

St. Andrew the Apostle

Taunton Catholic Church



SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day." John 6:53-54

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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ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 6th

4:00pm — Mark Viera

Sunday, June 7th

8:00am — The Duczowski Family

10:30am — Katharine Mary O'Boy 7th Anniversary

Monday, June 8th

8:00am — Thomas & Evelyn Nichols

Tuesday, June 9th

8:00am — Donna Cummings Boyd

Wednesday, June 10th

8:00am — Albert Gordon 25th Anniversary

Thursday, June 11th

8:00am — Lawrence Edward Jones

Friday, June 12th

8:00am — Mona Mello

Saturday, June 13th

4:00pm — Jose & Beatriz Pimentel

Sunday, June 14th

8:00am — Kathleen Leone, Brian & Theresa Doyle

10:30am — Lawrence Edward Jones 1st Anniversary

Sanctuary Lamp for week of June 6th



*Botelho Family, Faria Family,
Mr. & Mrs. John Duarte*

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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.

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 Deuteronomy
Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a**

Moses said to the people:
 "Remember how for forty years now the LORD,
 your God,
 has directed all your journeying in the desert,
 so as to test you by affliction
 and find out whether or not it was your intention
 to keep his commandments.
 He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger,
 and then fed you with manna,
 a food unknown to you and your fathers,
 in order to show you that not by bread alone does
 one live,
 but by every word that comes forth from the
 mouth of the LORD.

"Do not forget the LORD, your God,
 who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
 that place of slavery;
 who guided you through the vast and terrible
 desert
 with its saraph serpents and scorpions,
 its parched and waterless ground;
 who brought forth water for you from the flinty
 rock
 and fed you in the desert with manna,
 a food unknown to your fathers."

Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20**

R. \ Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.
 Glorify the LORD, O Jerusalem;
 praise your God, O Zion.
 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates;
 he has blessed your children within you.

R. \ Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.
 He has granted peace in your borders;
 with the best of wheat he fills you.
 He sends forth his command to the earth;
 swiftly runs his word!

R. \ Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.
 He has proclaimed his word to Jacob,
 his statutes and his ordinances to Israel.
 He has not done thus for any other nation;
 his ordinances he has not made known to them.
 Alleluia.

R. \ Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

SECOND READING**A Reading from The First Letter of St. Paul to
The Corinthians**

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Brothers and sisters:
 The cup of blessing that we bless,
 is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?
 The bread that we break,
 is it not a participation in the body of Christ?
 Because the loaf of bread is one,
 we, though many, are one body,
 for we all partake of the one loaf.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL**A Reading from The Gospel according to John
John 6:51-58**

Jesus said to the Jewish crowds:
 "I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
 whoever eats this bread will live forever;
 and the bread that I will give
 is my flesh for the life of the world."

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying,
 "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"
 Jesus said to them,
 "Amen, amen, I say to you,
 unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink
 his blood,
 you do not have life within you.
 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
 has eternal life,
 and I will raise him on the last day.
 For my flesh is true food,
 and my blood is true drink.
 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
 remains in me and I in him.
 Just as the living Father sent me
 and I have life because of the Father,
 so also the one who feeds on me
 will have life because of me.
 This is the bread that came down from heaven.
 Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died,
 whoever eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.



By Father Edward A. Murphy

Fr. Edward A. Murphy

Gospel of John

Celebrating the Eucharist was what gave meaning to the lives of the early Christians. They would risk imprisonment, or even death, rather than try to live their lives without the Eucharist. This has been true for many Christian communities down through the centuries. During the time of the Penal Laws in Ireland [the 17th to the early 18th centuries], the celebration of the Eucharist was forbidden. This did not stop many of Catholics from celebrating Mass in secret.

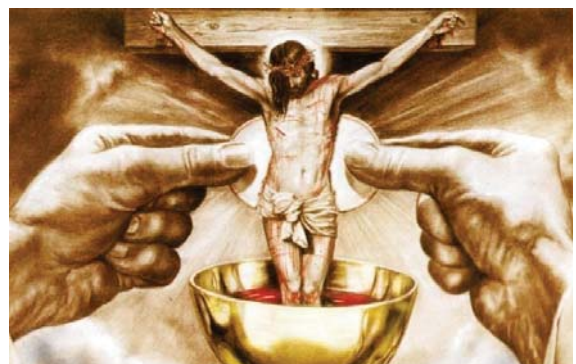
During his life on earth, Jesus' favorite way of expressing his love for, and his desire to be one with people, especially for those who were rejected and unloved, was to share meals with them. Shared meals were, for the Jews, signs of acceptance and friendship. Like many of us, the Jews were rather selective about those with whom they shared meals. In seeking out sinners and tax collectors, Jesus was contravening their traditions. Most Jews invited only friends or powerful people to their meals. In eating with sinners, Jesus was making friends with those who had no friends. He was showing them respect and love. He was drawing them into the family of God. He was letting them see themselves in a new light and become a new people. Instead of a people with no hope, no future, they were God's beloved children and citizens of his Kingdom. Something they had never imagined had happened. The Kingdom of God was for them, too.

Every Eucharist ends with a sending on Mission: *'Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.'* We are commissioned to bring the message of the Eucharist to the world. Just as Jesus has become our Food, giving himself completely to us, so we, too, must give ourselves for the sake of the world. Our celebration of this great feast of Corpus Christi reminds us of our constant challenge: to keep alive the blessed memory of Jesus by becoming, in the context of our time, his flesh and blood given for the life of the world.

Points To Ponder

Over the centuries, the Holy Spirit gradually guided the Church to an awareness of Christ's ongoing sacramental presence in the Eucharist. As the Eucharist was reserved after Mass so that Holy Communion could be brought to the sick, we began to realize that we could extend the worship and praise, and the prayers of intercession and supplication, offered to God during the Mass by adoring the Lord in the Eucharist outside of Mass. Eventually, churches constructed tabernacles where we could reserve the Blessed Sacrament. Gradually we developed the liturgical practice of Eucharistic exposition, adoration, and benediction. Today, it is impossible to know how many tabernacles there are in the world. So many parish churches, convents and monasteries, oratories and residences of religious orders! In every corner of the world indeed, in every corner of time and space—Jesus is with us, wanting to accompany us and to be available so that we can come to him in the Eucharist and open our hearts to him. He is drawing the whole world into his Sacred Heart through his silent, respectful, loving, generous presence in countless tabernacles throughout the earth. What does this decision on God's part tell me about his love and interest in my life? How have I responded to this gift? How would I like to respond from now on? Lord, today, by your grace, I will make an extra visit to a chapel or a church where I can be with you in the Eucharist. And I will take time there to enjoy your presence and thank you for everything I am grateful for.

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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

May 30th & 31st

Weekend Masses	\$ 3,460.00
Music Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,480.00
Candles	\$ 54.00

This week's Second Collection will be for:

Parking Lot Repairs

Next week's Second Collection will be for:

Fuel, Maintenance, & Repairs

ST. ANDREW'S MONTHLY PARISH SUPPORT (Online Giving)

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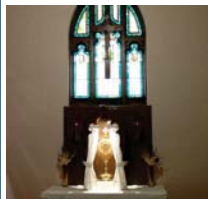
May

Weekend Masses	\$ 2,186.00
Fuel & Maintenance	\$ 70.00
Annual Appeal	\$ 100.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 85.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 228.00

Lectors, Altar Servers, Sacristans, & Eucharistic Ministers Needed

St. Andrew's Parish is need of new Lectors, Altar Servers, Sacristans, & Eucharistic Ministers for all Masses. Training will be provided. If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions, please contact the rectory at **508-824-5577** or email **standrewtaunton@gmail.com** for more information.

Eucharistic Adoration



St Joseph's Chapel
Daily 7:00am to 7:00pm
Come visit and sit with the Lord!
*"Could you not watch one hour
with me?"*

Let it Begin with Me



85th ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
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Peace

"Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you"
- John 14:27



"Let it Begin with Me" is the theme of the 2026 Catholic Appeal. On January 1, World Peace Day, Pope Leo sent a clear message, "Peace exists; it wants to dwell within us. The task is not to create it, but to welcome it, and to allow it to disarm us."

Bring peace to our community by helping our brothers and sisters in need. The Appeal supports tens of thousands of people throughout our Diocese.

Your support can bring you peace in knowing that you are making a positive difference, and help to be a part of creating harmony among all in our community. Please consider making your gift online by visiting **www.GiveFRDiocese.org**. You can also mail your gift or use one of the contribution cards located in church.

Collected as of May 31st, 2026:

\$20,790 from 90 families

Medjugorje Message

(May 25th, 2026)



"Dear children!

May this time be for you a time of prayer and fasting. Return, little children, in love to God Who is your peace. I am with you, little children, and I love you with my motherly tenderness. Thank you for having responded to my call."

BLESSING of Statues Night Vigil 6PM-1AM

St. Andrew the Apostle Church
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Begins on Friday,
June 12 at 6:00pm
Concludes on
Saturday,
June 13, 1:00:am



Friday, June 12
Feast of the *Sacred Heart*
Blessing at 6:00pm Holy Mass



Saturday, June 13
Feast of the *Immaculate Heart*
Blessing at 12:00am Midnight Mass

FAMILIES are **WELCOME**
to participate praying with us
**SIX Hours of the
Most Holy Rosary**

Join Us for a VERY *Special*
weekend of *Prayer*

Note: the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops will consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11, 2026, marking the Nations 250th Anniversary. Bishops are inviting Parishes to participate with Novena and prayers.

BLESSING OF THE STATUES

The Sacred Heart of Jesus & Immaculate Heart of Mary

SCHEDULE

Friday, June 12 — Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

6:00PM — 7:00pm

Holy Mass with Benediction to follow.

Families will be leading the Rosary for **ONE HOUR EACH** from 7:00PM – 12:00AM. Please sign below if your family is interested in volunteering.

TIME

FAMILY SIGNATURE

7:00PM — 8:00PM

Fr. Murphy

8:00PM — 9:00PM

9:00PM — 10:00PM

The Pina Family

10:00PM — 11:00PM

Women at the Well

11:00PM — 12:00AM

Saturday, June 13 — Feast of St. Anthony of Padua; **Feast of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

12:00AM

Concluding with Holy Mass with Benediction to follow.



Families leading the Rosaries will be given blessed Rosary Beads from Medjugorje. Pictures of the Sacred Heart will also be given out.

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Fr Edward A. Murphy,

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MASS LIVE STREAM SCHEDULE

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Sunday at 8:00am & 10:30am

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Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm

Saint Ephrem

Deacon, Doctor of the Church Feast

Day: June 9th

Known to
Syrian
Christians as
"the harp of the
Holy Ghost,"
this
Mesopotamian
from Nisibia
was baptized at
18 and may



have accompanied his bishop to the Council of Nicaea in 325. He served as head of the cathedral school and left Nisibia only after it became Persian. In 363 he moved to a cave overlooking Edessa but preached frequently in the city and wrote many poems, hymns and biblical commentaries; he organized a choir of women to sing his hymns during liturgies. About 370 he visited St. Basil in Caesarea. The winter before his death, he earned praise for managing relief supplies during a severe famine in Edessa. Ephrem is the only Syrian father declared a doctor of the church.



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