

St. Andrew the Apostle Taunton Catholic Church



Fifth Sunday of Easter

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" (Jn 14:1-2)

**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

COMCAST CHANNEL : 15

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**ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE
WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, May 2nd

10:00am — First Holy Communion Students

4:00pm — Alice Bousquin 1st Anniversary

Sunday, May 3rd

8:00am — Jose F., Jose M., & Maria A. Sousa,
The Fontes Family, Tobey Alford

10:30am — Maria & Jose Soares

Monday, May 4th

8:00am — George Corliss

Tuesday, May 5th

8:00am — Souls in St. Francis & St. Joseph
Cemeteries

Wednesday, May 6th

8:00am — Karen Gilbert

Thursday, May 7th

8:00am — Anita Laffan 5th Anniversary

Friday, May 8th

8:00am — Rev. John A. Gomes

Saturday, May 9th

4:00pm — Tara Martin & Family, Debbie Roy,
Tim Desilets

Sunday, May 10th

8:00am — All Mothers

10:30am — All Mothers

Sanctuary Lamp for week of May 2nd



*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.

ST VINCENT de PAUL

508-880-1583

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 6:1-7**

As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

Thanks be to God.**Responsorial Psalm Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19**

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Exult, you just, in the LORD;
praise from the upright is fitting.
Give thanks to the LORD on the harp;
with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Upright is the word of the LORD,
and all his works are trustworthy.
He loves justice and right;
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,
upon those who hope for his kindness,
To deliver them from death
and preserve them in spite of famine.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

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FIRST READING**A Reading from The First Letter of St. Peter****1 Peter 2:4-9**

Beloved: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it says in Scripture: Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame. Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, and A stone that will make people stumble, and a rock that will make them fall. They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny. You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Thanks be to God.**GOSPEL****A Reading from The Gospel according to John****John 14:1-12**

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.



By Father Edward A. Murphy

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Gospel of John

Jesus is about to leave his disciples, but he will be back soon and take them to the place which has been specially prepared for them. He will return very soon after his resurrection, although in a very different way, and he will come at the end of time to take them to himself forever. In the end, we will be where he is and that is the only goal of our lives that matters. And then he says, "And you know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas, characterized in the Gospel by his blunt speaking, then asked his question which drew forth a famous answer. *Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way? To which Jesus replied: I am the way, the truth, and the life.*

Jesus does not only tell us where to go. He is himself the Way (Greek, hodos). And Jesus is not a way, but the Way. This is not to be understood in a narrow sectarian sense. The way of life that Jesus proposes is not just for a particular group of people - it is a way of life for every single person to follow. The heart of that Way is an unconditional love which sees every other person as a brother or sister, and a love which gives itself unceasingly in service.

If we want to know where our lives, where any life, should be going, all we need to do is to identify ourselves totally with the attitudes, the values and the goals of life that Jesus lays down for us. And, as the Way, he is Truth and Life.

Jesus is Truth not just because the things he says are true. His whole life, everything he says and does, all his relationships, have the ring of truth and integrity.

And, of course, he is Life. When we unconditionally decide to walk his Way, we, here and now, begin to live in the fullest manner possible. Thank you, Thomas, for asking that question. All we need now is to make the answer the center of our living.

Points To Ponder

How do we live our Easter faith in Eastertide? The Church wants us in these days to remain with the Lord in quiet contemplation; to put aside our worries, and fears, and doubts; to look up, and look forward. Heaven lies ahead of us; but also for those who belong to Jesus, it's already a present reality. Of course heaven utterly exceeds our imagination.

In that respect, with the Apostle Thomas, we can rightly say: we do not know where you are going. Yet already we touch heaven, we know it, we simply find ourselves in it, in our prayer. We are in heaven when we are with God, and he with us. We touch heaven too when we assist at Holy Mass, and come to Holy Communion, and know that Jesus is with us, and in us; when we rejoice in that and resolve never to be parted from him.

Jesus said to his disciples: Do not let your hearts be troubled. That is: God will seem to be absent from what is to come, but he won't be. On the contrary. precisely he will be working out his purposes, in a most wonderful way, for our good, and his own glory. And this will remain true in every situation in life, however apparently meaningless or terrible. If we belong to Jesus, we have good reason not to be troubled. Abide with Jesus in the love of his Father. Be conformed to him in self-giving love. Be modelled after his pattern of humility and obedience, and a life of ceaseless intercession. Then you will also be able to endure with him your cross and so share in his resurrection.

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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 25th & 26th

Weekend Masses	\$ 3,291.00
Fuel, Maintenance, & Repairs	\$ 1,727.00
Candles	\$ 79.00
Annual Appeal	\$ 500.00

This week's Second Collection will be for:
Liturgical Expenses
Next week's Second Collection will be for:
Fuel, Maintenance, & Repairs

Mother's Day Flowers

The Women of Faith will be selling flower bouquets next weekend May 9th and 10th, after all Masses.



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.

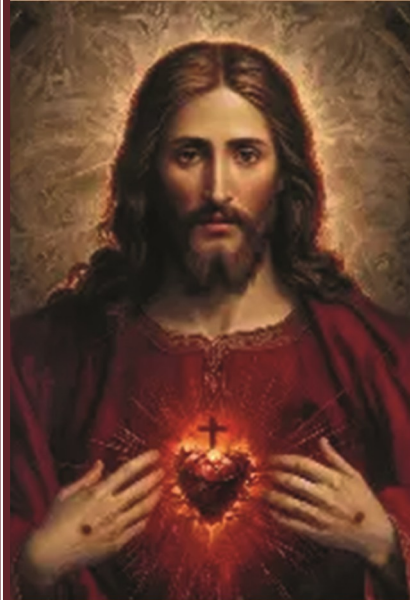
Women of Faith Meeting

The Women of Faith will be having their final meeting on Thursday, May 7th. The dinner will start at 6:30pm with the meeting to follow. Hope to see you all there as we wrap up another successful year.



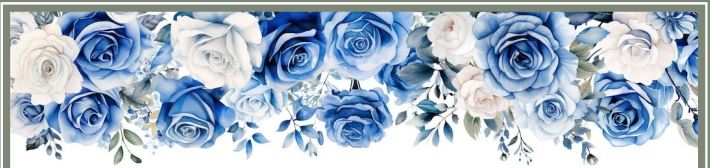
Women of the Well

You are warmly invited.
Please join us for our monthly event



Living in the Sacred Heart

Day: Saturday
May 9th
Time: 9 a.m.
Join us for Mass, followed by the rosary, fellowship leading to the presentation..



Medjugorje Message

(April 25th, 2026)



“Dear children! I am praying for you and encourage you to a new life, a life in joy and prayer. May the Holy Spirit fill you, little children, with joy so that you may be like a spring of pure and drinkable water; that you, little children, may be in God and with God missionaries of love and peace. Your life is short here on earth and that is why I am with you to lead you towards Heaven. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Confirmation

Last Monday, April 27th, our Grade 10 Faith Formation students were Confirmed into the Catholic Church. Congratulations to these students!



Evan Antonio Botelho

Alyssa Angelica Rodrigues

Alina Raquel Couto

Jacob Edward Tavares

Drew Jacob Negron

Brayden Dalton Taylor-Halnon

Alainah McKennah Perreault

14th Annual Penny Sale

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

I would like to thank all the Parishioners for their generous donations and give a special thanks to Anna Moitoza for making the Penny Sale another success. I would also like to thank all of the volunteers, especially the Women of Faith, The Knights of Columbus, the youth runners, and Joe Texeira & crew. I couldn't have done it without all of your help.

Thank you!

Raffle Winners:

Phillip Roberts \$500

M. Saladyga \$ 200

Charlene Rose \$100



Hannah, Sammy, and Loydah at the Penny Sale.



The Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena

The 12 Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

- 1) "I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
- 2) I will establish peace in their homes.
- 3) I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
- 4) I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
- 5) I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
- 6) Sinners will find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
- 7) Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
- 8) Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
- 9) I will bless every place in which an image of my Heart is exposed and honored.
- 10) I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
- 11) Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in my Heart.
- 12) I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment."



SCHEDULE

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

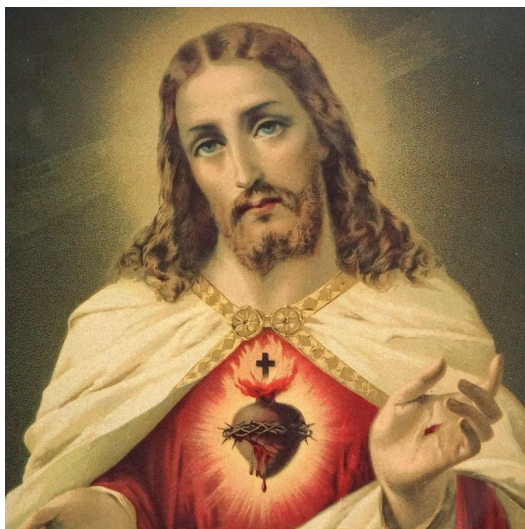
6:00PM	Holy Mass with Benediction to follow
7:00PM	Family 1 leads 4 Rosaries
8:00 PM	Family 2 leads 4 Rosaries
9:00PM	Family 3 leads 4 Rosaries
10:00PM	Family 4 leads 4 Rosaries
11:00PM	Family 5 leads 4 Rosaries

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.



*Please contact the Rectory if your family would like to volunteer.

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Saints Philip & James the Lesser *Feast Day: May 3*



Philip and James the Less, son of Alphaeus, are listed among the Twelve Apostles commissioned by Jesus. Philip brought Nathaniel to Christ, had a part in feeding the 5,000, and at the Last Supper, when asked to be shown the Father, was told by Christ: "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip?" He may have evangelized in Turkey. Not much is known about James, but "the less" may refer to his height. One tradition puts him in Syria, while another has him martyred in the same Jerusalem persecution as James the Righteous.



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