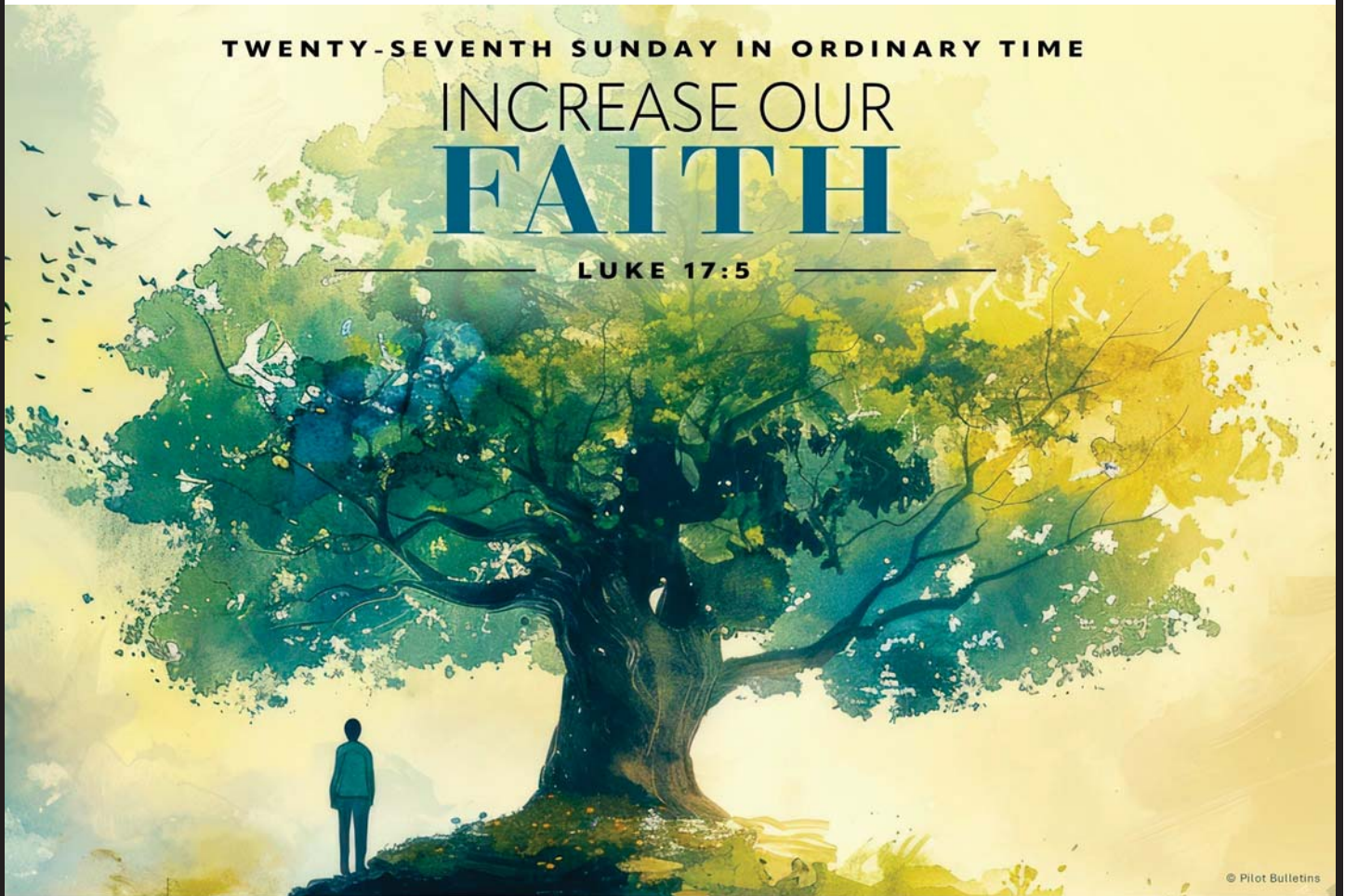


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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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LUKE 17:5



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October 5th, 2025

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 4th

9:00am — Men of St. Joseph

4:00pm — Lawrence Jones

Sunday, October 5th

8:00am — Dolores Cravenho 1st Anniversary

10:30am — Alvarino Fortes 25th anniversary,
Mary Fortes, Margaret & Joseph Sollecito

Monday, October 6th

8:00am — George Corliss

Tuesday, October 7th

8:00am — George Hickey

Wednesday, October 8th

8:00am — James Roberts

Thursday, October 9th

8:00am — Rose Trivilino

Friday, October 10th

8:00am — Edmund Perry Sr.

Saturday, October 11th

9:00am — Women at the Well

4:00pm — Michelle DaRosa, Paul Brito,
Leo & Yvonne Dufresne

Sunday, October 12th

8:00am — Angelo, Angelina, & Jose Chaves &
Family, Maria & Manuel Moitoso & Family10:30am — Mario Moitoso, Jose, Filomena,
& Louis Goulart

Sanctuary Lamp for week of October 4th



*Botelho & Faria Families,
Mr. & Mrs. John Duarte*

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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.

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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
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 Habakkuk**
Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

How long, O LORD? I cry for help
but you do not listen!
I cry out to you, "Violence!"
but you do not intervene.
Why do you let me see ruin;
why must I look at misery?
Destruction and violence are before me;
there is strife, and clamorous discord.
Then the LORD answered me and said:
Write down the vision clearly upon the tablets,
so that one can read it readily.
For the vision still has its time,
presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint;
if it delays, wait for it,
it will surely come, it will not be late.
The rash one has no integrity;
but the just one, because of his faith, shall live.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9**

R. \ If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

R. \ If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
For he is our God,
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

R. \ If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Massah in the desert,
Where your fathers tempted me;
they tested me though they had seen my works."

R. \ If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING**A Reading from The Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy****2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14**

Beloved:

I remind you, to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands.
For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control.
So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake;
but bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

Take as your norm the sound words that you heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL**A Reading from The Gospel according to Luke**
Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."
The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

"Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here immediately and take your place at table'?"

Would he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished'? Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded?

So should it be with you.

When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.



By Father Edward A. Murphy

Gospel of Luke

A certain man asked his 14-year old son to wash his car. It was his first time to ask the son to do this. The man normally got the car washed at the local garage but hadn't the time to go there that day. The son's reaction as to ask the father: "How much will you give me for doing it?" The father was very upset and sad. He replied: "Ever since your birth I took care of you, loved you, fed you, clothed you, sent you to a good school. I never once asked you to pay for this. Loving you as I do how could I have asked you to pay me?"

In the Gospel today Jesus is telling us that we cannot claim anything from God because of any good we do. We can never put God into our debt. We can never make claims on him when we have done our best. Have we not only done our duty? How could we fail to do what God asks if us in response to all God's blessings to us? The whole idea of merit, reward must be abandoned in our approach to God. It is a warning against a book-keeping mentality. As Jesus says in the gospel: "So with you when you have done all that you have been told to do, say: we are merely servants. We have done no more than our duty."

However, God would not want us to respond only out of a sense of duty but as an act of love. Perhaps instead of saying "I have the faith" it is more appropriate to say "I become a person of faith." In this sense faith is an encounter with Someone we believe loves us and who invites us into a loving relationship, in order to become a partner of his in his work. It begins at baptism but since faith is life it had to grow toward maturity, to develop. The more I experience God's great love for me, the more I will respond. Jesus was always faithful to the will of his Father which finally led to his death on the cross, the true meaning and outcome of faith – giving oneself totally to the other in a relationship no matter the cost.

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Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel

1) Faith can move mountains ...well it can certainly get us moving. Recall a time when you were full of self-doubt, skepticism about a project, or lacking trust in God. What was that like? Contrast this with times when you believed in yourself, or in the value of a project you ad undertaken, or when your faith and trust in God was strong. What kind of faith have you found enriched your life?

2) Faith is like a mustard seed, small, and sometimes we may be tempted to wait till our faith grows. Part of the message in the gospel is to use the faith we have, even though it may be small. That is how we grow in believe in ourselves and in God's presence in our lives. Does your experience back up this?

3) It is nice when what we do is recognized and acknowledged, but the desire for recognition leaves us vulnerable. It is not always forthcoming. It can be helpful if our main motivation in doing something is the value of action itself. Have you experience this?

4) This is particularly true when it comes to love. Live is a free gift. What is given lovingly is not given because of a claim. What if your experience of the freedom of love given and received?



World Mission Sunday Collection



As part of World Mission Sunday,
there will be a **Mission Collection**
after Communion during all Masses on
October 4th & 5th.



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 September 27th & 28th

Weekend Masses	\$ 3,983.00
Liturgical Expenses	\$ 1,656.00
Candles	\$ 100.00
Faith Formation	\$ 590.00

This week's Second Collection will be for:
**Grounds & Beatification
Mission Collection**

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 September

Weekend Masses	\$ 2,121.00
Fuel & Maintenance	\$ 155.00
Annual Appeal	\$ 100.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 103.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 203.00

Healing Mass Schedule



St. Anne's:

Thursday,
October 16th
Rosary: 6:00pm
Mass: 6:30pm

St. Andrew's:

Thursday,
October 23rd
Rosary: 6:00pm
Mass: 6:30pm



St. Andrew the Apostle Faith Formation Schedule 2025 - 2026

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADES 1- 8</u>	<u>CONFIRMATION GRADES 9 -10</u>
10/5/2025	Grades 7 & 8 Grade 2	Grade 10
10/12/2025	NO FAITH FORMATION - COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND	
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	NO FAITH FORMATION - VETERANS DAY WEEKEND	

*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



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.



Young Adult Section

By Brooke Pina

How do you deal with being thrown into uncomfortable or scary situations that God is letting you go through?

Oftentimes, we feel like we need to mentally prepare ourselves and dread the things God may be calling us to do because we are scared of being uncomfortable. But there is no growth in comfort. God will sometimes push you into doing things that make you scared or uncomfortable because He knows you will be able to handle it and accomplish it. He will help you through whatever scary or uncomfortable situation you may face. Have confidence and courage that you can accomplish things you are anxious about. If God believes you can do something, then you can. Don't sit back just because you are scared of discomfort. Take God's hand and let Him guide you. And remember, not everything God is calling you to do will be scary.

Save the Date

Tea for All Ages

On Sunday, October 25th, the Women of Faith will be hosting their annual Tea Party from 2:00pm - 4:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from any Women of Faith member.

Please contact a Woman of Faith member or call Kathy Duarte at 508-822-5455 for details.

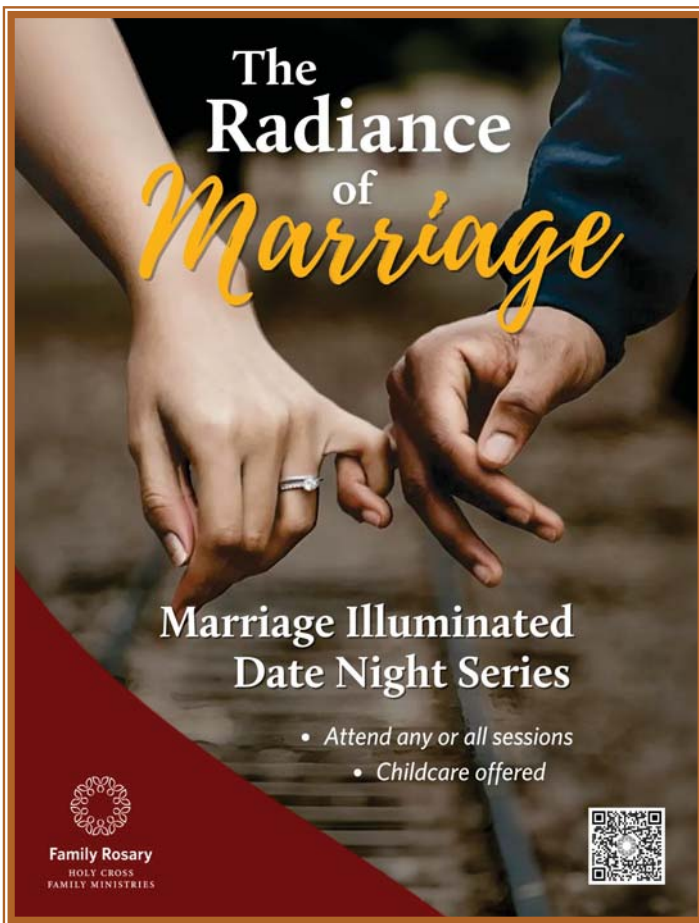


Medjugorje Message

(September 25th, 2025)

“**D**ear children! May this time for you be a time of prayer for peace. Thank you for having responded to my call. ”





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- Attend any or all sessions
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Family Rosary
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Woman of Faith

Thank you to the Women of Faith who spent this past Saturday, September 27th, cleaning up around our Parish!

Mary's Mantle Consecration

In these turbulent times, we invite you to prayerfully consider embarking on a journey of love with Our Blessed Mother.

The Women at the Well are sponsoring a 46-day consecration to the Blessed Mother, commencing on October 28th and concluding on December 12th, in celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

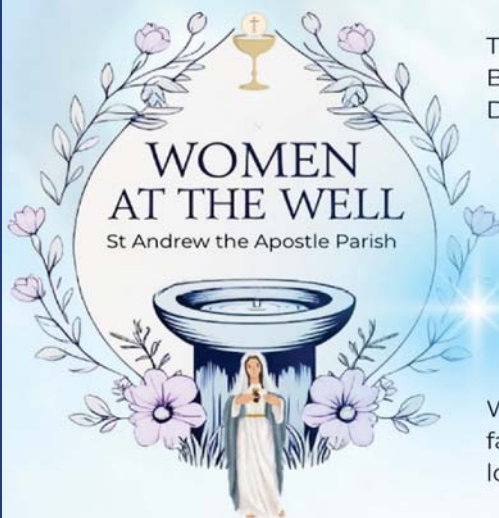
The consecration includes the following:

- A daily rosary dedicated to the group's intentions
- One day of fasting within the 46-day period
- Daily readings focusing on the virtues and gifts of the Holy Spirit
- The culmination of the consecration on December 12th, coinciding with the feast day.

When we consecrate ourselves to Mary, we receive a portion of her own faith. God is always generous, and Our Lady will carry our sacrifices of love directly to Jesus.

Will you step under her mantle, not only for yourself but for your children, spouse, and friends, who need to come home to the church and help change our corner of the world?

Sign-up sheets are available at all church entrances.



Books will be available for a free will donation

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Date, Time & Location

Saturday, October 18, 2025 @ 5:00PM

St. Andrew the Apostle Parish Hall



Tickets

Adults \$15.00, Children 12 and under \$7.00.

Tickets will be available after all Masses on the weekends of
September 28th, October 5th and 12th.

Dinner Details

The dinner will start off with Caesar salad, then continue with Chicken Parmesan and Ziti along with Green Beans and Rolls with Butter. And to top it all off Apple Crisp for Dessert.

We will also have a Chinese auction, with none other than our own Mike Wojcik.

For tickets or information, call Bob Crossman @ (508) 823-7920 or Mike Wojcik @ (508) 822-4254

Saint Maria Soledad Torres Acosta

1826 — 1887

FEAST DAY — OCTOBER 11

As a child in Madrid, Spain, Manuela Torres Acosta reportedly was more intent on getting playmates to pray than to play. In 1851, she and six companions were invited by a Servite priest to provide home care to the sick of his parish. Taking the name Maria Soledad to honor Our Lady of Sorrows and overcoming her fear of nursing, she became a founder of the Handmaids of Mary Serving the Sick. As superior for 35 years, she oversaw the congregation's rapid expansion and battled government opposition; she was canonized in 1970. One of her novices said, "Mother Soledad is like an anvil; she is constantly taking a beating."



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Saint Faustina Kowalska

1905 — 1938

FEAST DAY — OCTOBER 5

Saint Faustina was born in 1905 into a poor Polish family and experienced a religious calling from a young age. She initially deferred pursuing a religious vocation to help her family with her earnings as a housekeeper. At age 19, after a vision of the suffering Jesus, she earnestly sought entrance into religious life. Initially turned away by many convents, she entered the order of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in 1925. In April 1928, she took her first vows with her parents in attendance. St. Faustina served the Congregation as a cook, gardener, and porter. While living a simple religious life, she grew in great union with God, experiencing profound sufferings as well as consolations. She had many visions of Jesus and wrote a diary of her experiences. St. Faustina died from tuberculosis at the age of 33 in 1938.

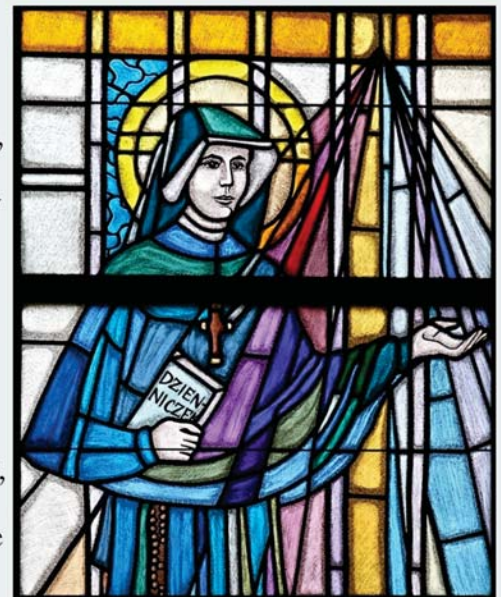
In 1959, the Vatican suppressed the Divine Mercy devotion. But in 1978, the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith lifted the suppression after new original documents were examined and texts were retranslated. Then Cardinal Karol Wojtyla strongly promoted the message of Divine Mercy. Later, as Pope John Paul II, he canonized St. Faustina, in April 2000, and designated the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. Because of her work fostering devotion to Divine Mercy, St. Faustina is known as the "apostle of Divine Mercy."

Jesus appeared to her many times and spoke of his great and unfathomable mercy to those who would trust in him. Jesus told St. Faustina that he wanted the Sunday after Easter to be celebrated as a "Feast of Mercy," as a refuge for all souls, especially poor sinners. On Divine Mercy Sunday, celebrated the weekend after Easter, the Gospel tells the story of when Jesus appeared in a locked room where the disciples were hiding.



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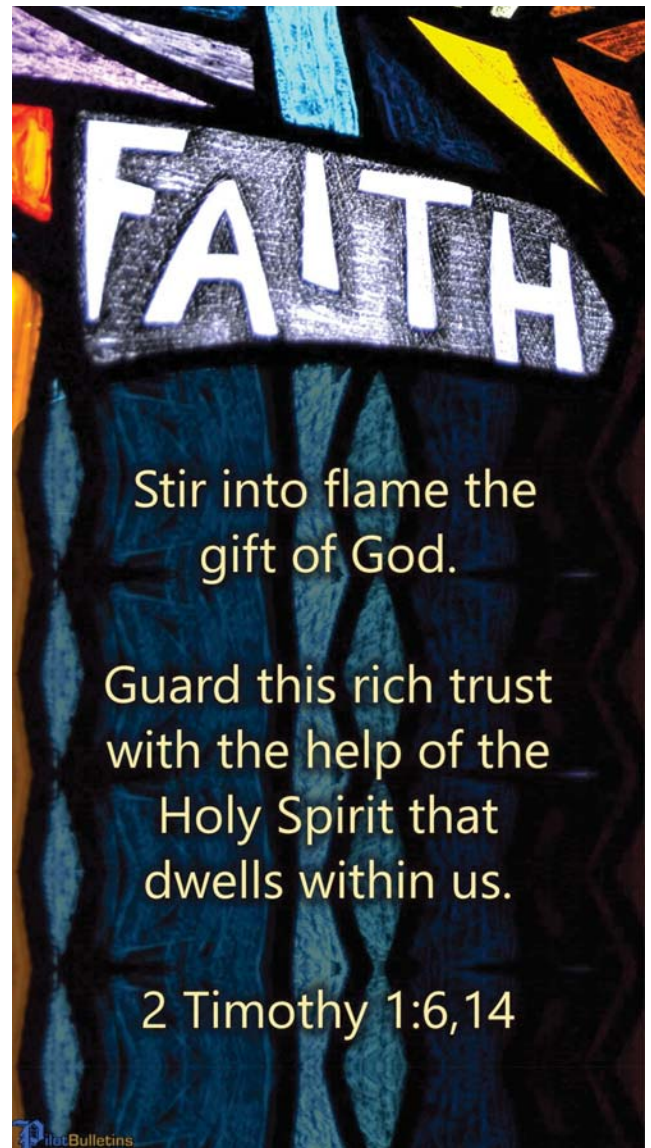
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