

St. Andrew the Apostle *Taunton Catholic Church*

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.
But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father.*

Matthew 10:32-33

**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

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

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ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 20th

4:00pm — David Robb, Muriel McNulty, Antonia Brito

Sunday, June 21st

8:00am — Jose Moitoso, The Freitas & Matos Families

10:30am — Joey Murphy & The McNally Family

Monday, June 22nd

8:00am — Ludovina & Manuel Camara Sr., Laura & Eugene Soares Sr.

Tuesday, June 23rd

8:00am — Don Stefano Gobbi

Wednesday, June 24th

8:00am — Lloyd J. Patton

Thursday, June 25th

8:00am — Mary Jane Hubbard

Friday, June 26th

8:00am — Special Intentions for Marisa Hayes & Nicole Coleman

Saturday, June 27th

4:00pm — Ann Thomas & Steve Gotham

Sunday, June 28th

8:00am — John Constance & Jeffrey Annunziato

10:30am — Jack & Laura Camara, Jose & Beatriz Pimentel

Sanctuary Lamp for week of June 20th



*Rosalyn Harrington &
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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 the Prophet
Jeremiah****Jeremiah 20:10-13**

Jeremiah said: "I hear the whisperings of many:
'Terror on every side! Denounce! let us denounce
him!' All those who were my friends
are on the watch for any misstep of mine.
'Perhaps he will be trapped; then we can prevail,
and take our vengeance on him.'
But the LORD is with me, like a mighty champion:
my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph.
In their failure they will be put to utter shame,
to lasting, unforgettable confusion.
O LORD of hosts, you who test the just, who probe
mind and heart, let me witness the vengeance you
take on them, for to you I have entrusted my cause.
Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has
rescued the life of the poor from the power of the
wicked!"

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.
For your sake I bear insult,
and shame covers my face.
I have become an outcast to my brothers,
a stranger to my mother's children,
Because zeal for your house consumes me,
and the insults of those who blaspheme you fall
upon me.

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.
I pray to you, O LORD,
for the time of your favor, O God!
In your great kindness answer me
with your constant help.
Answer me, O LORD, for bounteous is your
kindness;
in your great mercy turn toward me.

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.
"See, you lowly ones, and be glad;
you who seek God, may your hearts revive!
For the LORD hears the poor,
and his own who are in bonds he spurns not.
Let the heavens and the earth praise him,
the seas and whatever moves in them!"

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

SECOND READING**A Reading from The Letter of St. Paul to The
Romans****Romans 5:12-15**

Brothers and sisters:
Through one man sin entered the world,
and through sin, death,
and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all
sinned—
for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world,
though sin is not accounted when there is no law.
But death reigned from Adam to Moses,
even over those who did not sin
after the pattern of the trespass of Adam,
who is the type of the one who was to come.

But the gift is not like the transgression.
For if by the transgression of the one the many died,
how much more did the grace of God
and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ
overflow for the many.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL**A Reading from The Gospel according to
Matthew****Matthew 10:26-33**

Jesus said to the Twelve:
"Fear no one.
Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed,
nor secret that will not be known.
What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light;
what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.
And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but
cannot kill the soul;
rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy
both soul and body in Gehenna.
Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin?
Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your
Father's knowledge.
Even all the hairs of your head are counted.
So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many
sparrows.
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I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.
But whoever denies me before others,
I will deny before my heavenly Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.



By Father Edward A. Murphy

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Gospel of Matthew

Who can read this weekend's Gospel and not think of the opening homily of the pontificate of Pope St. John Paul II. That was the challenge to the whole world, not to be afraid to let Jesus into all areas of life, social, political, cultural, sexual and personal. At that time we were all thinking of his home country of Poland and Communists countries but as history unfolded we began to see his vision was not just for Eastern Europe but for the whole world and for each of us.

If anything is clear now it is that the challenge of the Gospel as preached by John Paul II is even more real today. In our own country religious freedom is becoming more restrictive and said to be a private matter which we must keep to ourselves. We are being told constantly that the Christian vision has no role in society, the church must be out of health care and education. Indeed the underlying message seems to be that religion, more so Christianity and most of all Catholicism is detrimental to personal growth. Pope Benedict XVI called this a dictatorship. So now you and I need to be more aware of the new situation and not to be afraid to let Christ ever more deeply into our lives.

What is there to be afraid of ... Jesus? In this weekend 's Gospel passage we are told that we are precious to God. We are reassured that God knows us so deeply that he knows the number of hairs on your head, each of us are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. We are loved and understood. Only Christ and his church can reassure us of this truth. The fundamentalist secular ideology has nothing like this truth, so do not let it rob you of the truth of the Gospel.

Allow the Lord Jesus ever more deeply into your heart, accept the truth that. God knows you deeply, understands your journey - you are not alone or isolated. Keep telling yourself this truth and tell your friends. They too need to meet Jesus, they too need to understand that they are loved.

Points To Ponder

The second part of Jesus' instruction to the disciples as they set out for their mission is the text of the Gospel today.

The opening sentence sets the tone for the disciples' mission: Do not be afraid - a phrase which is repeated twice more in this Gospel passage.

The first reading from the Old Testament book of the prophet Jeremiah reflects Jeremiah's experience of rejection - no one wants to hear the message God has called him to give. In fact, they want to kill him. Jeremiah sounds desperate and afraid. But then the reading turns into a prayer of confidence and trust in God's companionship and spiritual protection - God and Jeremiah will win out.

Preaching in the name of God is a risky and frightening business, as Jesus knows. So he urges the disciples not to be afraid of small beginnings, of those who can kill only the body, or that God would abandon them. He reminds them that God is always mindful of them and accompanies them on their mission. He urges them to be brave and bold in proclaiming the truth about God and in confessing their belief in Jesus before others.

Matthew's audience, like Jesus, Jeremiah and the disciples, knew all about persecution and rejection. Their question is also ours: if we allow fear to silence us how will the Good News of Jesus Christ ever be heard in the world? If we don't speak, who will? if we don't act, who will?

It is not really a matter of talking at people and quoting at length from the Bible. As St Francis of Assisi said, 'Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary use words'.

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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

June 13th & 14th

Weekend Masses	\$ 4,598.00
Fuel, Maintenance, & Repairs	\$ 2,291.00
Candles	\$ 119.00
Annual Appeal	\$ 500.00

This week's Second Collection will be for:
Diocesan Assessment

Next week's Second Collection will be for:
Roof Restoration

Donations for candles in front of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Blessed Mother Statues

In memory of loved ones.

Weekly donation: \$10

Lectors, Altar Servers, Sacristans, & Eucharistic Ministers Needed

St. Andrew's Parish is in 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.

Mass Intentions

If you or someone you know would like to schedule Mass Intentions for a loved one, please remember to contact the rectory at **508-824-5577**. Ideal times are between **11:30AM - 4:00PM** on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Let it Begin with Me



Peace

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



"Let it Begin with Me" The 85th Catholic Appeal is here. Please join with your fellow parishioners in helping those in need in our communities. Take this action to support others, and bring them the peace of knowing they are seen, giving them hope through your generosity.

The agencies and apostolates funded by the Appeal provide compassionate care to our neighbors in need, such as hospital chaplaincy and pastoral care in our nursing homes, programs that uphold and protect a culture of life, food services for the hungry, care for children in crisis, and much more. Make a secure gift or pledge online today at **www.GiveFRDiocese.org**.

Collected as of June 14th, 2026:
\$32,085 from 125 families

CORI CHECK

All parishioners who are Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Faith Formation Volunteers, and Choir members, are required to complete a CORI form. If you have not received an email, and are a volunteer, or if you have any questions, please call the rectory.

Summer Travel

During the summer, many families will be traveling and going on vacation, so please remember to submit your budget envelopes if you are unable to attend Mass here. Please also remember to visit **Masstimes.org** while traveling to find local Masses near you.

Baptisms



Joel and Genevieve with their parents and Godparents with Fr. Murphy.

On Sunday, June 14th, **Joel Francis Garanito** and **Genevieve Celine Marrero** were baptized here at St. Andrew's Parish. Congratulations to these families!

Happy Father's Day

Happy Father's Day to all Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers, and all the men who have been like fathers to us.

A Father's Day Prayer

Heavenly Father,
We thank You for the gift of fathers.
Bless all dads with wisdom, patience, and unconditional love. Strengthen them in their daily work and guide them as they lead their families. For those who have gone before us, grant them eternal rest.
For fathers who are struggling, bring comfort and peace. May all fathers mirror Your love, faithfulness, and compassion.

Amen.

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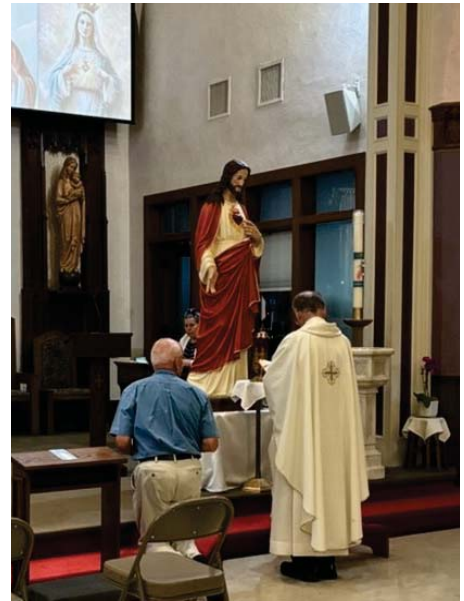
***Please contact the rectory or Tara Sousa if you or someone you know is interested in attending.**

The Blessing of the Statues

On Friday, June 12th, and Saturday, June 13th, the statues of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary were blessed. The Holy Rosary was also said continuously from 7:00PM until midnight, with many parishioners taking turns leading others in prayer. The Blessed Sacrament was presented on the Altar during this time and the evening was filled with great faith and devotion to our Lord.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this event and thank you to everyone who helped organize.

Special thank you to Michael Wojcik for helping to lead throughout the night.



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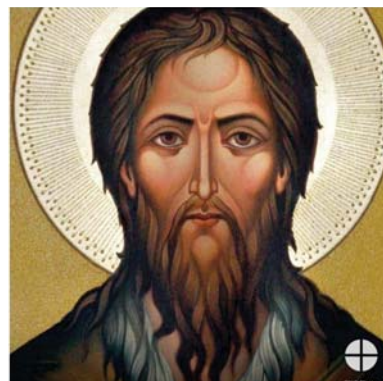
Monday - Friday at 8:00am

Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm

Nativity of John the Baptist

Day: June 24th

In the Gospels, John, a kinsman of Jesus through their mothers, preached repentance and baptized to prepare for the Messiah's coming.



This feast marks his exceptional birth to the aged priest Zechariah and the equally aged and barren Elizabeth. The angel Gabriel announces his birth in a vision to Zechariah, who hesitates in believing and is struck mute until eight days after John's birth. Then, Zechariah, in a beautiful canticle that ends the first chapter of Luke's Gospel, proclaims that John "will be called prophet of the Most High." John's eventual beheading is commemorated with an August 29 feast. A patron saint of Canada and Jordan, John is also the patron of Florence and the Knights Hospitaller of St. John.



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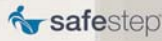
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