

LAETARE SUNDAY

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Laetare is the first word — meaning “rejoice” — in the Latin text of the Entrance Antiphon to today’s Mass. On Laetare Sunday (as similarly with the Third Sunday of Advent’s Gaudete Sunday) the Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances. The Rose color indicates a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Easter, just before we enter into the somber days of Passiontide.

BROCKTON CATHOLIC TRI-PARISHES CHRIST THE KING | OUR LADY OF LOURDES | ST. EDITH STEIN

Christ the King Parish
54 Lyman St.
Brockton, MA 02302

Our Lady of Lourdes
439 West Street
Brockton, MA 02301
Tel: 508-586-4715 Fax: 508-584-6257
Parish Office Hours:
Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

St. Edith Stein Parish
71 East Main Street
Brockton, MA 02301

Mass Schedules & Information

Christ the King (CTK)

Saturday Mass 4:00 PM in English
Sunday Masses 9:00 AM, English; & 12:00 PM Haitian Creole
Daily Mass 9:00 AM Tuesday & Thursday

Our Lady of Lourdes (LOL)

Saturday Mass 4:00 PM
Sunday Masses 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Daily Mass 9:00 AM Wednesday & Friday

Saint Edith Stein (SES)

Saturday Mass 4:30PM English, 7PM Cape Verdean Creole
Sunday Masses 8:00 AM Cape Verdean, 10:30AM English, & 1:00 PM Cape Verdean
Daily Mass Schedule 9:00 AM Monday & Saturday
Cape Verdean Daily Mass 5:30 PM Wednesday & 7:00 PM Friday

Visit us on the web at brocktoncatholic.org

The emergency phone number for a parish priest after business hours is at ext. 209 via the parish office number.

Adoration

Christ the King
Mondays 6 PM - 8 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes
Fridays immediately after daily Mass until 12 PM (unless there is a funeral)

St. Edith Stein
Fridays at 7:00 PM, offered by the Cape Verdean community



The Rosary

Christ the King during Adoration Mondays at 6:30PM
Before daily Mass at Christ the King and St. Edith Stein Parishes

After the daily Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes

Confessions are held before Saturday Vigil services from 3:00PM to 3:45PM at Christ the King and Our Lady of Lourdes and from 3:30PM-4:15PM at St. Edith Stein. Confessions in Haitian and Cape Verdean are offered during their weekday services or by appointment.

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Bulletin and Mass Announcement Deadline

Holy Week and Easter Holiday bulletins must be submitted a week early for publication. Please provide any announcements at least a week in advance of the publication date.



Christ the King

Saturday, 3/14: 4:00 PM: Leo Cheney—21st Anniversary

Sunday, 3/15: 9:00 AM: Marie Suzelle Auguste—1st Anniversary
12:00 PM: Johanne Joseph—Remembrance

Tuesday, 3/17: 9:00AM: Kareem Drijo—Thanksgiving (TCA Mass)

Thursday, 3/19: 9:00AM: Julien Giraud—Remembrance

Saturday, 3/21: 4:00 PM: Jean Kelly—In Memoriam

Sunday, 3/22: 9:00 AM:
12:00 PM: Haitian Intentions

Our Lady of Lourdes

Saturday, 3/14: 4:00 PM: People of the Tri-Parishes

Sunday, 3/15: 8:00 AM: Marie Lourde—Thanksgiving
11:00 AM: Joaquim Silva—22nd Anniversary
Aida Spinola—3rd Anniversary

Wednesday, 3/18: 9:00 AM: Joseph Nicolas—3rd Anniversary

Friday, 3/20: 9:00 AM:

Saturday, 3/21: 4:00 PM: Sal Roppolo—1st anniversary

Sunday, 3/22: 8:00 AM: Linda LeGay—7th Anniversary
11:00 AM: Nancy Botreau—10th Anniversary

St. Edith Stein

Saturday, 3/14: 9:00 AM: Peace in the World
4:30PM: People of the Tri-Parishes

Sunday, 3/15: 10:30 AM: Graziano, Mario, and Gennaro Sgueglia—Remembrance

Monday, 3/16: 9:00 AM: Fr. Willy Raymond—Month's Mind

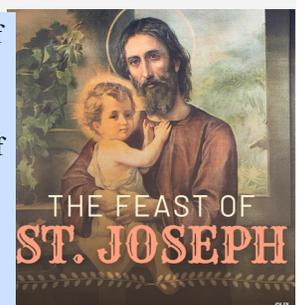
Saturday, 3/21: 9:00 AM:
4:30PM: People of the Tri-Parishes

Sunday, 3/22: 10:30 AM:



This week we celebrate the feasts of two Saints. On March 17th, is the feast of St. Patrick, patron saint of the Archdiocese of Boston. On March 19th we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

St. Patrick and St. Joseph,
Pray for us!





We honor all those who have had funerals this past month in the Tri-Parishes:

- Fr. Willy Raymond, CSC
- Susan Michele Hurley
- Joseph Fulginiti
- Maria Jesus Fernandes
- Alfredo Luis Gomes Alves
- Agnes T. Quill
- Marie Therese Gedeon
- Filipe Jose Marcelino
- William Devine
- Edith doCarmo Fontes Monteiro Veiga
- Sabino Manuel Santos Pires
- Carl Trulson



www.bostoncatholicappeal.org

Thank you to those who have already responded generously to Archbishop Henning's invitation to contribute. Through early support, Christ the King is at 15% of goal, Our Lady of Lourdes is at 40% of goal, and St. Edith Stein is at 20% of goal. Together, we are on our way to greater success. Thank you for your support!

Upcoming Collections

The Second Collection for March 15 supports St. Vincent dePaul. If you wish to donate towards the Easter Flowers, envelopes are available in the church. Please drop your envelope in the basket by March 29. Write the names of those to be remembered clearly on the outside of the envelope. The Good Friday Collection benefits the Holy Land. The Easter Collections benefit the Archdiocese of Boston Clergy Trust.

Thank you to all who have increased your giving to the Tri-Parishes, especially those using online giving. Your support is critical when weather or other events prevent full participation at Mass. Online Giving through our portal at www.brocktoncatholic.org means you can still support your parishes even if you are away. THANK YOU!

Your Sacrificial Giving to the Tri-Parishes: March 1, 2026

	Christ the King	Our Lady of Lourdes	St. Edith Stein
Weekly Expenses	\$7,185	\$9,075	\$9,840
Actual Offertory	\$4,387	\$4,913	\$5,031
Online Giving	\$1,464	\$1,735	\$823
Other Revenue	\$2,032	\$2,300	\$3,520
Total Offertory	\$7,883	\$8,948	\$9,374
(Deficit)/Surplus	\$698	(\$127)	(\$466)
Special Collections	\$104		

Parish Gifts for the Month of February

Altar Gifts for Christ the King

Thank you to the Ballard Family
In loving memory of John Ballard's 80th birthday

Altar Gifts for Our Lady of Lourdes

Thank you to Carmella
In loving memory of Henry "Hank" McCourt

Thank you to Kathy Galewski
In loving memory of Francis & Kathleen Galewski

Altar Gifts for St. Edith Stein

Thank you to an anonymous donor

Thank you to Maria Gertrudes
In loving memory of Leite Tavares

Parish gifts are available for the month of March.
Thank you for your support.

2026 Paschal Candles

SES: In Loving Memory of Ellie Wright
OLOL: In Loving Memory of Hank McCourt
CTK: In Thanksgiving for the Ganthier—
Chilufya—Lecorps Family



Snow Removal Update: As you all know, this has been a very active winter season, with storm after storm and we have seen feet of snow affecting our parishes and operations. The excessive cold has also required emergency repairs to the boiler at SES and to the sacristy at OLOL. We are currently looking at over \$30,000 in snow removal costs for the three parishes so far, not including the other repairs we are facing due to the extreme weather conditions. Please prayerfully consider an extra donation to help offset the snow removal costs. You can make the check out to the parish of your choice, with snow removal in the memo line, and then place the check in an envelope marked with snow removal on the outside. Please do not use a regular offertory envelope for this donation. Thank you for your continued support of our parishes.



Operation Rice Bowl—Please return Rice Bowls either in the collection basket, or faith formation students can bring them to class before the end of Lent. By participating in CRS Rice Bowl, we're helping young people in Timor-Leste find opportunities and support to fulfill their dreams of becoming leaders in their communities. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-4 to read about Adriana's dream of becoming a doctor in this week's Story of Hope.

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT



Our readings this weekend focus on God's profound mercy, love, and the call to return to Him. Using the images of light and darkness, the gospel recounts the story of the man born blind, while St. Paul urges the Ephesians and us to avoid deeds done in secret or in darkness. Our prayer, fasting and almsgiving are intended to help us make choices for good, to be the light of Christ for others. Take time this week to reflect on your life. Ask Christ for the grace to set aside those deeds that diminish the Christ light in you. Before this Lent ends, confess your deeds of darkness and receive God's mercy and love so that your light may shine forth.



6:30PM-7:30PM

March 18th: Our Lady of Lourdes

March 25th: Christ the King

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available prior to the Saturday Vigil Masses. Confessions will not be offered the week of Holy Week unless an appointment is made.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

March 29, 2026

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule



Saturday, March 28: **Light of the World** at Christ the King

Unless otherwise noted, the movie time is at 6:30 PM. There will be light refreshments provided, but you can also bring your own snacks and drinks.



Holy Thursday

April 2, 2026

Tri-Lingual Mass
7PM at SES

Good Friday

April 3, 2026

Passion Service 3PM
Stations of the Cross 7PM
OLOL (English)
CTK (Haitian)
SES (CV)

At Our Lady of Lourdes on the first Saturday of the month, join the First Saturday prayer club. Starting at **2:45 PM**, we pray the rosary, offer time for reflection, and an opportunity for confession; all to make reparations to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. **Please note that due to April 4th falling on Holy Saturday, there will be no First Saturday service on that day.** Please know that praying the Rosary on that day, and going to Confession and receiving Holy Communion within seven days will fulfill the obligation for First Saturday to the Blessed Mother.



Easter Vigil

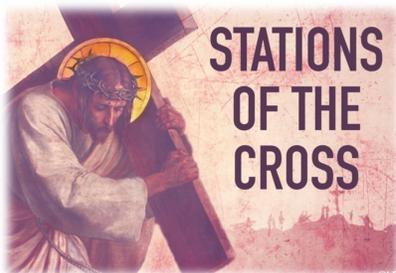
April 4, 2026

7:30PM OLOL | 7PM CTK (Haitian) | 7PM SES (CV)

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule at all parishes



Small Faith-Sharing Groups

Small Faith-Sharing Groups are meeting Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. The groups meet at Our Lady of Lourdes.



The choices for meeting times are Tuesday or Thursday evenings 7:00-8:30 p.m. or Thursday mornings 10:00-11:30 a.m.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS COURT OUR LADY OF LOURDES MEETING

Catholic Daughters Court Our Lady of Lourdes #2396 is a member of a national and state organization of Catholic women 18 years old or older who meet under the motto of unity and charity.

Check out our Facebook page to see some of our past activities.

Come to a meeting and see what we are all about. All are welcome! For more information contact Cathy at 508-588-0898 or Cduford@comcast.net.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed in English on Mondays at Christ the King during Adoration and on Friday evenings at 7:00PM at Our Lady of Lourdes. Soup will be served at 6PM at OLOL prior to the Stations. Youth looking for volunteer hours are encouraged to contact Nancy LaMonica.

The Haitian and Cape Verdean Communities will also offer Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7PM at CTK and SES.

Faith Formation Upcoming Dates

Christ the King Grades 1-6
First Communion
Confirmation 1&2
Sundays 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
CTK Lower Hall

March 22, 2026

April 12, 2026 (Last Class)

Important Dates:

First Communion Retreat & Workshop:

March 21, 2026
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

First Communion Rehearsal:

May 1, 2026
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

May 3, 2026

First Communion at Christ the King

Our Lady of Lourdes Grades 1-6
First Communion
Confirmation 1&2
Sundays 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM
OLOL Lower Hall

March 15, 2026

March 29, 2026

April 26, 2026 (Last Class)

Important Dates:

First Communion Retreat & Workshop:

March 28, 2026
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

First Communion Rehearsal:

May 15, 2026
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

May 17, 2026

First Communion at Our Lady of Lourdes

St. Edith Stein First Communion Ceremony: June 7, 2026 at 10:30AM and 1:00PM

OCIA for Children & Families

Important Dates:

Second Scrutiny Mass:

March 15, 2026

11:00 AM Our Lady of Lourdes, with class to follow after Mass, downstairs to the lower church hall.

Third Scrutiny Mass:

March 22, 2026

9:00 AM Christ the King, with class to follow after Mass, downstairs to the lower church hall.



Confirmation Notice: The Tri-Parishes will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, May 9th, 2026 at 9AM and 11AM at St. Edith Stein Church with Bishop Barbosa. All Sponsor Forms and Patron Saint Papers are now overdue and must be returned during regular class times for any student receiving the Sacrament this year. The Confirmation Retreat will be held on April 25, 2026 in the lower hall at St. Edith Stein, beginning at 8:30AM. Attendance is required unless other arrangements have been made with Deacon Tim Booker. Volunteer Hour forms are due on the last day of class.

Get ready for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea!

Join the Archdiocese of Boston on a 10-day pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea! The pilgrimage with airfare runs from August 1–10, 2027 for \$5,245, with an optional 3-day extension in Incheon for an additional \$809. Individual and group reservations are now open through June 30, 2026. This pilgrimage offers young people a powerful opportunity to encounter Christ, grow in community, and experience the joy of the universal Church.

Learn more at: www.evangelizeboston.com/world-youth-day



Altar Server TRAINING ©LPI

Deacon Paul is offering altar server training for both active and prospective altar servers across the Tri-Parishes.

Below are the tentative dates for sessions at Christ the King and Our Lady of Lourdes (subject to change).

Our Lady of Lourdes

March 28
April 25

Christ the King

April 11

Location will be in the church for all sessions. Time is 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM.

Please email nancy.lamonica@brocktoncatholic.org to be put your child on the email list for Deacon Paul to reach out to you.



Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents

Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. A ministry for parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago. All are welcome. Registration required.

**Saturday, April 18, 2026
9:30am-6:30pm**

**One Day Spiritual Retreat for Grieving Parents
Fr. Joe Raeke, Spiritual Leader
Mary Queen of Martyrs Parish
Our Lady of Lourdes Church
130 Main St, Carver MA**

For more information and register please call Betty Whittaker: 508-747-8917 or Diane Monaghan: 800-919-9332 or visit website: www.emfgp.org

Event Notice from The Father Peyton Center

Catholic Family Pilgrimage to Québec City and Montreal for married couples, individuals, and families, June 13-17. Deluxe motorcoach departing from The Father Peyton Center, four-star hotels, daily Mass, Confession, guided tours, with personal accompaniment and free time. Father Boby John, C.S.C., will be your chaplain with co-hosts Amy and Craig Dyke. Register early; space is limited. For detailed trip itinerary and registration, scan the QR code or visit hcfm.info/pilgrimage2026, call 508-238-4095, or email Amy at Mission@HCFM.org.



Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce

The Catholic ministry, Life Giving Wounds in collaboration with Family Life are offering a one-day healing retreat for adult children of divorce or separation at the Pastoral Center in Braintree from 9 AM - 5 PM on March 28th. The day will include talks, prayer, confession, Adoration, Mass, small group sharing, meals and resources. The retreat fee is \$45 (\$25 for college students). Visit bit.ly/lifegivingwoundsretreat for more information.

Are you – or someone you know – seeking peace after an abortion? The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women experiencing regret from a past abortion to attend a Come to the Waters of Healing one-day retreat. Upcoming dates are Saturday, April 11 (Merrimack Valley), and Saturday, May 16 (Boston/South). Locations are confidential. For more information on the retreats or other services, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.



TRANSFORMED IN love

Transformed in Love is the marriage preparation workshop of the Archdiocese of Boston for engaged couples and those civilly married seeking a convalidation. The workshop is being offered virtually over Zoom. This mini-series is an alternative, yet equivalent format of our marriage prep also referred to as Pre-Cana.

March 18, 24, and 26 from 6:30PM-9:30PM

REGISTRATION: 1 ticket per couple. The \$200 cost includes registration, couple workbooks, resources, and a certificate of completion mailed to the bride's residence. Zoom links will be sent in a follow-up email 7 days prior to the start of the workshop. Payment is by credit card. Financial assistance is available by contacting Liz Cotrupi, 617-746-5801. <https://www.evangelizeboston.com/event/marriage-prep-virtual-mini-series-march-2026/>

The Tri-Parishes of Brockton present An evening of Live Music with 'The Reminisants'

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall—433 West St.

50s * 60s * 70s

Greatest Hits

Sunday, March 22, 2026 5PM to 8PM

Bring your own beer, wine, and snacks, 21+ | soft drinks and snacks available

Adults: \$20.00 | 17 and under: \$7.00

Call the parish office to reserve tickets 508-586-4715

Limited tickets available at door

Tables of 6 or more may be reserved

Raffles will be held | All proceeds to benefit the Tri-Parishes