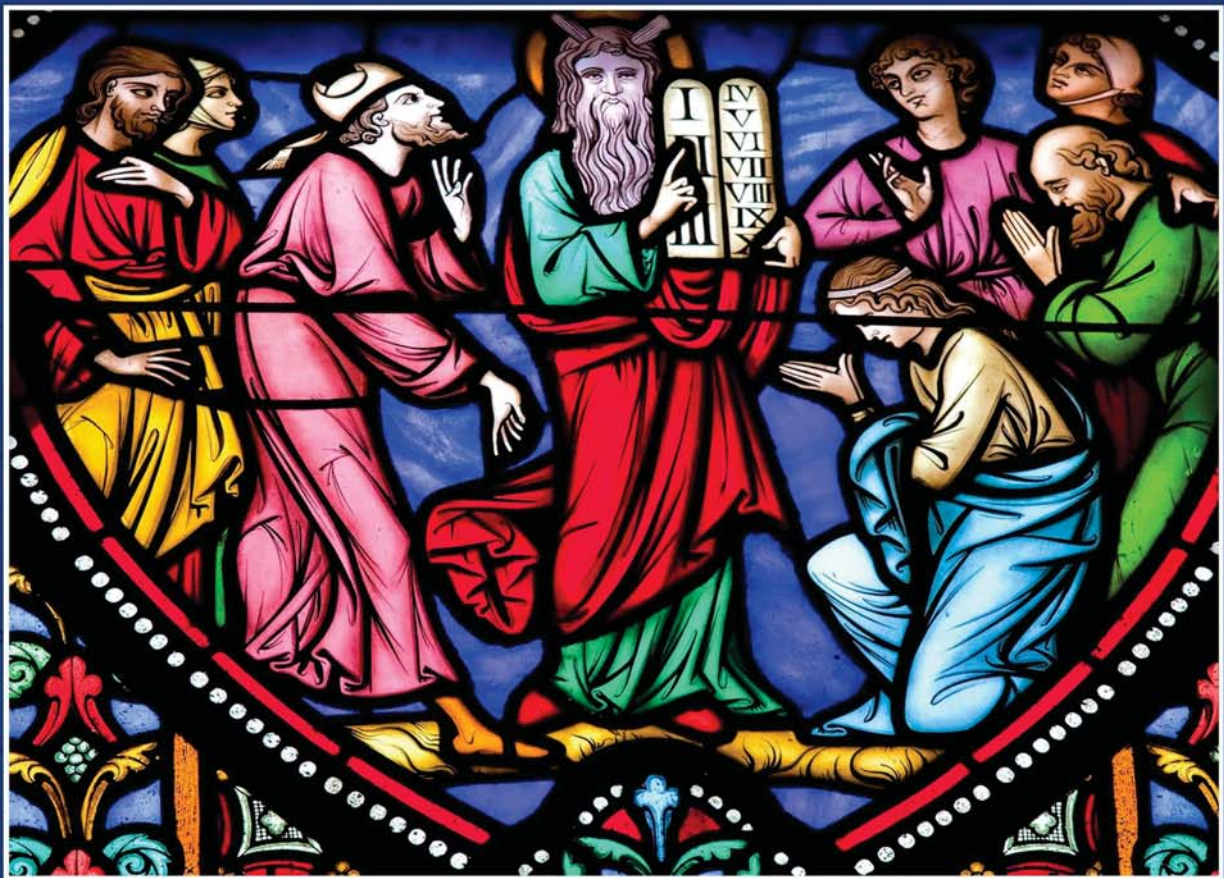


St. André Bessette Parish
Star of the Sea Church  *St. Joseph Church*
Salisbury *Amesbury*
February 15, 2026

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments
will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:13



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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday

4:00 p.m. - St. Joseph Church
6:00 p.m. - Star of the Sea Church (Town Church)

Sunday

8:00 a.m. - Star of the Sea Church (Town Church)
9:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Church

WEEKDAY

Monday

9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Church

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Church (Jan. 6 - Feb. 17)

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Church

CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION / ADORATION

St. Joseph Church: Saturdays: 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Star of the Sea Church: Every 2nd Monday of the month 6:00-7:00p.m. with Eucharistic Adoration

By Appointment: Contact office or speak to priest after any Mass.

Adoration - St. Joseph Lower Church: 1st. and 3rd Monday of the month 5:00- 6:30p.m.

OTHER SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Call parish office for scheduling

Sacrament of the Sick: For home emergency or when entering the hospital, please call the office.

Marriage: Arrangements should be made by calling the parish office at least one (1) year in advance for marriage preparations and desired date.

Liturgical Spirituality Corner

During the offertory prayers, the priest or deacon pours **wine** into the chalice followed by a drop of **water**, representing **Christ's divinity** and **our humanity** respectively. Soon this wine will be changed into the blood of Christ and distributed to us (often under the form of bread alone) in Holy Communion. With the drop of water no longer distinguishable from the chalice full of wine, here is represented what is offered to us in the Eucharist: to be totally divinized by Christ in every aspect of our humanity. As the drop of water is poured into the chalice, the priest or deacon prays quietly, "By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity." May this be the desire of all of us at Mass: to be humble enough to meet Christ and to allow our whole selves to be transformed into his divinity.

Prayers for Before and After Mass / Holy Communion

See also the prayers of St. Thomas Aquinas on page 327 of the missalette.

150th/75th Anniversary Celebration LENTEN MISSION: SAINT AUGUSTINE AND THE RESTLESS HEART

A journey from restless searching to conversion, confession and praise.

Over three evenings, Fr. Brian Dunkle, S.J. will guide us through the most influential conversion story of all time, exploring the timeless wisdom it offers to every restless heart seeking God.

**March 1-3 • Star of the Sea Church
(Sunday through Tuesday)**

Evening Schedule

- 6:30pm** – Adoration (Confession available)
- 7:00pm** – Benediction
- 7:10pm** – Mission Talk
- 7:45pm** – Meet & Greet (Lower church)



Fr. Dunkle is a Professor of Historical Theology at Boston College, expert on St. Augustine and distinguished retreat leader. He will also be preaching at all Masses February 28-March 1.

Lent 2026

Weekly Events

Confession & Eucharistic Adoration

Spend some quiet time with the Lord.
Mondays, February 23 – March 30
6:00pm – 7:00pm • Star of the Sea

Stations of the Cross

Fridays, February 20 – March 27
6:00pm • St. Joseph

Men’s Fellowship

Saturdays, February 21 – March 28
7:30am – 8:45am • Parish Hall (Amesbury)
See full description below

Calling all Men!

Join Fr. Patrick for a six-part Lenten Bible study series.
Fellowship – Formation – Prayer
For six Saturday mornings, we’ll discuss the men of the Old Testament Sunday readings and how they wrestled with God’s call in their lives.
Saturdays, February 21 – March 28
7:30am – 8:45am • Parish Hall (Amesbury)
Each session stands on its own, so come whenever you can!

Special Lenten Events

Solemn Vespers for the Solemnity of St. Joseph
Thursday, March 19, 7:00pm – 7:30pm • St. Joseph
Join us for a special service of chanted Psalms and prayers as we honor our patron saint.

Friday Simple Supper

Friday, March 27, 6:30pm • Parish Hall
Free-will offering to support St. Vincent de Paul Society



February 18, 2026
9:00 a.m. Mass - St. Joseph Church
12 Noon Mass - Star of the Sea Church
7:00 p.m. Mass - St. Joseph Church



ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON LENTEN REGULATIONS

ABSTINENCE: Catholics over 14 years of age are bound by the obligation of abstinence.

Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and the Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be eaten at all.

FAST: Catholics over the age of 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal (meatless) is allowed. Two other meals (meatless), sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted; but liquids, including milk and fruit juice are allowed.

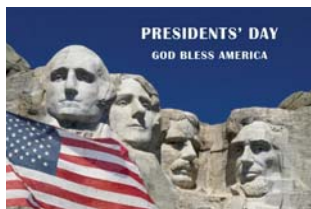


O Jesus, you place on my forehead the sign of your saving Cross: "Turn from sin and be faithful to the gospel." How can I turn from sin unless I turn to you?

You speak, you raise your hand, you touch my mind and call my name, "Turn to the Lord your God again."

These days of your favor leave a blessing as you pass on me and all your people.

Turn to us, Lord God, and we shall turn to you.



The Parish office will be closed on Monday, February 16, in observance of Presidents' Day. They will re-open Tuesday, February 17 at 9:00a.m.

PRAYING FOR OUR FUTURE PRIESTS

Please include in your prayers, an Archdiocese of Boston seminarian by name every day and at every Mass.



Seminarian:

- Sunday, February 15 - Huan Mai
- Monday, February 16 - John Manning
- Tuesday, February 17 - Shea Mattson
- Wednesday, February 18 - Simon Neta
- Thursday, February 19 - Samuel Neumann
- Friday, February 20 - Duoc Ngo
- Saturday, February 21 - Anthony Nicolosi

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FIRST & THIRD SUNDAYS

February 1 & 15



Holy Hour and a Half
5:00-6:30 p.m.

St. Joseph's Lower Church

Information Call: 978-388-0330

Contact: DeaconChuckHall@gmail.com



Please remember in your prayers the 24 men and women of our parish who are serving our country.

Heavenly Father, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick in our Parish.

May the Spirit of Christ renew the gift of life within them and bring healing to their minds, body and spirit.



Paul Palen, Hannah M., Carole Young, Sandra & Cliff Buttry, Jeanine Fowler, Renee Fowler, Eileen Hughes, Donna O'Neil, Jodi Rogers, Charles Termine, Terry Brooks, Shiela Prentiss, Margaret Corkum, Charlie Laudani

Dear Parishioners,
 The 2025 Parish Financial Report is now available! Hard copies are available in the back of the church, or you may view it on our website under the "Donate" tab.

With the end of second collections for parish needs, we encourage you to include in your offertory giving what you previously would have given in the second collection. (For those who have already set aside envelopes, please place them both in the basket when it comes around.) Occasional second collections for archdiocesan, national, or universal Church needs will be announced in advance, about 10-12 times per year.

Thank you, and God bless!
 -Fr. Patrick

July-December Weekly Averages

- Expenses: \$14,500
- Offertory income: \$9,500
- Other income: \$4,200

(gifts, Fall Fair, Grand Annual, funeral/wedding fees, parking lot rental, etc.)

Projected Weekly Expenses (beginning June 1, 2026): \$15,500 This increase reflects the hiring of a **Manager of Finance & Operations** and a **Coordinator of Faith Formation**, bringing both roles to a sustainable staffing level. Currently, the Manager of Finance & Operations serves on a **temporary volunteer basis**, and the Coordinator of Faith Formation role is filled only on a very limited interim basis, resulting in lower-than-normal operating expenses.

**St. André Bessette
 Combined Weekly Offertory
 Star of the Sea and St. Joseph Churches**

Saturday / Sunday January 31 - February 1, 2026

Offertory

68 Envelopes & Loose:	
Offertory	\$8,391.50
Candles	\$ 31.00
Online Giving	<u>\$1,582.00</u>
Total:	\$10,004.50

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Special Collection

February 18 - Catholic Charities (Ash Wednesday)

2nd Collections

February 22 - Church Around the World

Help to sustain your church with the security and convenience of Online Giving.

To sign up for online giving, go to www.StAndreB.org, click "Donate Online" button, located towards the top of the page. This will bring you to the Donate Online page. From there click the "Online Giving" icon, then follow the instructions. Or scan QR code below

Thank you.



The 9:00 am Tuesday Mass will return to Star of the Sea Town Church, Salisbury, on Tuesday, February 24.

A Parishioners Share their Memories of their Church for the Churches Anniversary!

Ruthann life has been shaped by her Catholic faith, beginning at St. John the Baptist Parish in Peabody, where she received her sacraments and married Bill in 1974. After moving to Amesbury, she became active at Sacred Heart as a Eucharistic Minister, CCD teacher, and volunteer. She continued serving through parish mergers and expanded her involvement after Bill's passing in 2017. In 2020, she married David, and together they bring communion to the homebound, hoping to inspire others to serve.

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WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 14

4:00 pm St. Joseph - Mass for the People
 6:00 pm Star of the Sea - Marion Graham

Sunday, February 15

8:00 am Star of the Sea - Mass for the People
 9:30 am St. Joseph - Agnes David & Norman Gautreau

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 16

9:00 am St. Joseph -

Tuesday, February 17

9:00 am Star of the Sea -

Wednesday, February 18 -

9:00 am St. Joseph - **Ash Wednesday Mass**
 12:00 pm Star of the Sea- **Ash Wednesday Mass**
 7:00 pm St. Joseph - **Ash Wednesday Mass**

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 21

4:00 pm St. Joseph -
 6:00 pm Star of the Sea -

Sunday, February 22

8:00 am Star of the Sea - Deacon Paul Specht
 9:30 am St. Joseph - Josephin Morel &
 Joseph & Vincent Lapore

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 23

9:00 am St. Joseph -

Tuesday, February 24

9:00 am Star of the Sea - Michael Kollar

Wednesday, February 25

9:00 am St. Joseph -



St. Joseph Church, February 2026

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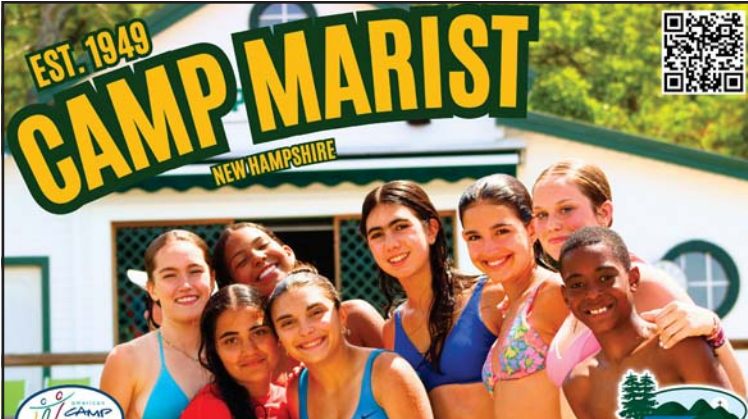
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