00am — Ann Breen

Tuesday, August 19th

8:00am — Special Intentions

Wednesday, August 20th

8:00am — James McMahon

Thursday, August 21st

8:00am — Jorge & Anne Botelho, Araujo
Family

Friday, August 22nd

8:00am — Timothy Mullen

Saturday, August 23rd

4:00pm — Tara Martins & Family

Sunday, August 24th

8:00am — Joseph, Maria, & Pedro Leite
10:30am — Jacinto & Maria Rodrigues

Sanctuary Lamp for week of August 16th



Maureen Murphy

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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 Jeremiah**
Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

In those days, the princes said to the king:
 "Jeremiah ought to be put to death;
 he is demoralizing the soldiers who are left in this
 city, and all the people, by speaking such things to
 them; he is not interested in the welfare of our
 people, but in their ruin."
 King Zedekiah answered: "He is in your power";
 for the king could do nothing with them.
 And so they took Jeremiah and threw him into the
 cistern of Prince Malchiah, which was in the
 quarters of the guard, letting him down with ropes.
 There was no water in the cistern, only mud,
 and Jeremiah sank into the mud.

Ebed-melech, a court official, went there from the
 palace and said to him: "My lord king, these men
 have been at fault in all they have done to the
 prophet Jeremiah, casting him into the cistern.
 He will die of famine on the spot,
 for there is no more food in the city."
 Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite
 to take three men along with him, and draw the
 prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before
 he should die.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18**

R. Lord, come to my aid!

I have waited, waited for the LORD,
 and he stooped toward me.

R. Lord, come to my aid!

The LORD heard my cry.
 He drew me out of the pit of destruction,
 out of the mud of the swamp;
 he set my feet upon a crag;
 he made firm my steps.

R. Lord, come to my aid!

And he put a new song into my mouth,
 a hymn to our God.
 Many shall look on in awe
 and trust in the LORD.

R. Lord, come to my aid!

Though I am afflicted and poor,
 yet the LORD thinks of me.
 You are my help and my deliverer;
 O my God, hold not back!
R. Lord, come to my aid!

SECOND READING**A Reading from The Letter of Saint Paul to The**
Hebrews**Hebrews 12:1-4**

Brothers and sisters:
 Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of
 witnesses,
 let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that
 clings to us and persevere in running the race that
 lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on
 Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith.
 For the sake of the joy that lay before him
 he endured the cross, despising its shame,
 and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of
 God.
 Consider how he endured such opposition from
 sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and
 lose heart.
 In your struggle against sin you have not yet
 resisted to the point of shedding blood.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL**A Reading from The Gospel according to Luke**
Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples:
 "I have come to set the earth on fire,
 and how I wish it were already blazing!
 There is a baptism with which I must be baptized,
 and how great is my anguish until it is
 accomplished!
 Do you think that I have come to establish peace
 on the earth?
 No, I tell you, but rather division.
 From now on a household of five will be divided,
 three against two and two against three;
 a father will be divided against his son
 and a son against his father,
 a mother against her daughter
 and a daughter against her mother,
 a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
 and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

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

The unexpected

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 9th & 10th

Weekend Masses	\$ 3,534.00
Fuel, Maintenance, & Repairs	\$ 1,744.00
Candles	\$ 93.00
Faith Formation	\$ 150.00

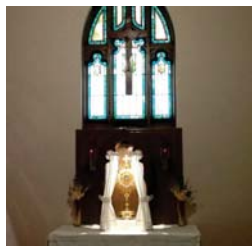
This week's Second Collection will be for:

Diocesan Assessment

Next week's Second Collection will be for:

Maintenance Fund

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?"*



The Order of Christian
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(O.C.I.A.) is a process for
those who would like to

learn more about the Catholic faith and prepare to
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- 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.**



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.



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

What are your patterns or habits for sustaining your relationship with God?

The main thing is prayer; constant communication whenever I am able to. The first thing I do in the morning is pray, and that's also one of the last things I do before going to sleep. I say the standard prayers first, and afterwards I just spend time talking to God about whatever comes to mind: how my day went, how I'm feeling, asking for guidance if I have a problem. All of these things are conversations that one would have with a close friend or someone they care about. Relationships require communication, as well as time spent together, or else the relationship falls apart. So I have made it a habit to take time out of my day to speak to God and spend that extra time with Him.

Women of Faith Meeting

The next Women of Faith meeting will be held on Thursday, September 4th, at 6:30pm. There will also be a pot luck dinner.

New members welcome!



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.

Intercession for Priests marks 50 years with Mass and retreat in Ireland

Catholic News Agency

This week in Ireland, the Intercession for Priests ministry marks its 50th anniversary with Mass in Knock followed by a weeklong retreat at Maynooth led by Sister Briege McKenna, OSC. McKenna, who ministers to priests and bishops around the world, said the ministry is a gift from God that renews the spiritual life of priests.

The Intercession for Priests was started at All Hallows College in 1976 by the late Father Kevin Scallon, who established it following an encounter with a similar program in the United States. It was a critical time for priests, and many were deciding to leave the priesthood.

Father Tom Surlis is the seminary rector of St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, and he first encountered the Intercession for Priests in 2004 as a recently-ordained priest. Since then, the annual gathering has been a staple in his "spiritual diet." Surlis described it as "a regular dose of medicine from the Divine Physician, who gathers his priests to spend time together and with him, and who is tangibly present in our midst to renew, restore, and revivify our identity as ministers of word and sacrament in an atmosphere that is fraternal and deeply spiritual."

The Intercession for Priests in Ireland is hosted at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. Surlis said: "On this 50th anniversary I can only say 'Ad multos annos' to the Intercession and thank God for Father Kevin, Sister Briege, the Core Groups in Ireland, England, Germany, and Poland and all who make it possible for this great work to continue as a sign of hope, a vessel of love, and a deepener of faith in our time." Surlis pointed to the words of Father Jack Finnegan, SDB, who has been with the Intercession for Priests from the outset. "The more the priest encounters Christ, the more he prays and meditates, the more he will come to unity in Christ. The more he grows into union with Christ, the more he will experience the disintegration of his selfish ego and put on the compassionate gentleness and understanding humility of Jesus. Such is the transformative power of the Spirit. Such is the vastness of grace," he said.

Archbishop Martin told the congregation in Knock: "We priests tend to be caught up in a multitude of demands and distractions. In recent times, like many others, we have become vulnerable to isolation and loneliness, and sometimes to unhealthy or harmful influences that can steal away the joy of our vocation. And we priests are not the best at accepting when we need help and support or finding guides and mentors to accompany us spiritually, pastorally, intellectually, and especially in our personal human development."



Fr. Murphy at this year's priestly retreat in
Maynooth, Dublin.

Parish Leader CONVOCAATION

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.

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.

\$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

Register at:
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For questions email dcarvalho2@dioc-fr.org

Fall River **The New Evangelization**

WOMEN'S RETREAT: SEEKING JOY!

Retreat Leader
ALLISON GINGRAS

Join Us...
LIGHT BREAKFAST AT 845 AM FOLLOWED BY RETREAT FROM 9:15 TO 12:00.

St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Hall,
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OCT | 4th | 2025

*Limited Seating | \$20 ticket
 St. Nicholas of Myra Women's Guild,
 c/o Eileen Cloonan (Guild President)
 by September 29, 2025

SAVE THE DATE

Sight & Sound Theater Presents "NOAH LIVE ON STAGE"

Bus Trip to Lancaster, PA

OCTOBER 21, 22 & 23
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

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 CORMIER 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.

Local Rules

- Bunkers on holes 2, 4, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19 are closed on holes 2 & 4.
- A 14 indicator on hole 18.
- Bunkers on holes 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19 are closed on holes 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19.
- All roads and cartpaths are closed on holes 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19.

Course/Stroke Rating

Blue	White	Yellow	Red
71.7	72.1	72.5	72.9
121	127	133	139

Course Procedures

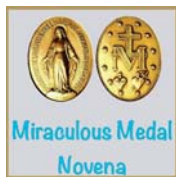
- Bunker bunkers, repair ball marks, and replace divots.
- Golf carts must be kept 50 yards from all trees, greens and bunkers.
- Keep pace.

Poppy Brook Golf Club is a public 18-hole, parkland-style golf course designed by Geoffrey Cornish and built in the 1960s. In addition to the course, it offers a 25-station practice range, practice putting green and short game area.

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, carts 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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MONDAYS**Miraculous Medal Novena**

The Miraculous Medal Novena has been held
every Monday for 80 years!

**WEDNESDAYS****DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR
PRAYER GROUP**

Divine Mercy Holy Hour
for the Sick and Dying

Wednesday at 6:00pm

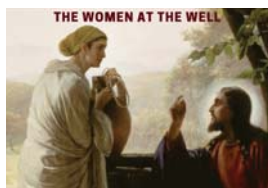
Jesus said to Saint Faustina:
*"Write that when they say this
Chaplet in the presence of the
dying, I will stand between MY
FATHER and the Dying
Person. Not as the Just Judge,
but as the Merciful Savior."*

**FRIDAYS****Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle**

Laity Prayer Group praying for Priests
meets Fridays 1:00pm - 2:00pm
St Joseph's Adoration Chapel
All are welcome!

1ST SATURDAY

The Men of St Joseph meet every First Saturday of the Month.
Beginning with 9:00am Mass followed by a meeting in the parish
hall for fellowship, discussion and light refreshments.
All men are invited to attend

2ND SATURDAY**WOMEN AT THE WELL PRAYER GROUP**

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Saint John Eudes, Pray for Us!



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