

St. Andrew the Apostle

Taunton Catholic Church

3rd Sunday of Easter



“Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?” Luke 24:32

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 TV — Taunton Community Access and Media Inc

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

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April 19th, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

**ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE
WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, April 18th

4:00pm — Donald & Joan Ducharme, Archie & Margaret Gladue

Sunday, April 19th

8:00am — Jose F., Jose M., & Maria M. Sousa, The Fontes Family, Tobey Alford 3rd Anniversary
10:30am — Jack & Laura Camara 7th Anniversary, Jose & Beatriz Pimentel

Monday, April 20th

8:00am — Ann Thornley

Tuesday, April 21st

8:00am — Michael Radella

Wednesday, April 22nd

8:00am — Matthew Roberts Jr.

Thursday, April 23rd

8:00am — Florinda Faria & Family, Souls of Purgatory

Friday, April 24th

8:00am — Dora McGlynn & Ruth Medeiros

Saturday, April 25th

4:00pm — Lola Moore

Sunday, April 26th

8:00am — Carlos Leite
10:30am — Oliver Nwachukwu 1st Anniversary

Sanctuary Lamp for week of April 18th



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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 the Acts of the Apostles** [Acts 2:14, 22-33](#)

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. Let this be known to you, and listen to my words. You who are Israelites, hear these words. Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs, which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know. This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it. For David says of him: I saw the Lord ever before me, with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. Therefore my heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted; my flesh, too, will dwell in hope, because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence. "My brothers, one can confidently say to you about the patriarch David that he died and was buried, and his tomb is in our midst to this day. But since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne, he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he abandoned to the netherworld nor did his flesh see corruption. God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses. Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured him forth, as you see and hear."

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm [Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11](#)

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

SECOND READING**A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter** [1 Peter 1:17-21](#)

Beloved: If you invoke as Father him who judges impartially according to each one's works, conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb. He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL**A Reading from The Gospel according to Luke** [Luke 24:13-35](#)

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.



By Father Edward A. Murphy

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Gospel of Luke

There are all sorts of pilgrimages for which one plans and prepares, looks forward to and anticipates with excitement. This story in Luke 24:13-35 is nothing like that. This is a story about a walk that comes from grief and trauma, from profound disappointment and sorrow. It is a story that starts with the slow steps of the depressed and cast down. But it ends with the excited running of the redeemed, and the joy of finding life transformed.

This story can speak to us when we feel that we are not on a positive journey forward, when both justice and peace seem far away, and when we feel that we are simply retreating or walking slowly into a future that we dread or fear. This story speaks to those who might think they have no energy for anything as positive as a pilgrimage at all, and whom God comes to meet as they struggle to put one foot in front of another. It is a story that is very honest about hopelessness and loss, but also about how God comes to find us in those places. It shows how God walks beside us and can transform even the deepest bereavement and loss into a journey of hope. This is a story that invites those who are deep in sorrow to walk in hope again. It's a story that also speaks powerfully and movingly to grief and loss, and it offers hope for the future to those who think that hope belongs only in the past. They have, at least, the courage to do the right thing and to invite the stranger to dine with them.

They have not forgotten, even in the depths of their loss and trauma, the courtesies of hospitality and the central practices of faith, to welcome the stranger. They keep the rituals going, and they do what followers of Jesus have always done. And then they found, as they listened to the stranger open the scriptures and as the bread was blessed and broken, that hope was returned to them.

Points To Ponder

We see the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, walking away from Jerusalem and the place of their pain.

In the face of their crushing disappointments, their words to the stranger they met, 'We had hoped...' express how their hopes had been dashed by the crucifixion. They are downcast and devastated and we can all identify with times when we have experienced overwhelming disappointments. In this bleak scenario, they do not recognize Jesus and that he is walking with them.

However he invites them to articulate what is burdening them. He does not bypass the pain they are experiencing but listens as they share it. As they open up and share with him, they begin a journey and an encounter that ultimately brings healing and true hope.

As our former bishop Martin Drennan wrote: 'impact is very noticeable in how the disciples allow the past to bless them. Their 'hopes' had been crucified by being brought in under the shadow of the Cross and they are now reshaped in the light of new wisdom. Their illusions yielded to reality and hope that was authentic emerged. Forgiving themselves for their blindness to God's ways and their unrealistic expectations of him became reality. Jesus has turned their wounds into wisdom. When a story ends in reconciliation and peace then it can be told with joy. Reenergized by their meeting with the risen Lord, renewed by his word and by the bread of life, the joy-filled disciples returned to Jerusalem as convinced and convincing witnesses.' (*From Turning wounds into wisdom*).

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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 April 11th & 12th

Weekend Masses	\$ 3,857.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 2,055.00
Steubenville Donations	\$ 800.00

Next week's Second Collection will be for:
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**St. Andrew the Apostle
Faith Formation Schedule 2025 - 2026**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADES 1- 8</u>	<u>CONFIRMATION GRADES 9 -10</u>
4/19/2026	NO FAITH FORMATION - PATRIOT'S DAY	
4/26/2026	Grades 7 & 8 Grade 2	NO FAITH FORMATION FOR GRADE 10
4/26/2026	First Holy Communion Rehearsal for Grade 2: After 10:30am Mass (Mandatory)	
4/27/2026	Monday - Confirmation - Annunciation of the Lord at 6:00pm (Arrive no later than 5:30pm)	
5/2/2026	Saturday - First Holy Communion - 10:00am Mass for all Grade 2 Students (Arrive no later than 9:15am)	

Contact: faithformationtaunton@gmail.com

Healing Mass Schedule



St. Andrew's:

Thursday,
April 30th
Rosary: 6:00pm
Mass: 6:30pm

Lectors Needed

St. Andrew's Parish is looking for volunteers for lecturing at all Masses, especially the 4:00pm Mass on Saturdays. There will be training given. If you are interested in volunteering as a lector, please contact the rectory at **508-824-5577** or email www.standrewtaunton.org for more information.

Easter Flowers

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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

How do you see the world, and what influences your perspective? How does your faith shape your worldview?

It is extremely easy to let the world shape your perspective on anything and everything. Your opinion forms based on the information you acquire, but how often is it that you miss information? How often do you assume something is one way, but in reality, it was completely different to what you were expecting? A misunderstanding. When you don't have all of the details, it's so easy to misread or misjudge a situation or experience. It's like trying to finish a puzzle without having all of the pieces. When you read a situation solely based on the world around you, you are always going to miss something. That is why it is so important to let God be your guide and to let Him shape your views and your perspective. Put a Godly perspective on everything you do and on everything that you go through. God always has a plan, and if you try to diagnose a situation without leaning on His presence, you will be met with frustration. Be open to what God is laying out in front of you rather than trying to do things on your own.



Knights of Columbus Scholarship



The Knights of Columbus are offering scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are members of St. Andrew's Parish.

Scholarships will be awarded in May.

To obtain an application, all interested students should contact

Laurindo DaGraca at **508-824-4147** or Michael F. Wojcik at **508-822-4254** or the Guidance Counselor of their school.

All applications must be sent to the Scholarship Committee by

April 25th, 2026.



Penny Sale

Dedicated to the founder of the Penny Sale: in memory of Ann Thomas

St. Andrew's Annual Penny Sale will be held on Saturday, April 25th.

The kitchen will open at 5:30pm and the sale will begin at 6:30pm.

New donations are now being accepted. Please leave items on the bench in front of the office in the parish hall. Please contact Kathy Duarte with any questions:

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Saint Mark the Evangelist

Feast Day: April 25



According to the Acts of the Apostles, Mark's mother owned the house where the first Jerusalem Christians prayed and where Peter stayed after his miraculous release from prison (Acts 12:1-19). The New Testament also notes that Mark traveled with Paul and Barnabas on their mission to Antioch and that he was associated with both Paul and Peter in Rome. He may have written his Gospel, the shortest of the four, based on Peter's preaching while in Rome. By tradition, he was the martyred bishop of Alexandria, Egypt, with his relics later carried to Venice by Venetian merchants. In art, he is often symbolized by a lion. He is the patron saint of lions, lawyers, Venice, interpreters, and prisoners.



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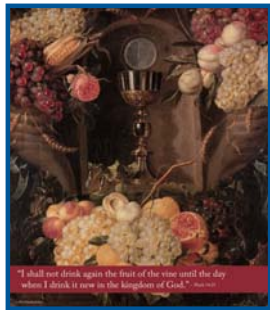
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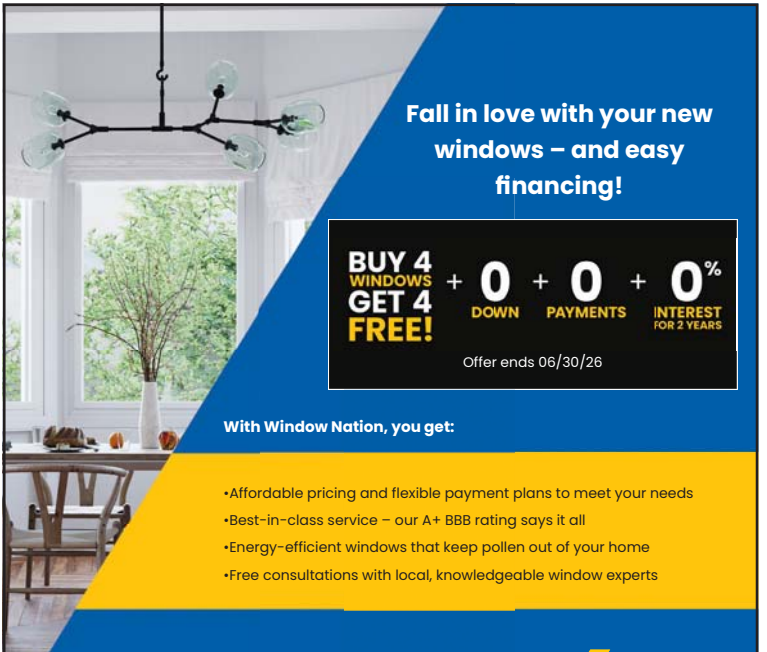
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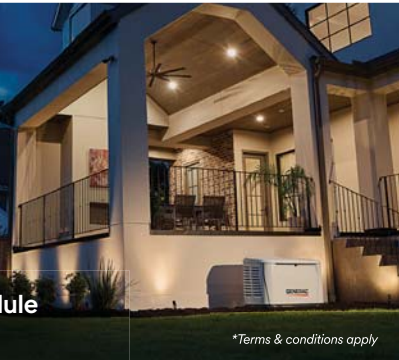
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