

# *St. Andrew the Apostle*

## *Taunton Catholic Church*



TWENTY-THIRD  
**SUNDAY**  
IN ORDINARY TIME

“In the same way,  
anyone of you who  
does not renounce all  
his possessions cannot  
be my disciple.”

Luke 14:33

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**

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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, 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

### **Monday, September 8th**

8:00am — Geraldine Cormier

### **Tuesday, September 9th**

8:00am — Rev. Edmund J. Fitzgerald

### **Wednesday, September 10th**

8:00am — George Hickey

### **Thursday, September 11th**

8:00am — Special Intention, DaSilva, Garcia, Martin, & Andrade Families

### **Friday, September 12th**

8:00am — Geraldine Munise

### **Saturday, September 13th**

9:00am — Women at the Well

4:00pm — Jerry Gordon

### **Sunday, September 14th**

8:00am — Peter McDermott, Jerry Gordon, Albert & Yvonne Gordon

10:30am — Stephen Botelho

### **Sanctuary Lamp for week of September 6th**



*George Hickey*

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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

**HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE** With elevator



**FIRST READING****A Reading from the book of Wisdom****Wisdom 9:13-18b**

Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends?

For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans. For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns. And scarce do we guess the things on earth, and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty; but when things are in heaven, who can search them out?

Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17**

**R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

You turn man back to dust, saying, "Return, O children of men." For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday, now that it is past, or as a watch of the night.

**R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

You make an end of them in their sleep; the next morning they are like the changing grass, Which at dawn springs up anew, but by evening wilts and fades.

**R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants!

**R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. And may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands!

**R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

**SECOND READING****A Reading from The Letter of Saint Paul to Philemon****Philemon 9-10, 12-17**

I, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus, urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus, whose father I have become in my imprisonment; I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I should have liked to retain him for myself, so that he might serve me on your behalf in my imprisonment for the gospel, but I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary.

Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother, beloved especially to me, but even more so to you, as a man and in the Lord.

So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL****A Reading from The Gospel according to Luke****Luke 14:25-33**

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them,

"If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?

Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.'

Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away,

he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms.

In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

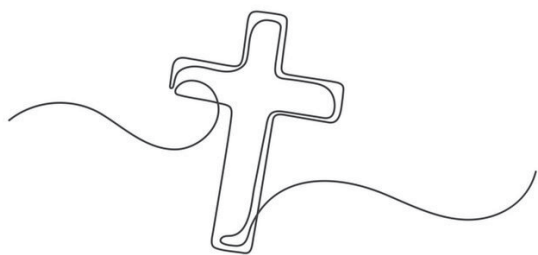




By Father Edward A. Murphy

## ***Gospel of Luke***

Jesus has a simple formula for maturing his followers; it is the cross. 'Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.' However, the question may legitimately arise, 'Why is the cross a condition of following Jesus?' Jesus provides an answer in this passage. When he speaks of 'hating father and mother' and even one's 'own life, Jesus is indicating that the price of discipleship is to love him above all other things - even good and holy things like mother and father. Only God may have the first place in our lives: ...seek his kingdom, and these other things will be given you besides' (Luke 12:31). Whenever we choose something, we necessarily leave other options behind, and that entails sacrifice. For example, when you pick a job, you leave the other jobs aside. Christ is saying that all of our decisions must be subordinate to love of him and his will. Will this decision transgress one of the Ten Commandments?' 'Is this decision in accord with my vocation or state in life?' 'Is this decision God's will for me at this moment?' That is where we must prayerfully discern what God wants for us. This is not meant to create a scrupulous fear of making the wrong decision, but rather seeking to please God in all we do in the light of faith.



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

### **No room for compromise**

What does Christianity have to offer that's worth giving up everything else for, including one's own life? More than we can fathom! Jesus offered his disciples a priceless treasure - true happiness, peace, and joy unending with the everlasting Father in his heavenly kingdom. And what does it cost to be a disciple of so generous a Lord who wishes to share everything he has with his beloved disciples? Jesus was utterly honest and spared no words to tell his disciples that it would cost them dearly to follow after him. To gain all, one must be willing to give all. There can be no room for compromise or concession with God. We either give our lives over to him completely or we keep them for ourselves. Paul the Apostle says, 'We are not our own. We were bought with a price' (1 Cor.6:19b,20). That price is the blood of Jesus shed for us on the cross. Is your life given over to God?

### **Count the cost**

Why does Jesus say we must 'hate' our families and even ourselves? The expression 'to hate' often meant to 'prefer less'. Jesus used strong language to make clear that nothing should take precedence or first place in our lives over God. Jesus knew that the way of the cross was the Father's way to glory and victory over sin and death. He counted the cost and said 'yes' to his Father's will. We, too, must 'count the cost' and be ready to follow Jesus in the way of the cross if we want to share in his glory and victory. What is the 'way of the cross' for you and for me?

*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 30th & 31st

Weekend Masses	\$ 3,250.00
Church Utilities	\$ 1,546.00
Candles	\$ 90.00
Faith Formation	\$ 675.00

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

Next week's Second Collection will be for:  
**Fuel, Maintenance, & Repairs**

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

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

Weekend Masses	\$ 2,574.00
Fuel & Maintenance	\$ 180.00
Annual Appeal	\$ 100.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 103.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 221.00

### **Healing Mass Schedule**



#### **St. Anne's:**

Thursday,  
September 18th  
Rosary: 6:00pm  
Mass: 6:30pm

#### **St. Andrew's:**

Thursday,  
September 25th  
Rosary: 6:00pm  
Mass: 6:30pm



## **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.

### **Volunteers Needed**

Birthright of Greater Taunton is in need of a few volunteers for Tuesday's from 10AM - 1PM for the summer, then 10AM - 2PM for the fall and winter months. You will be working with kind and caring volunteers and we help Mom's and their Babies with diapers, clothes, food etc. If this interests you, we would love to talk to you. Contact us on Tuesdays or Thursdays or leave a message at 508-822-2921.

Address: 468 Bay Street, Taunton, MA 02780



## Young Adult Section

By Brooke Pina

### How do young adults understand or experience worship differently than older generations?

I think young adults are much more focused on how certain teachings can apply to them personally as an individual. Rather than following traditional ways of worship, young adults want to focus on the human side: acknowledging struggles, accepting different emotions and feelings, and recognizing that not everyone listens or learns in the same way. These are the things that make worship feel real to my generation. Young adults want to feel moved while worshipping, and for a lot of us, that's more difficult to do when we're in a silent, traditional setting. Emotions are part of what makes us human, and integrating them into worship can go a very long way when it comes to the younger generation.

If you have any questions about the youth that you would like

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Date: Monday, September 15, 2025  
Time: 8:00 AM, Scramble, Shotgun Start  
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Contact:  
Mike Wojcik: 508.822.4254  
Tom Keating: 508.801.7922  
Bob Grossman: 508.823.7920



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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, 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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## 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.

**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.

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

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

<u><b>DATE</b></u>	<u><b>GRADES 1– 8</b></u>	<u><b>CONFIRMATION</b></u> <u><b>GRADES 9 –10</b></u>
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.

Contact: [faithformationtaunton@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationtaunton@gmail.com)

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### **Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

*Feast Day — September 8th*



Behold,  
the virgin shall be  
with child and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,  
which means “God is with us.”

Matthew 1:23



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