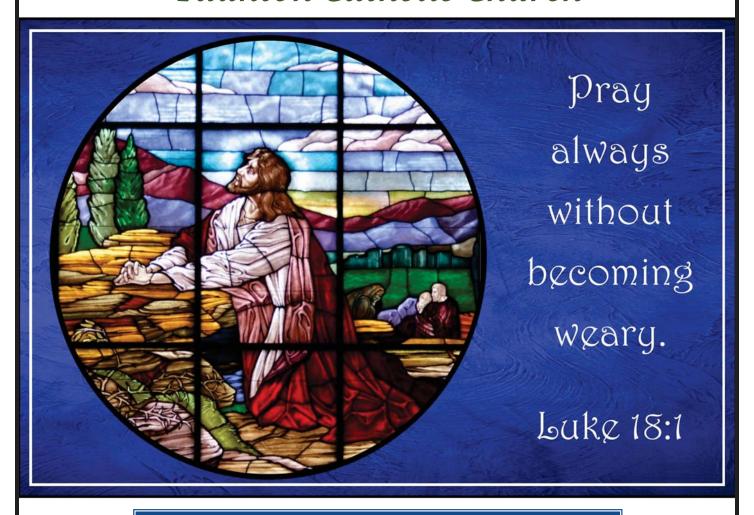
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## ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, October 18th

4:00pm — Gerald "Jerry" Gordon

#### Sunday, October 19th

8:00am — Georgette Abi Khalil 10:30am — Edith Furtado

#### Monday, October 20th

8:00am — Intentions of Miriam, Jim, and Barry

#### Tuesday, October 21st

8:00am — Philomena O'Grady

#### Wednesday, October 22nd

8:00am — Francisco & Maria Faria & Family, Souls in Purgatory

#### Thursday, October 23rd

8:00am — Special Intention 6:30pm — Healing Mass

#### Friday, October 24th

8:00am — Francis L. Medeiros, Lawrence Julio

#### Saturday, October 25th

4:00pm — Mary L. Walker

#### Sunday, October 26th

8:00am — Jose & Laura Moitoso, Ana & Antonio Freitas & Deceased Family 10:30am — Pete Rose 4th Anniversary

#### Sanctuary Lamp for week of October 18th



Jorge & Anne Botelho, Araujo Family

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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.

# FRIDAY CENACLE PRAYER GROUP

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

WEDNESDAY Divine Mercy HOLY HOUR Meets in the church, 6:00pm to 7:00pm

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION in CHAPEL

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



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#### FIRST READING

#### A Reading from The Book of Exodus

**Exodus 17:8-13** 

In those days, Amalek came and waged war against Israel. Moses, therefore, said to Joshua, "Pick out certain men, and tomorrow go out and engage Amalek in battle. I will be standing on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." So Joshua did as Moses told him: he engaged Amalek in battle after Moses had climbed to the top of the hill with Aaron and Hur. As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight, but when he let his hands rest, Amalek had the better of the fight. Moses' hands, however, grew tired; so they put a rock in place for him to sit on. Meanwhile Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other, so that his hands remained steady till sunset. And Joshua mowed down Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

#### Thanks be to God.

#### **Responsorial Psalm Psalm 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8**

## R.\ Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains; whence shall help come to me? My help is from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

## R.\ Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

May he not suffer your foot to slip; may he slumber not who guards you: indeed he neither slumbers nor sleeps, the guardian of Israel.

## R.\ Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The LORD is your guardian; the LORD is your shade;

he is beside you at your right hand. The sun shall not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

## R.\ Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The LORD will guard you from all evil; he will guard your life.

The LORD will guard your coming and your going, both now and forever.

R.\ Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

#### **SECOND READING**

## A Reading from The Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Beloved: Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it, and that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.

#### Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL**

#### A Reading from The Gospel according to Luke Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, "There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.'

For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me."

The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says.

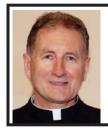
Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?

Will he be slow to answer them?

I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily.

But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

#### The Gospel of the Lord.



By Father Edward A. Murphy

## Gospel of Luke

The Silence of God: Why would a God who loves us apparently ignore our prayer to the point of seeming like an indifferent judge whom we must consistently pester to get a hearing? Perhaps our own experience of prayer, heartfelt prayer, has raised such questions in our minds. Why does God so often seem silent? More than likely, our deafness is more often to blame than is God's silence. We are distracted, worried, and often not recollected, so we can miss his sometimes subtle communications It's also possible that Our Lord wants to achieve something in us by having us wait for his reply.

Perseverance in Prayer: When we must wait on the Lord, we have an opportunity to grow in a variety of ways. We can grow in patience, learning that God's timing is not ours. We can grow in humility, realizing that God is in charge and that we are not. We can grow in our desire for that for which we ask. Additionally, we can grow in our confidence in God, realizing that whether we receive the requested favor or not, God knows best and only desires our good. Consequently, we are more at peace and willing to face all things, confident in his providential care.

Desiring God above All Things: Perhaps the most important lesson we learn by waiting on God's response to our prayer is to desire God above all things. Someone fully satisfied and content feels no need for help or change - no need for God. However, when we come face-to-face with a real need and acknowledge our insufficiency, we turn to God.

## Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel

- 1) The purpose of prayer is not to change God's mind but to change ourselves, and we can be slow to move. When have you found that persistence in prayer strengthened your faith in the presence of God with you in that struggle?
- 2) The context of the story may be a concern about the delay in the final coming of the Lord. Have there been times when your persistence in prayer, or action, was eventually rewarded after a period when you had doubts about the outcome? What, for you, have been the fruits of persistent prayer?
- 3) Behind the story lies the final question of Jesus: Who does have faith? Who have been models of faith and trust in God for you? How has that trust been shown in their lives? How is it shown in yours?

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## WEEKLY PARISH ST. ANDREW'S SUPPORT

Thank you for your support to our Parish Family. The Offertory for the weekend of *October 11th & 12th* 

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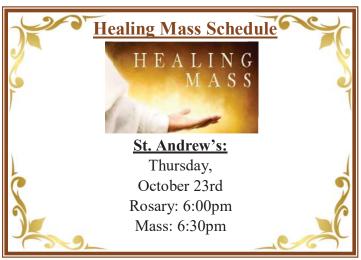
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**Organ Fund & Maintenance** 

Next week's Second Collection will be for:

**Diocesan Assessment** 







#### St. Andrew the Apostle Faith Formation Schedule 2025 - 2026

<u>DATE</u>	GRADES 1–8	CONFIRMATION GRADES 9 –10
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 - VETERNS DAY WEEKEND	
11/16/2025	Grades 7 & 8	Grade 10

\*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.

Grade 9

Contact: faithformationtaunton@gmail.com

Grade 2

11/23/2025 Grades 1 & 2



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 has your relationship with God changed since you were a teenager?

When I was a teenager, the relationship with God was something that was more forced, rather than something I really wanted. When you're a teenager, there are people around you that lead and guide you into doing things, like parents making you attend Mass or CCD classes. But once you get older, you are no longer forced to do those things, and maintaining whatever relationship you have with God becomes your sole responsibility. It becomes more about choice; something you want to keep in your life versus something you don't really care for. I'm twenty-two now, so it certainly hasn't been long since I was a teenager, but I can definitely say that my relationship with God grew exponentially once it became something I chose myself. I feel I've become much more open-minded and willing to learn compared to my teenage self, who previously found the subject to be boring or time consuming. There are definitely times where it still feels mentally taxing, but as I've continued, I've found those times to be few and far between. It's easy to have a good relationship with God once it's something you choose for yourself.





## Permanent Diaconate Information Nights Scheduled



His Excellency, the Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, Bishop of Fall River, has authorized the formation of a new class for Permanent Deacons beginning in the Fall of 2027. Those interested in pursuing the vocation of the diaconate, scheduled to begin the Aspirancy phase in the Fall of 2027, are invited to submit a preliminary application. These general Information meetings will delve into the process of formation of a deacon for the Diocese of Fall River. The info nights will be held at several locations in the Diocese and via Zoom:

- October 21, 2025 7:00 pm St Mary's Dartmouth Parish Hall - Dartmouth
   January 27, 2026 - via Zoom
- February 13, 2026 St. Ann's Parish Hall -Raynham
  - April 27, 2026 via Zoom

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Frank Lucca or Deacon Joseph McGinley at **office@frpermanentdiaconate.com** or contact the Office of the Permanent Diaconate at **508-990-0341**.



# St Andrew's Parish Mary's Mantle Consecration

"Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is a sure and easy way to obtain the conversion of individuals, families and entire nations." Venerable Pope Pius XII

Consecration Prayer Intention:

#### **Peace in Our Families**



**Begins:** Tues. October 28, 2025

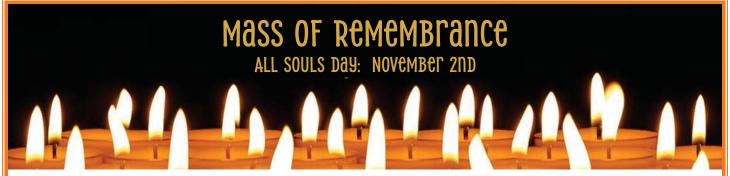
Ends: Friday December 12, 2025, on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadelupe with Mass, Adoration and Consecration

### **Daily Commitment**

- One Rosary a day
- One day of fasting for the Parish Intention
- Daily reading on the Virtues and Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Consecration to the Blessed Mother

Everyone Is Welcome to Join!

Please sign up at the church entrances.



Saturday, November 1st -All Saints Day

\*Holy Day of Obligation\*

9:00am - Holy Mass 4:00pm - All Souls Vigil

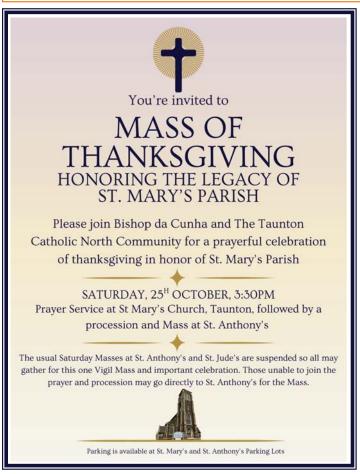
"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them"

## Sunday, November 2nd -All Souls Day

8:00am - All Souls in Purgatory

10:30am - Mass of Remembrance

(Anyone who has lost a loved one this past year and would like to light a candle in their memory should please contact the Rectory.)





FEAST DAY: OCTOBER 19

1607 - 1646

1920 - 2005

FEAST DAY — OCTOBER 22

## Saint Isaac Jogues

orn in Orleans, France, Isaac joined the Jesuits at a young age and was sent to his order's North American mission in 1636. He and Rene Goupil were captured and tortured by a band of Iroquois in 1642. Rene was killed and Isaac was held as a slave until his rescue by Dutch settlers. He returned to France, secured permission to continue saying Mass despite mutilated hands, and returned to Canada in 1644. He and John Lalande were tomahawked and beheaded by Huron Indians. These three and five others, the North American martyrs, are patron saints of Canada and North America. They share this feast and shrines in New York State and Ontario, Canada.



STS. JEAN DE LALANDE, ISAAC JOGUES AND RENE GOUPIL, DEPICTED IN A STAINED-GLASS WINDOW AT THE CATHEDRAL-BASILICA OF NOTRE-DAME OF QUEBEC IN QUEBEC CITY. (CNS PHOTO/ GREGORY A. SHEMITZ

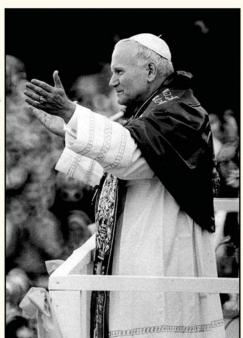
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## Saint John Paul II

hen this popular pope died, crowds in St. Peter's Square chanted "santo subito" ("sainthood now"). The Vatican heard, and the sainthood cause for the jet setting pontiff who helped bring down European communism was put on the fast track; he was beatified in 2011. A strong admirer of St. Faustina and her dedication to Divine Mercy, John Paul II was canonized on Divine Mercy Sunday 2014 by Pope Francis.

A Pole and former actor shaped by World War II and the Cold War, Cardinal Karol Wojtyla of Krakow (John Paul II) was the first non-Italian pope in 455 years. In his 26-year pontificate, he evangelized on trips to 129 countries, upheld traditional church doctrine against dissent, connected with the world's youth, established World Youth Day, and named more than 450 new saints. He also modeled Christian values by forgiving his would-be assassin and living an increasingly frail old age in public.

John Paul II established Divine Mercy Sunday as the Second Sunday of Easter for the Church in April 2000, though the feast had already been celebrated in Poland for many years. In that first Divine Mercy Sunday Mass, John Paul II said it was Jesus' love and mercy that must inspire all of humanity:





Let it is this love which must inspire humanity today, if it is to face the crisis of the meaning of life, the challenges of the most diverse needs and, especially, the duty to defend the dignity of every human person. Thus the message of divine mercy is also implicitly a message about the value of every human being. Each person is precious in God's eyes; Christ gave his life for each one; to everyone the Father gives his Spirit and offers intimacy.





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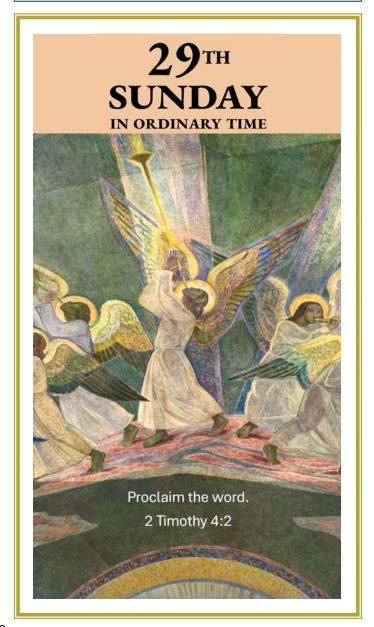
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