

# CHRIST BY THE SEA COLLABORATIVE



**St. Anthony Of Padua Parish**  
10 Summer Street, Cohasset



**St. Mary of the Assumption Parish/St. Ann Church**  
208 Samoset Avenue, Hull

## Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Sometimes in life our expectations do not match the reality of the situation. This was true in Jesus' time, too. There was long expectation for the Messiah, the Christ, the Anointed One, but expectations varied. Some expected the Messiah to be a powerful military leader. Others expected the Christ to be a great political leader. Still others expected the Anointed One to be Temple official. Jesus didn't fit into any of these categories or meet these expectations. When reality doesn't meet our expectations, we can rethink our expectations and embrace the truth of the situation or face becoming disillusioned, disappointed, disoriented, or even downright angry. Such was the case for those who had differing expectations and hopes for the Messiah who was to come.

As our common battle with Covid-19 nears the three month mark and with it the impact of social distancing, stay-at-home directives, the wearing of masks and gloves, perhaps our expectations are being shattered. Perhaps we expected that we would be long past this by now. Everyone would be able to come and go freely. We would all be back to our normal routines. Children and young people would be back at school, extracurricular activities, and out-of-school activities. Seniors in both high school and college would be preparing for the various activities leading to graduation. Everyone would be back to work. We would be back in local parish churches for the celebration of the Eucharist, Baptisms, Confirmations, and First Communions, Weddings and Funerals. Maybe we shared some of these expectations.

The reality is different. The number of those diagnosed with Covid-19 continues to rise, as do deaths related to the coronavirus. We are still in the fight against this pandemic. We continue to adapt our lives in light of all that is expected of us in this struggle.

Perhaps we expect that the return to "normal" will happen soon and, when it does happen, it will be instantaneous. The reality, which is becoming clearer, is quite different. We can only begin the 3-stage reopening process once there have been 14 consecutive days of decline in coronavirus diagnoses and death. Then, and only then, can we enter the long, gradual, and incremental 3-stage process of reopening. We can become impatient, disillusioned, disappointed, or angry that our expectations do not meet the reality or we can adjust our expectations to the reality and put ourselves in the best possible position to enter the 3-stage reopening process and to emerge from that process stronger and ready to live and share our faith.

## Upcoming Facebook Live events:

- **Saturday, May 9: 4:00 p.m.** Vigil Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Easter followed by May Procession and Crowning of Mary on the [St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Facebook page](#).
- **Sunday, May 10: 8:30 a.m.** Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Easter on the [St Anthony's Parish/Rectorry Facebook page](#).

**Join us for Virtual Coffee and Donuts after the Sunday 8:30 Mass this week. Everyone is invited:**

- **Join the Zoom Meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83881603537>  
Meeting ID: 838 8160 3537**

Please keep in mind that these Mass celebrations are not open to the public as we need to adhere to the 10 people or under directive and the ministers involved may number 10.

**Upcoming Open Hours:**

**Monday: May 11**

- St. Anthony: 7:00-8:00 a.m.
- St. Mary: 6:00-7:00 p.m. (Confession available.)

**Tuesday, May 12**

- St. Mary: 9:00-10:00 a.m.
- St. Anthony: 5:00-6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 13**

- St. Anthony: 7:00-8:00 a.m. and 5:00-6:00 p.m.

**Thursday, May 14**

- St. Mary: 9:00-10:00 a.m.

**Friday, May 15**

- St. Anthony: 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Please use the following doors when accessing the churches when they are open:

- **St. Anthony:** The only door open will be the side door closest to the parish center.
- **St. Mary:** The only door open will be the right side door on the Samoset Avenue side of the church. Handicap door accessibility can be arranged by contacting the parish office.

When visiting either church, please use these doors only, follow instructions for social distancing and sanitizing, and observe directions for confession. Please consider wearing a mask and gloves when coming to church. Confessions will be in the "cry" room at Saint Anthony Parish and in the hall at Saint Mary Parish. The confession area will be set up to preserve the confidentiality of the sacrament, practice social distancing, and allow each person to choose to remain anonymous or not.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us!

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Scott

Rev. Scott A. Euvrard

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*"Hold fast to the rudder of faith, that you may not be shaken by the heavy storms of this world." St. Ambrose*