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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY
SALVATION



PSALM 27:1

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ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 24th

4:00pm — Jose & Laura Moitoso, Ana & Antonio Freitas & Deceased Family

Sunday, January 25th

8:00am — Jeffrey Briggs 7th Anniversary
10:30am — Susan Costa

Monday, January 26th

8:00am — Lawrence Edward Jones

Tuesday, January 27th

8:00am — M. Angela McMahoan

Wednesday, January 28th

8:00am — Special Intention

Thursday, January 29th

8:00am — Francis, Marjorie, & John McDermott, Paul, Ann, & Jeffrey Faulkner

Friday, January 30th

8:00am — Jerry Gordon

Saturday, January 31st

4:00pm — Deborah “Debby” Roy, Manuel F. Mendonca 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, February 1st

8:00am — Jose F., Jose M., & Maria A Sousa, The Fontes Family, Tobey Alford
10:30am — Jose & Laura Moitoso, Ana & Antonio Freitas & Family

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

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Sanctuary Lamp for week of January 24th



Emily Mae Santarpia

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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.

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

EUCCHARISTIC 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 The Prophet Isaiah
Isaiah 8:23—9:3**

First the Lord degraded the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; but in the end he has glorified the seaward road, the land west of the Jordan, the District of the Gentiles.

Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness: for there is no gloom where but now there was distress. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.

You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14**

R. \ The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?

The LORD is my life's refuge;
of whom should I be afraid?

R. \ The Lord is my light and my salvation.

One thing I ask of the LORD;
this I seek:

To dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,

That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD
and contemplate his temple.

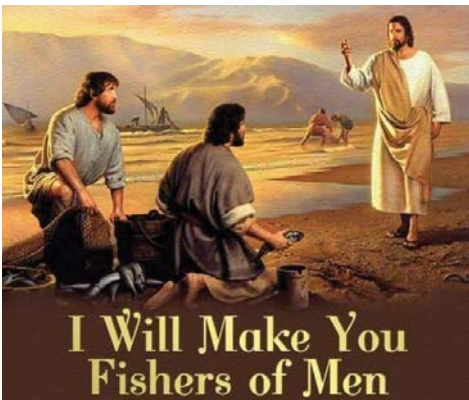
R. \ The Lord is my light and my salvation.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD
in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD with courage;

be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

R. \ The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**SECOND READING****A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to
the Corinthians****1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17**

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose. For it has been reported to me about you, my brothers and sisters, by Chloe's people, that there are rivalries among you. I mean that each of you is saying, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL**A Reading from The Gospel according to Matthew
Matthew 4:12-23**

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen. From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.



By Father Edward A. Murphy

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Gospel of Matthew

In our gospel reading for today, Jesus tells us that the kingdom of heaven has come near, and then he shows us what that means, by proclaiming and teaching healing throughout Galilee. But that's not all that he does in today's gospel reading. He also invites us to come into the light: to repent, and to follow him. And all who follow Jesus are told something incredible by Jesus - that they are the light of the world. We are the light of the world. If the people who walk in darkness are going to see a great light, it is going to be through us, through followers of Jesus. Jesus is asking us to let our light shine, by proclaiming the good news, by learning and teaching what Jesus first taught, and by participating in the healing of our world. Let our light so shine before others that they see our good works and give glory to our Father in heaven.

There are still too many people in our world dwelling in darkness. Too many still without hope. Too many consumed by the bad news constantly being proclaimed. And it is up to us to show them the light. To be the light of the world. To let our good works - our lives, our love for Jesus - so shine that they may see the light that came into the world through Jesus. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. We have seen a great light. At Christmas, we gave thanks for this light, who was laid in a manger because there was no place for him in the inn. Today, we give thanks for this light who went around Galilee, teaching and proclaiming and healing, and inviting others to follow. We give thanks for all those who have let their light shine before us, who brought us into the light of Christ, and who helped us to put our hope in the light of Christ. And today, we resolve once again to let our light so shine before others that they, too, may join us in giving glory to God.

Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel

1) In today's Gospel, Jesus fulfills Isaiah's prophecy, appearing as a great light in Galilee's darkness. On this Sunday of the Word of God, I reflect: Is Scripture my primary light for navigating life's shadows, or do I rely instead on the lights of human opinion and fear?

2) Jesus's first word is 'Repent!' The living Word is not passive information but an active summons to change. As I listen to God's Word, do I see it as a gentle suggestion or a call to concrete, immediate transformation in my heart and actions?

3) Jesus calls individuals into a new community of disciples ('fishers of people'). The Word of God draws us together. Does my engagement with Scripture foster a selfish faith, or does it move me toward fellowship and shared mission with other believers?

4) Jesus's ministry was one of 'teaching... and proclaiming the good news.' The Word is received to be shared. Let me reflect this week on how I can actively 'proclaim' the hope of the Kingdom, not just through words, but through the witness of a changed life.

5) Jesus's teaching was authenticated by His healing. The Gospel is both truth and power. Does my life demonstrate the integrity of God's Word? Are my actions, compassion, justice, forgiveness and mercy consistent with the message I profess to believe?

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ST. ANDREW'S WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT

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

January 17th & 18th

Weekend Masses	\$ 2,820.00
Snow Removal	\$ 1,335.00
Candles	\$ 71.00
Annual Appeal	\$ 100.00

This week's Second Collection will be for:
Special Offering

Next week's Second Collection will be for:
Heating & Electric

Healing Mass Schedule



St. Andrew's:

Thursday,

January 29th

Rosary: 6:00pm

Mass: 6:30pm

2026 Calendars



Calendars for this upcoming year are now available to take home.

Thank you to Crapo-Hathaway Funeral Home for being a part of this year's calendar.



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Faith Formation Schedule 2025 - 2026

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADES 1- 8</u>	<u>CONFIRMATION 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	NO FAITH FORMATION - PRESIDENT'S DAY	
2/22/2026	Grades 1 & 2	Grade 9
	First Penance for Grade 2 (Mandatory)	

*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.

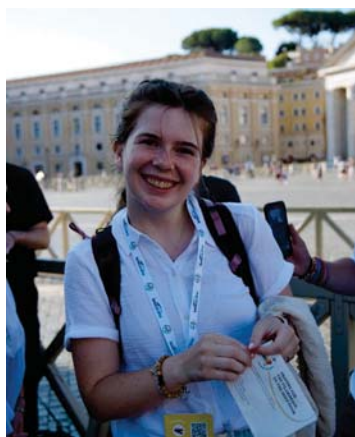
There are forms available at all entrances or contact the parish office at 508-824-5577 or Standrewtaunton@comcast.net.

Young Adult Section

By Brooke Pina

If Catholics are called to follow Christ, how should their actions reflect their beliefs beyond what they preach?

Talk is cheap. You can't say all of these beliefs and preach all of these teachings if you aren't going to do these things yourself. Otherwise, you're a hypocrite pretending to follow God. Do you really think Jesus wants us to be calling other people names when they disagree with us? Do you really think Jesus would want us to celebrate the misfortune of others? *No*. Jesus called His followers to be different from the rest of the world. He wanted us to help mend the world, to show humility and mercy when others won't. It shouldn't matter if someone else harmed you first or if you think someone else deserves their misfortune. We should be working to stop the cycle of hate, rather than behaving in ways that spur it forwards. We do not *have* to act like the rest of the world, we aren't supposed to. Be different from the average person. Control your actions and your words. Keep Jesus as the focal point of every decision you make. Don't just listen to the words He spoke, but actually follow them.



Claire Lowre To Work As A Missionary

It is so inspiring to see a young woman give her life those in need.

A Special Collection will be taken up after Communion next weekend, January 31st and February 1st.

A Word From Claire

“Hello! My name is Clare Lowre. I am a parishioner at St. Mary's in Norton, a student at Bridgewater State University, and a Bishop Feehan alum. This past March, I went on a week-long mission trip to Dallas, TX with an organization called Project Finding Calcutta. I spent the week serving the homeless and elderly with the same charism as Mother Teresa - encountering Christ in the poor, quenching the thirst of loneliness, and quenching His thirst for souls through that. That trip turned into a summer internship where I served in Dallas and Calcutta, India, and that internship just turned into a full-time position. I will be moving to Dallas in less than one month to work as a missionary with Project Finding Calcutta. This will include daily service to the homeless and elderly, leading service groups in the surrounding areas, and leading mission trips both in Dallas and in Calcutta. Part of my position also includes fundraising my salary. I am currently trying to reach \$3,000 in monthly supporters. If you feel called to support me on this mission, please reach out! My phone number is **508-431-5129**, my email is **cmlowre@gmail.com**, or speak to me after Mass the weekend of the 31st and 1st! Thank you and God Bless!”

Grade 10 Confirmation Retreat

Calling all 10th grade confirmation students!!!
This year's Diocesan Regional Confirmation Retreat will be
held on **February 28th, 2026, at St. Ann's Church
in Raynham, MA.**

Attendance is **MANDATORY.**

There will be a **\$20.00 fee** which includes:

- retreat programing,
- materials,
- snacks and lunch.

Duration: 10:30am - 5:00 pm

Location: St. Ann's Church: 675 N. Main Street,
Raynham, MA 02767

Students are required to register online through the Diocese.

Registration: Diocese of Fall River website or
scan the QR code:

<https://www.fallriverfaithformation.org/high-school/>



Student are encouraged to register as soon as possible.

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Sunday at 8:00am & 10:30am

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Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm

Saint Paula

Feast Day — January 26



The patron saint of widows, Paula was a wealthy Roman widowed with five children at age 32. Another widow

introduced her to St. Jerome, a priest and papal secretary to St. Damasus. Jerome became her spiritual director, urging a life of asceticism and charity. When he learned she was fluent in Greek, he enlisted her help in translating Greek biblical texts for his new Latin version of the Bible. Paula had joined the circle of nobility-born Roman women in Jerome's orbit, and followed him to the Holy Land when he left Rome, she taught herself Hebrew, and exhausted her wealth building a monastery, three convents, and a hospital in Bethlehem.



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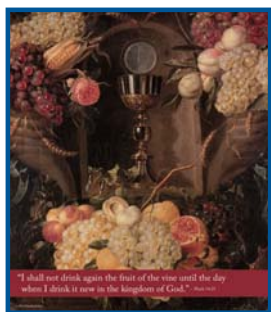
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