

*St. Andrew the Apostle  
Taunton Catholic Church*

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# HUMBLE YOURSELF



AND YOU WILL FIND FAVOR WITH GOD

SIRACH 3:18

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August 31st, 2025

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## **ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Saturday, August 30th**

4:00pm — Maria A. Sousa

### **Sunday, August 31st**

8:00am — Frank Guay 4th Anniversary

10:30am — Special Intention, DaSilva & Martin Families, Living & Deceased

### **Monday, September 1st**

8:00am — All Parishioners Living & Deceased

### **Tuesday, September 2nd**

8:00am — Marc DeSousa, Raimond DeSousa

### **Wednesday, September 3rd**

8:00am — Lawrence Jones

### **Thursday, September 4th**

8:00am — Jaime & Marie Almeida

### **Friday, September 5th**

8:00am — Cecelia Mulcahy

### **Saturday, September 6th**

9:00am — Men of Saint Joseph

4:00pm — Minnie & Ricardo Barros, Geneva Dicks

### **Sunday, September 7th**

8:00am — Steve Silva

10:30am — Laura Moitoso 1st Anniversary

### **Sanctuary Lamp for week of August 30th**



*Deceased Parishioners*

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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 the Sirach  
Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29**

My child, conduct your affairs with humility,  
and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts.  
Humble yourself the more, the greater you are,  
and you will find favor with God.  
What is too sublime for you, seek not,  
into things beyond your strength search not.  
The mind of a sage appreciates proverbs,  
and an attentive ear is the joy of the wise.  
Water quenches a flaming fire,  
and alms atone for sins.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm      Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11**

**R. \ God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

The just rejoice and exult before God;  
they are glad and rejoice.  
Sing to God, chant praise to his name;  
whose name is the LORD.

**R. \ God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

The father of orphans and the defender of widows  
is God in his holy dwelling.  
God gives a home to the forsaken;  
he leads forth prisoners to prosperity.

**R. \ God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

A bountiful rain you showered down, O God, upon  
your inheritance;  
you restored the land when it languished;  
your flock settled in it;  
in your goodness, O God, you provided it for the  
needy.

**R. \ God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

**SECOND READING****A Reading from The Letter of Saint Paul to The Hebrews**

**Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a**

Brothers and sisters:

You have not approached that which could be touched  
and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness and storm and  
a trumpet blast and a voice speaking words such that  
those who heard begged that no message be further  
addressed to them.

No, you have approached Mount Zion and the city of  
the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and countless  
angels in festal gathering, and the assembly of the  
firstborn enrolled in heaven, and God the judge of all,  
and the spirits of the just made perfect, and Jesus, the  
mediator of a new covenant, and the sprinkled blood  
that speaks more eloquently than that of Abel.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL****A Reading from The Gospel according to Luke  
Luke 14:1, 7-14**

On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of  
the leading Pharisees, and the people there were  
observing him carefully.

He told a parable to those who had been invited,  
noticing how they were choosing the places of honor  
at the table. "When you are invited by someone to a  
wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of  
honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have  
been invited by him, and the host who invited both of  
you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to  
this man,' and then you would proceed with  
embarrassment to take the lowest place. Rather, when  
you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that  
when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend,  
move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the  
esteem of your companions at the table. For every one  
who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who  
humbles himself will be exalted." Then he said to the  
host who invited him, "When you hold a lunch or a  
dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or  
your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they  
may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather,  
when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled,  
the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because  
of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid  
at the resurrection of the righteous."

**Thanks be to God.**





By Father Edward A. Murphy

## *Gospel of Luke*

True humility is recognizing and accepting the wonder of our being, and of our giftedness. As the famous spiritual writer, C.S. Lewis stated: *'Humility is not thinking less of yourself but thinking of yourself less.'*

What then are we to make of Jesus' challenge to the Pharisees about their behavior when invited to a feast? He had noticed how they chose 'the places of honor' (Lk 14:7). We could be forgiven for thinking that the reason for this behavior was their high opinion of themselves, but this is not the case. They chose the seats of honor because they wanted others to think highly of them, which is not the same thing. The desire to appear important in the eyes of others betrays an insecurity that comes from not really appreciating oneself. Those who have a genuine appreciation of their own worth do not need to put themselves ahead of others. Freed from that destructive desire, they can allow others to let their lights shine. They have no problem taking a back seat when invited to a feast.

What Jesus is challenging is the Pharisees' selfishness and small-mindedness. They are 'full of themselves' and want to appear important because they do not have a true sense of their own worth as creatures of a loving God. Therefore, they look for, and need, the approval of others. We can sometimes behave like that too. We can feel so insecure about our own giftedness that we are always seeking the approval of others. Jesus calls the Pharisees (and us) to a higher standard of behavior, the kind of behavior that only truly free persons with a healthy self-image can practice: When you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind. That they cannot repay you means that you are fortunate because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again' (Lk 14:13-14). This is the kind of behavior that truly humble people practice—behavior based on seeing the needs of others and tending to them. Let us, then, take up the challenge of Jesus and live our lives in humble service of others, especially those who cannot repay our love.

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## *Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel*

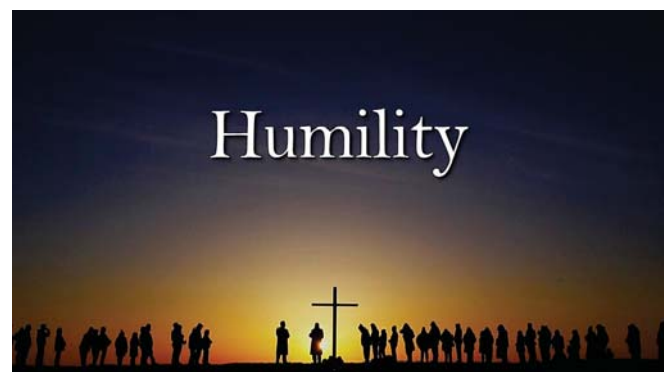
What is 'humility'?

Some think being humble means we can't acknowledge the good we do. They might go so far as to think being humble means thinking they are not good. That's not true. We can be humble and acknowledge the good we do by giving credit where credit is done.

This begins with acknowledging that the Lord is 'the giver of every good gift' (opening prayer for Mass today). We are able to do good because of the gifts God has given us. Jesus teaches about humility in the context of places of honor at a wedding banquet. Humility is a virtue that we need to make part of our whole life. Isn't it easier to work with someone who humbles themselves and will work *with* you rather than work with someone who will do anything to get ahead without concern for others?

In proper humility we open ourselves to the help of others. We open ourselves to God's guidance. Here I think of Sirach's words, 'the mind of a sage appreciates proverbs and an attentive ear is the joy of the wise.' If we are truly humble and wise, we want to listen so that we may grow.

After all, what is our goal? Are we looking to make a lot of money (that would be greed)? Do we just want to look good (that would be pride)? Or are we trying to live the words of the Lord's Prayer, 'your kingdom come,' working to make God's kingdom known in this world?



*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 23rd & 24th

Weekend Masses	\$ 3,813.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,648.00
Candles	\$ 82.00
Faith Formation	\$ 75.00

This week's Second Collection will be for:  
**Church Utilities**

Next week's Second Collection will be for:  
**Diocesan Assessment**



### **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](http://www.standrewtaunton.org).
- This year's schedule has been finalized. Please see pages 8 & 9.
- 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 need of volunteers to be assistants and aids for grades 7 and 8.

If interested, please contact the Rectory.



The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.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 O.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](mailto:Standrewtaunton@comcast.net).**

### **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?"

### **Prayer to Care for Our Common Home**

Father of all, Creator and ruler of the universe. You entrusted your world to us as a gift. Help us to care for it and all people, that we may live in right relationship with You, with ourselves, with one another, and with creation. Christ our Lord, both divine and human. You lived among us and died for our sins. Help us to imitate your love for the human family by recognizing that we are all connected to our brothers and sisters around the world, to those in poverty impacted by environmental devastation, and to future generations. Holy Spirit, giver of wisdom and love. You breathe life in us and guide us. Help us to live according to your vision, stirring to action the hearts of all individuals and families, communities of faith, and civil and political leaders. Triune God, help us to hear the cry of those in poverty, and the cry of the earth, so that we may together care for our common home. Amen



## Young Adult Section

*By Brooke Pina*



### **How can older adults in the church do a better job at teaching the youth about our faith?**

I think the first step is having factual and sensible explanations when we ask “*why*.” Young people are not going to believe something without an explanation that makes sense, nor will they believe things without evidence. Some topics are easier to explain than others, but being able to answer our questions is very important. There are plenty of ways to explain one topic as well, so if one explanation isn’t making sense to someone, try it another way instead of repeating the same thing over and over again. Every brain is different and the same explanations won’t make sense to everyone, so keep that in mind when speaking to youth.

If you have any questions about the youth that you would like answered, please email [brookepina.standrews@gmail.com](mailto:brookepina.standrews@gmail.com)

## 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!



## Medjugorje Message

*(August 25th, 2025)*



“**D**ear children, my little children, my beloved ones; you are chosen because you have responded, you have put into practice my instructions and love God above all else. Therefore, little children, pray with all your heart that my words may be realized. Fast, sacrifice yourselves, love out of love for God Who created you, and be, little children, my extended hands to this world that has not come to know the God of love. Thank you for having responded to my call.”



## THE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH



The Men of Saint Joseph here at St Andrew the Apostle Church was established to coincide with the first Saturday of the month and to meet the conditions of the First Saturday devotion. **Saturday, September 6th**, the Men of Saint Joseph will have an open house for all men of the parish.

**9:00am** Mass, Rosary and Confessions are also available.

**10:00am** Fellowship, coffee and light refreshments, good music and a meet & greet.

**10:15am** Meeting to include:

- a prayer to St Joseph
- a welcome or welcome back a first-class relic of a Pope
- a short impactful video
- a dynamic Catholic topic and discussion

**11:00am** Discussion of the next meeting's agenda.

Closing Prayer



### Calendar 25/26

- September 13th
- October 11th
- November 15th
- December 13th
- January 10th
- February 14th
- March 14th
- April 11th
- May 9th

### Women at the Well

*Saturday, September 13th, 2025*

- 1) The day begins with Mass at 9 AM
- 2) Rosary after mass
- 3) Fellowship
- 4) Insightful faith-based talk
- 5) All Women are welcome to Attend



### Testimonies

*"I look forward to Holy Mass, the Rosary, and the monthly meetings of The Women at the Well on the second Saturday of the month. Normally, I am one to shy away from group gatherings, however, I have always been willing to explore. To my absolute delight, being part of this meaningful and kind group of people quickly became important to me."*

*"The group is organized by very thoughtful leadership who put their hearts into bringing its members/participants closer to our religion through guest speakers, videos, music, special gatherings, and allowing personal experiences to be shared-all beginning and ending in prayer. There is love and compassion in the room and a few good chuckles as well. I recommend all to come and experience The Women at the Well." Barbara S.*

*"Being part of The Women at the Well has been such a blessing, reminding me that I am truly loved and never alone. the fellowship and encouragement from other women have helped me grow stronger in faith and a closer relationship with Jesus. Each gathering leaves me uplifted, inspired and more confident in walking out God's purpose for my life. We are so blessed to have such faithful and caring leaders who guide us with wisdom, love and a true heart for Christ." Joanne D.*

*"No doubt, this grace-filled group was inspired by The Holy Spirit, runs by the Holy Spirit. As I listen to the heartfelt talks, I can't help but wish my daughters, sisters, everyone were there to experience the beauty and love of Our Lord Jesus and The Blessed Mother through The Women at the Well gatherings!" Linda M.*

**St. Andrew the Apostle Parish**  
**Faith Formation Schedule 2025 - 2026**  
**9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Sunday Mornings**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>GRADES 1– 8</u></b>	<b><u>CONFIRMATION</u></b> <b><u>GRADES 9 –10</u></b>
9/14/2025	Grades 1 & 2	Grade 9
9/21/2025	Grades 3 & 4	Grade 10
9/28/2025	Grades 5 & 6	Grade 9
10/5/2025	Grades 7 & 8	Grade 10
	Grade 2	
10/12/2025	<b>NO FAITH FORMATION - COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND</b>	
10/19/2025	Grades 1 & 2	Grade 9
10/26/2025	Grades 3 & 4	Grade 10
11/2/2025	Grades 5 & 6	Grade 9
11/9/2025	<b>NO FAITH FORMATION - VETERNS DAY WEEKEND</b>	
11/16/2025	Grades 7 & 8	Grade 10
	Grade 2	
11/23/2025	Grades 1 & 2	Grade 9
11/30/2025	<b>NO FAITH FORMATION - THANKSGIVING</b>	
12/7/2025	Grades 3 & 4	Grade 10
12/14/2025	Grades 5 & 6	Grade 9
12/21/2025	<b>NO FAITH FORMATION - CHRISTMAS</b>	
12/28/2025	<b>NO FAITH FORMATION - NEW YEAR'S</b>	
1/4/2026	Grades 7 & 8	Grade 10
	Grade 2	
1/11/2026	Grades 1 & 2	Grade 9
1/18/2026	<b>NO FAITH FORMATION - MARTIN LUTHER KING</b>	



<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADES 1– 8</u>	<u>CONFIRMATION</u> <u>GRADES 9 –10</u>
1/25/2026	Grades 3 & 4	Grade 10
2/1/2026	Grades 5 & 6	Grade 9
2/8/2026	Grades 7 & 8	Grade 10
	Grade 2	
2/15/2026	<b>NO FAITH FORMATION - PRESIDENT'S DAY</b>	
2/22/2026	Grades 1 & 2	Grade 9
	<b>First Penance for Grade 2 (Mandatory)</b>	
3/1/2026	Grades 3 & 4	Grade 10
3/8/2026	Grades 5 & 6	Grade 9
3/15/2026	Grades 7 & 8	Grade 10
	Grade 2	
3/21/2026	<b>Saturday - First Holy Communion Retreat for Grade 2 St. Andrew's Hall - 10:00am - 1:00pm (Mandatory)</b>	
3/22/2026	Grades 1 & 2	Grade 9
3/29/2026	Grades 3 & 4	Grade 10
4/5/2026	<b>NO FAITH FORMATION - EASTER SUNDAY</b>	
4/12/2026	Grades 5 & 6	<b>NO FAITH FORMATION FOR GRADE 9</b>
4/19/2026	<b>NO FAITH FORMATION - PATRIOT'S DAY</b>	
4/26/2026	Grades 7 & 8	<b>NO FAITH FORMATION FOR GRADE 10</b>
	Grade 2	
4/26/2026	<b>First Holy Communion Rehearsal for Grade 2 - After 10:30am Mass (Mandatory)</b>	
5/2/2026	<b>Saturday - First Holy Communion - 10:00am Mass for all Grade 2 Students All students must arrive by 9:15am</b>	

\*Confirmation Date will be announced at a later time

\*First Penance will be during Faith Formation class on 2/22/26. All parents are welcome to attend.

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### **Saint Teresa of Calcutta** *Feast Day — September 5th*



Raised in a deeply Catholic family in Albania, Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu joined the Sisters of Loreto in 1928 and took the name Teresa. The community sent her to Kolkata, India, where she taught children for two decades. In 1946 Teresa heard God's call to quench the thirst of Jesus by caring for the poorest of the poor. She left the Sisters of Loreto to rescue the sick and destitute in the slums of Kolkata — one at a time. Many volunteers soon joined her and she formed them into her religious order, the Missionaries of Charity. Teresa's manifest goodness and her unique media savvy attracted global attention, drawing many people to God. Many regard her as the greatest Catholic evangelist of the 20th century. She was beatified in 2003 and canonized in 2016.



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