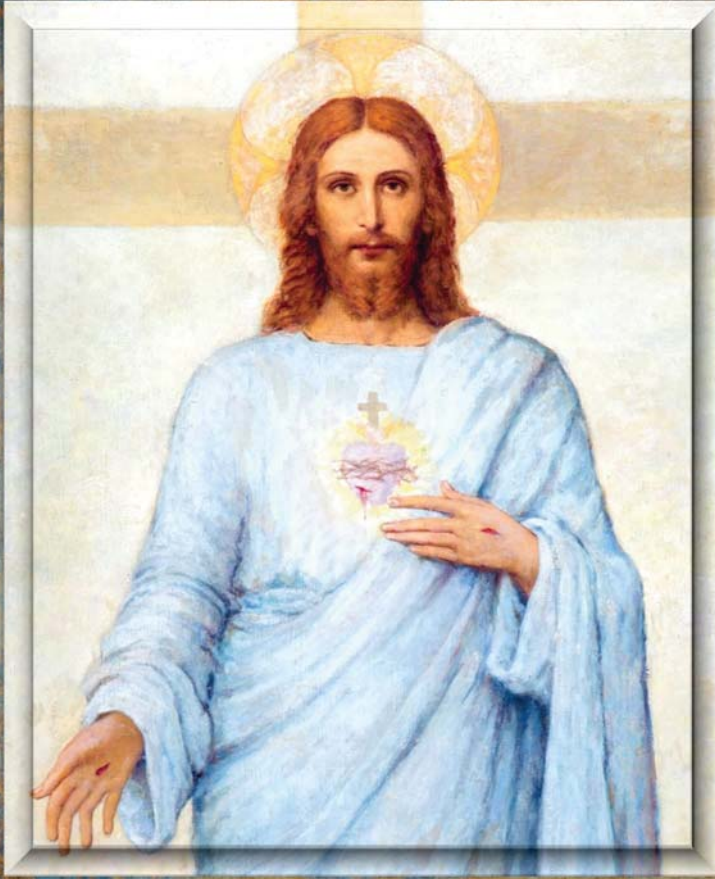


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Taunton Catholic Church



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Luke 21:8

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November 16th, 2025

Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 15th

9:00am — Women at the Well

4:00pm — Jose F., Jose M. & Maria Sousa,
Fontes Family, Tobey Alford

Sunday, November 16th

8:00am — James Souza

10:30am — Angelo Chaves, Jose & Maria
Soares

Monday, November 17th

8:00am — Theresa Mackiewicz 3rd Anniversary

Tuesday, November 18th

8:00am — Mary Medeiros

Wednesday, November 19th

8:00am — Joseph & Silvia Pina, Louis St. Jean

Thursday, November 20th

8:00am — Juvenal Goncalves

Friday, November 21st

8:00am — John M. Costa

Saturday, November 22nd

4:00pm — Donald & Joan Ducharme

Sunday, November 23rd

8:00am — Jeffrey Briggs, Matthew Briggs, &
Brian Collins

10:30am — Jacinto & Maria Rodrigues

Sanctuary Lamp for week of November 15th



Theresa Mackiewicz

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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 Malachi****Malachi 3:19-20a**

Lo, the day is coming, blazing like an oven, when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire, leaving them neither root nor branch, says the LORD of hosts.

But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays.

Thanks be to God.**Responsorial Psalm**
Psalm 98:5-6, 7-8, 9**R.\ The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.**

Sing praise to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and melodious song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn sing joyfully before the King, the LORD.

R.\ The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Let the sea and what fills it resound, the world and those who dwell in it; let the rivers clap their hands, the mountains shout with them for joy.

R.\ The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Before the LORD, for he comes, for he comes to rule the earth, he will rule the world with justice and the peoples with equity.

R.\ The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.**SECOND READING****A Reading from The Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians****2 Thessalonians 3:7-12**

Brothers and sisters:

You know how one must imitate us. For we did not act in a disorderly way among you, nor did we eat food received free from anyone. On the contrary, in toil and drudgery, night and day we worked, so as not to burden any of you. Not that we do not have the right. Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us. In fact, when we were with you, we instructed you that if anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat. We hear that some are conducting themselves among you in a disorderly way, by not keeping busy but minding the business of others. Such people we instruct and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to work quietly and to eat their own food.

Thanks be to God.**GOSPEL****A Reading from The Gospel according to Luke****Luke 21:5-19**

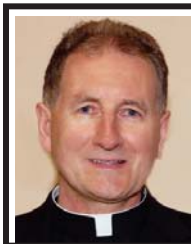
While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All that you see here-- the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down."

Then they asked him, "Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?" He answered, "See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky.

"Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name. It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute. You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.

By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

The Gospel of the Lord.



By Father Edward A. Murphy

Gospel of Luke

Today's readings, as we mark the beginning of the Week of Witness dedicated to praying for Christians persecuted for their faith, speak of trials and endurance. As we reflect on the readings, we focus on Christians persecuted for their faith, trusting in God's promise of ultimate victory.

Malachi prophesies a day when the proud are burned like stubble, but the righteous shine under the 'sun of justice'. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus foretells the temple's destruction and warns of persecutions, urging disciples to persevere: 'By your perseverance, you will secure your lives' (Lk 21:19). Paul, in II Thessalonians, encourages steadfastness in work and faith, avoiding idleness. These readings remind us that persecution tests faith, yet God's justice prevails. For Christians facing hostility today – in places like the Middle East or Africa – Jesus' words offer hope: God is with them, giving strength to endure.

Persecution is not a distant reality; millions of Christians today face violence, discrimination, or imprisonment for their faith. Jesus' warning in the Gospel about betrayal and hatred resonates in regions where believers risk their lives to worship. Yet, He promises wisdom to speak truth under trial. The martyrs and persecuted Christians embody Malachi's 'sun of justice,' shining as witnesses to Christ's love. Their courage challenges us to examine our own faith. Do we stand firm in smaller trials – ridicule, cultural pressures, or moral compromises?

Supporting our persecuted brothers and sisters through prayer, advocacy, and charity strengthens the Body of Christ. One way to do this is by supporting the work of the papal charity Aid to the Church in Need.

Paul's call to work diligently reminds us to live our faith actively, even in adversity. As we face an uncertain world, let's trust God's promise, drawing strength from the Eucharist to persevere, knowing that our endurance leads to eternal life.

As we honor persecuted Christians, let's pray for their strength and witness. May we, too, persevere in faith, trusting in God's justice. Through this Mass, may Christ fortify us to live boldly for him, united with all who suffer for his name.

Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel

1) On the Temporary Nature of Things

Jesus points to the magnificent temple, stating it will be utterly destroyed. This is a stark reminder that even the most stable and beautiful human institutions are temporary. My security cannot be founded on anything of this world, but only on the eternal, unchanging character of God.

2) On Not Being Terrified

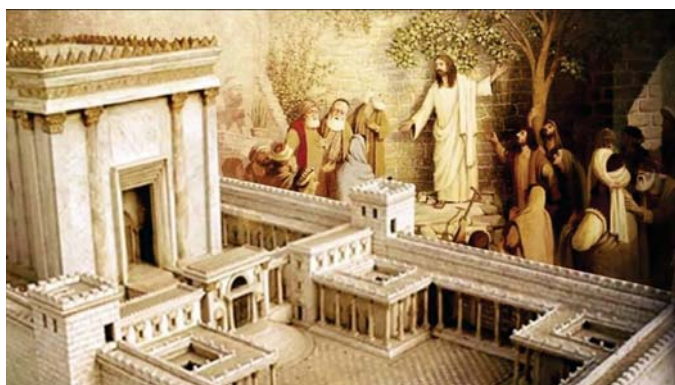
Jesus predicts wars and disasters but commands, 'Do not be frightened.' His words are not a promise of escape from hardship, but of His presence within it. This gives me a supernatural peace, knowing He is sovereign over global chaos and my personal struggles alike.

3) On the Purpose of Persecution

Jesus says persecution will be an opportunity for testimony. This reframes suffering from something to be feared to a platform for witness. It challenges me to rely on His promised wisdom and words in difficult moments, trusting that He will use them for His purpose.

4) On Enduring to the End

The ultimate promise is not a life without pain, but the preservation of our souls. 'Standing firm' through endurance, not escape, is the path to life. This steadies my heart, focusing my goal not on temporary safety but on final salvation through faithful perseverance.



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 November 8th & 9th will be available in next week's bulletin. Thank you for your continuous support!

Healing Mass Schedule



St. Anne's:

Thursday,
November 20th
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> |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 11/16/2025 | Grades 7 & 8 Grade 2 | Grade 10 |
| 11/23/2025 | Grades 1 & 2 | Grade 9 |
| 11/30/2025 | NO FAITH FORMATION - THANKSGIVING | |
| 12/7/2025 | Grades 3 & 4 | Grade 10 |
| 12/14/2025 | Grades 5 & 6 | Grade 9 |
| 12/21/2025 | NO FAITH FORMATION - CHRISTMAS | |

*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

Thanksgiving Dinner for those in need

The St Vincent de Paul society thanks you for your continued support in providing help with our Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets.

We are collecting Thanksgiving items until
November 22.

The following items are needed:

Canned peas, corn, green beans, carrots.
Boxed mashed potatoes
Stuffing mix
Gravy
Cranberry sauce
Cake mix
Corn bread
Muffin mix



We always welcome gift certificates or donations. Mark an envelope with St Vincent de Paul and place in collection basket at mass.



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 often do you read the Bible?

Everyday. Every morning I read 1-2 chapters after praying the Rosary, and I've found that it sets me up to have a better day with less overall stress. I never cared to read it when I was younger, but as I've gotten older, I've had a lot more questions about all of it. And the best way to get answers to those questions is to read it myself. I've learned a lot from reading it, beyond just answering my own random questions. I found that a lot of my previous "knowledge" was actually wrong, so it was interesting to learn the correct information, especially in regards to the timeline of when things happened. It's nice to have a complete picture in my head rather than just small pieces. There are so many lessons to be learned, and a lot of what I was reading tended to coincide with problems or questions I was having in real life too. The Bible is a tool, and really, a 'How To...' guide on life. Every question or problems you have has an answer somewhere in those pages and I really think everyone should take the time to read it.

Congratulations!

This past weekend, ***Mr. & Mrs. Fouad & Mary Elizabeth Nasr*** were married here at Saint Andrew's Parish. Congratulations to this beautiful couple.



Save The Date

Wednesday - November 19th
6:00 - 7:00pm

We all know someone who is sick and in need of our prayers. Jesus taught Saint Faustina the

Divine Mercy Chaplet and told her to encourage souls to trust in His Mercy. The **Divine Mercy Prayer Group** would like to invite all to join as we pray this powerful prayer for the sick and dying, along with **Sister Mary Clare Kenneally - OLM** who will give a reflection on the life and mission of Saint Faustina. There will also be an opportunity for veneration of a first class relic of Saint Faustina. A meet and greet Sister Mary Clare will follow in the church addition and Divine Mercy materials will be available, free will offering encouraged.

Saint Faustina help us to trust in Jesus as you did and thus to glorify His mercy every moment of our lives. Amen



Mary's Mantle Consecration Week Three

As we complete week three of our 46-day journey, participants continued their daily commitment to prayer, reflection on a chosen virtue or gift, praying the rosary, and practicing fasting. With each passing day, a new star was added to the mantle, serving as a beautiful symbol of our growing connection with Mary and her Son. Now, as we complete the third week, twenty stars shine brightly on the mantle, each representing a day of faithful dedication and spiritual growth. This week, let us take a special moment to honor and acknowledge all those who have embraced the discipline of fasting during week two, recognizing our shared path and deepening faith together.

Star 14 Meekness

was added to Mary's Mantle by
Nancy Roberts

Star 15 Fortitude

was added to Mary's Mantle by
Sarah Parota & Mary Elizabeth Nasr

Star 16 Constancy

was added to Mary's Mantle
by Donna Ayala

Star 17 Goodness

was added to Mary's Mantle
by Gail Martin

Star 18 Self Control

was added to Mary's Mantle
by Ellen Mohan & Susan Habelt

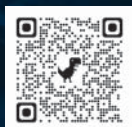
Star 19 Attentiveness

was added to Mary's Mantle
by Jane Dougherty & Jean Machado

Star 20 Faith

was added to Mary's Mantle by
Mary and Joseph Rodrigues
& Mary Lou Almeida





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Bishop da Cunha is asking us to identify faithful young men (ages 15-35) who may be open to learning more about the priesthood.

To submit names, please visit

fallrivervocations.org/calledbyname.

Men you submit will receive a letter of encouragement from Bishop da Cunha, an invitation to a special dinner with the bishop in December, and ongoing support from the Vocation Office.

Thank you for your participation in this important campaign!



Hat, Glove, & Sock Drive

St. Vincent de Paul will be having a **Hat, Glove and Sock Drive** for those in need. A box will be in the addition to Collect those items.

If you prefer to do a gift card or cash donation for this drive, a member will buy those items for the drive.

Any monetary donations can be placed in an envelope marked St. Vincent de Paul and put in the collection at mass.



An Advent of Hope Advent Women's Retreat



On Saturday, December 6th, a diocesan-wide Advent Women's Retreat will take place from 9:00am - 2:30pm at Corpus Christi Parish in East Sandwich.

The retreat will feature speakers Catherine DiNuzzo and Allison Gingras, with music by Liz Cotrupi-Pfunder. The day also includes Mass, continental breakfast, keynotes, discussion, lunch, Adoration, and the opportunity for Confession.

The cost is \$20 per person.

To register, visit: <https://bit.ly/AWR2025>.



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Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne

Feast Day - November 18

Growing up in a prosperous French family, Philippine joined , the Visitation nuns, but returned to her family during the French Revolution. In 1804 she entered the Society of the Sacred Heart. After much preparation, she led a missionary journey to Missouri in 1818. She set up the first free school west of the Mississippi, Sacred Heart houses and Novitiate, and a school for Indians. Despite frontier hardships and ill health, she persevered in her early dream of serving Native Americans.



Saint Cecilia

Feast Day - November 22



Cecilia has been honored as a martyr since about 545. According to a written legend, The Passion of Saint Cecilia, she was a Roman Christian of the patrician class betrothed to the pagan Valerian. The Cecilia Passion has her singing to God in her heart on her wedding day, Cecilia tells Valerian she has made a vow of virginity and persuades him to convert to Christianity and enter into a celibate marriage. His brother, Tiburtius, also becomes a Christian. The brothers are later martyred. When Cecilia refuses to perform an idolatrous act, she too is martyred. Cecilia is the patron of musicians.

“This young Roman martyr invites believers to be watchful on their journey toward the encounter with Christ, gladdening the earthly pilgrimage with the festivity 99 of music and song.”

- St. John Paul 11, November 22, 2003

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