

St. Andrew the Apostle

Taunton Catholic Church

4th SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time



"Jesus began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:2-3

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

T C A M T V — Taunton Community Access and Media Inc

HOLY MASS : Sunday 3:30pm Tuesday & Thursday 1:00pm

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ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

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, Thomas Hutchins
10:30am — Jose & Laura Moitoso, Ana & Antonio Freitas & Family

Monday, February 2nd

8:00am — Botelho & Faria Families, Mr. & Mrs. John Duarte

Tuesday, February 3rd

8:00am — Deborah “Debbie” Roy

Wednesday, February 4th

8:00am — Jorge & Anne Botelho, Araujo Family

Thursday, February 5th

8:00am — Thu Van Bui

Friday, February 6th

8:00am — Dolores Grandmont

Saturday, February 7th

4:00pm — John Pereira

Sunday, February 8th

8:00am — Jeffrey & Matthew Briggs, Brian Collins
10:30am — Lawrence Edward Jones

Sanctuary Lamp for week of January 31st



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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

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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

EUCARISTIC 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 The Prophet Zephaniah

Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13

Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land,
who do his commands;
seek righteousness, seek humility;
perhaps you may be hidden
on the day of the wrath of the Lord.
For I will leave in the midst of you
a people humble and lowly.
They shall seek refuge in the name of the Lord,
those who are left in Israel;
they shall do no wrong
and utter no lies,
nor shall there be found in their mouth
a deceitful tongue.
For they shall pasture and lie down,
and none shall make them afraid."

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

R.\ Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

The Lord keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets captives free.

R.\ Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

The Lord gives sight to the blind;
the Lord raises up those who were bowed down.

The Lord loves the just;
the Lord protects strangers.

R.\ Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

The fatherless and the widow the Lord sustains,
but the way of the wicked he thwarts.

The Lord shall reign forever;
your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

R.\ Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

**SECOND READING**

A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

1 Cor 1:26-31

For consider your call, brethren; not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth; but God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong, God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption; therefore, as it is written, "Let him who boasts, boast of the Lord."

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

A Reading from The Gospel according to Matthew

Mt 5:1-12a

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

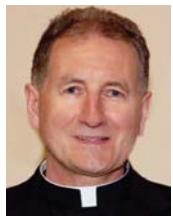
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord.



By Father Edward A. Murphy

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Gospel of Matthew

Each of the beatitudes describes an aspect of Jesus. Jesus is poor in spirit. He was born in a stable to poor, humble parents (cf. Luke 2). Jesus mourns when his friend Lazarus dies (cf. John 11:35). Jesus is 'meek and humble of heart' (Matthew 11:29). Jesus hungers and thirsts for righteousness when he cleanses the temple (Matthew 21:12). Jesus is mercy itself: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice' (Matthew 9:13). Jesus is clean of heart, conceived immaculately, and born of an immaculate mother (cf. Luke 1:26-36). He undoes Adam's sin with his own sinlessness (cf. Romans 5:12-21). Jesus is peace itself, and he offers us his peace, which the world cannot give us (cf. John 14:27). Jesus was and is still persecuted, and many evil and false accusations were made against him at his trial (cf. Mark 14:56). He was persecuted until death, 'even death on a cross' (Philippians 2:8).

We who are his disciples are called to imitate the beatitudes in imitation of him, the example par excellence of all virtues. Jesus is the source of all virtues. When we practice imitating Christ and pray to the Holy Spirit to bless us with his gifts, we will joyfully bear fruit and glorify God (cf. John 15:8). The things that will make us happy are the things that will bring us closer to God. What Jesus is teaching us is that holiness will lead to our happiness.

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The Church is Mission

Brigid, Patrick and Columba were key pillars in the young Irish church. Brigid was about 10 when St Patrick died and, if historical dates are correct, then Columba was about 4 when Brigid died, apparently in 525. In about a century, the Faith of Patrick has taken hold in so many parts of his island. Today we face a need for huge renewal of Church in our own sad world. What seem to have been key elements in this Irish form of Christianity that became a powerhouse of monasteries and missionaries over the following centuries? St Brigid and her friends had no idea how their ministry would work out. But they knew - as a document from the Synod on synodality - said, *'Rather than saying that the Church has a mission, we affirm that the Church is mission'*

The qualities of women

Time and again in the gospel we see that Jesus needed the cooperation of women, to carry out his mission. They supported him at every moment of his public ministry. The qualities that made Saint Brigid great have been found in so many women down through the centuries. Some of these women entered religious life and were extremely dedicated to their vocation and mission. The vast majority, however, have been women who in their homes, workplaces and communities helped to nurture and to spread the faith. Without them the Church would have found it hard to survive and flourish. Their contribution is incalculable and the gratitude we owe them immense.

ST. ANDREW'S WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you for your support to our Parish Family. The Offertory for the weekend of January 24th & 25th

Weekend Masses	\$ 3,041.76
Special Offering	\$ 1,150.00
Candles	\$ 65.00
Annual Appeal	\$ 2,425.00

This week's Second Collection will be for:

Heating & Electric

Next week's Second Collection will be for:

Diocesan Assessment

The Women of Faith will be having a Brown Bag meeting this Thursday, February 5th, at 7:00pm.

SOUP-A-BOWL

The Women of Faith will be selling soup after all Masses next weekend, February 7th & 8th. \$5 per quart.



St. Andrew the Apostle Faith Formation Schedule 2025 - 2026

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADES 1-8</u>	<u>CONFIRMATION GRADES 9-10</u>
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 First Penance for Grade 2 (Mandatory)	Grade 9
2/28/2026	GRADE 10 CONFIRMATION RETREAT (MANDATORY)	

*First Penance will be during Faith Formation class on 2/22/26.

All parents are welcome to attend.

*Confirmation will be held at Annunciation of the Lord on April 27th at 6:00pm.

Medjugorje Message



“Dear children! Today, I am calling you to be prayer and a blessing for all those who have not come to know God's love. Little children, be different from others and be positive people of prayer and love towards God, that with your lives, you may be a sign of God's love to others. I bless you with my motherly blessing and intercede for each of you before my Son Jesus. Thank you for having responded to my call.”



Young Adult Section

By Brooke Pina

How do we live the Gospel without sounding judgmental or performative?

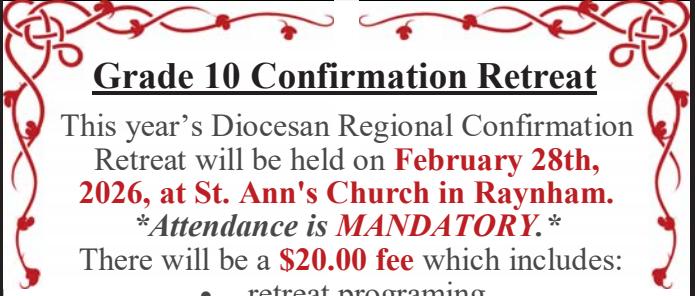
I think the first step is just ignoring how other people may perceive us. God knows what your intentions are, and focusing on that is more important than others seeing you as performative or judgmental. If your actions are intended to glorify God, then that's the thing that matters most. But that being said, if you are truly following Christ and listening to the Gospel, then by nature, nothing you do will be performative and you wouldn't be judging others either. If you're judging others or doing things for performance sake, you aren't following the Gospel the way the Lord intended. But once again, God knows your intentions, so focus on *your* actions rather than those of other people.




Paint Night!

On Saturday, January 17th,
the Women of Faith
hosted their annual
Paint Night!

Thank you to everyone who took
part, as all proceeds will go
towards teens attending
Steubenville.

Grade 10 Confirmation Retreat

This year's Diocesan Regional Confirmation Retreat will be held on **February 28th, 2026, at St. Ann's Church in Raynham.**
Attendance is MANDATORY.

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

- retreat programming,
- 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:





THE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

Brothers in Christ,

Do you remember walking into a store and hearing, "Can I help you?" — and the automatic response was, "No, just looking?" I learned years ago that sometimes you simply have to ask directly. So today, the Men of St. Joseph are asking you — personally — to join us.

We would love to see you at our next meeting on **Saturday, February 7th**, following the **9:00 AM Mass**, Rosary, and fellowship. Our mission is simple: we want to grow as Catholic men and strengthen our parish.

We are looking for men who are interested in:

- Getting to know other men of the parish
- Helping support our church and its needs
- Learning about current events that affect our families and our faith
- Deepening their understanding of our dynamic Catholic faith
- Growing the Men of St. Joseph and strengthening our brotherhood
- Offering their gifts, talents, and ideas
- Consecrating ourselves to St. Joseph
- Supporting parish fundraising efforts
- Taking an active role in parish life
- Helping with events and service projects
- Pursuing Catholic self-improvement
- Praying with us and for us

In short — **we want you with us**. Will you join us? Will you come and see what we're all about? Why not give it a try and experience the fellowship firsthand? We look forward to welcoming you on the

**First Saturday of February at 9:00 AM for Mass, Rosary, fellowship, and our
Men of St. Joseph meeting. St. Joseph, pray for us.**

*Treat Yourself to a Special Valentine's Gift and
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Saturday February 14, 2026

Mass 9 AM, Rosary

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Tuesdays & Thursdays at 1:00pm

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MASS LIVE STREAM SCHEDULE

***ON WEBSITE ***

Sunday at 8:00am & 10:30am

Monday - Friday at 8:00am

Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm

Saint Blaise

Feast Day — February 3



Saint Blaise is a bishop and martyr who lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. For a time, Blaise lived in a cave to escape persecution. On his feast

the church recalls a miracle cure associated with him and celebrates the blessing of the throats. Blaise apparently saved the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone. The saint said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection, thus candles are used in the traditional throat blessing. He is listed among the Fourteen Holy Helpers, saints revered as healers. He is the patron saint of throat illnesses, animals, wool combers, and wool trading.



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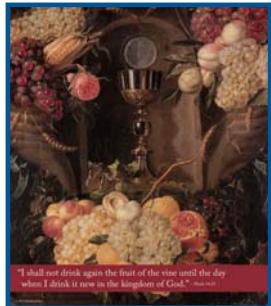
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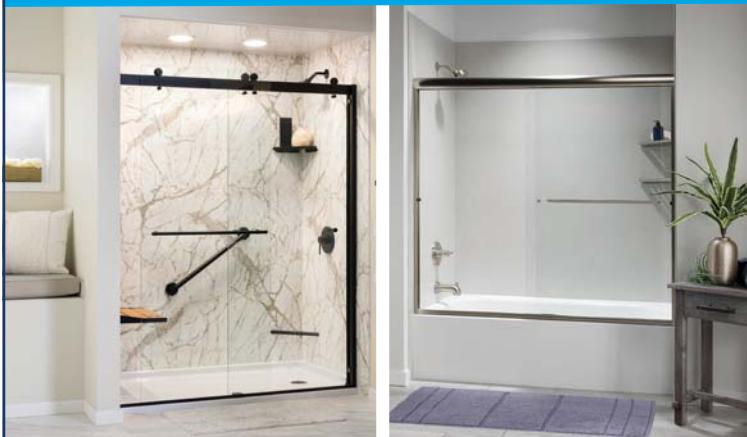
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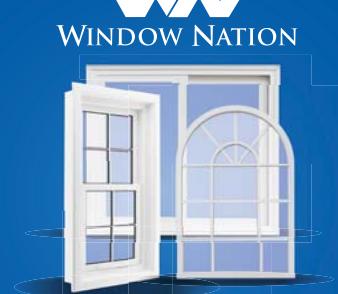
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