



St. Oscar Romero Parish

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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.” Luke 13:24



Mass Schedule

Daily Mass ~ Monday-Saturday 9:00am,
preceded by **Daily Rosary** at 8:30am

Weekend Masses ~ Saturdays 4:00pm
Sundays 8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm & 5:00pm

~ **Church Open for Prayer** ~
Monday-Friday 10:00am-3:00pm

Bereavement Support Ministry ~ For support, please
Contact Deacon Dan Nelson at dcn785@aol.com

Staff Directory ~ Find our staff directory on page 6.

Parish Prayer Wall ~ Submit your prayer requests on
our parish website.

Parish Newsletter ~ Visit parish website to subscribe.

St. Mary's Cemetery ~ For inquiries, please contact
Barbara McKenney at 781-828-0090 x 311.

Sacramental and Devotional Life

Anointing of the Sick ~ Contact the parish office.

Baptism ~ Twice a month, 2nd and 4th Sundays.
To register, visit www.cantoncatholic.org and click on
Sacraments. Contact: Barbara McKenney (781) 828-0090.

Marriage ~ Arrangements should be made six months
in advance. Contact the parish office.

Reconciliation ~ Saturdays at 3:15pm before the 4:00pm
Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ~
Tuesdays 9:30-10:30am

Bible Study ~ Mondays at 9:45am in the Lower church
Hall. Contact: wwhite9999@aol.com or 617-699-8032

Catholic Men of Canton ~ 2nd Saturday of the month
8:00-9:30am in the Lower Church Hall or via a zoom link
option. Email jptjr2@gmail.com for more information.



*"Let us not tire of preaching love;
It is the force that will overcome the world."*

Dear Friends,

This Sunday's we hear from Psalm 117 between our first two readings. But our response, "Go out to all the World and tell the Good News," is from Jesus' words in Mark's Gospel (16:15). Father Patrick and confreres in the Society of African Missions (SMA) carry out that command from Jesus. We have an opportunity to help Father Patrick and his parish, St. Thomas Aquinas in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, this weekend.

Thank you to all who helped out with last Sunday's successful Parish Cookout. It was a wonderful opportunity to make new friends and connect with folks we haven't seen in a while. Yes, such an undertaking requires lots of work. But such events are also a reason we remain a strong and vibrant parish community.

This Wednesday, the 28th is the opening day for St. John's School. We wish our students, and all who are beginning new school years, happiness and health.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom



Gifts of Hope: Donations & Shoes to Support Fr. Patrick's Mission

This weekend, we will take up a special collection to help Fr. Patrick Mpete bring hope and support to his parish, St. Thomas Aquinas, in the Congo. Your generosity will directly assist their faith community in meeting both spiritual and practical needs.

Ways to Give:

By Check or Charitable Trust:

Make checks payable to: **St. Oscar Romero Parish.**

In the memo line, write: *Fr. Patrick Mpete (St. Thomas Aquinas)*

By Credit Card: Visit cantoncatholic.org

Click on Online Giving or Scan QR Code.



The Gift of Shoes for the Children of the Congo:

We are also partnering with Fr. Patrick to send two overflowing suitcases of children's shoes back to his home in the Congo. The gift of shoes is more than just footwear; it's a step toward comfort, health, and dignity for a child.

This weekend, drop off new children's summer shoes in the designated bins located at the church entrance. Our goal is to fill two suitcases to the brim!



*Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ.
Thank you for your support!*

Faith Formation Registration

Please remember to register your children for Faith Formation classes before the deadline on **September 8**.

Grades 1-8 Weekly Schedule:
Sunday 11:00am-noon, Monday
or Tuesday afternoon 4:30-5:30pm

Grades 9 and up Monthly Schedule:
Sunday 11:00am-noon

To register visit the parish website at
cantoncatholic.org

Grades 1-6 Erin Sullivan erin@cantoncatholic.org
Grades 7-High School Confirmation Program Nancy Cunniff
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Teachers are needed as follows:

Grades 4 & 5 – Sunday morning
Grades 3, 5 & 8 – Monday afternoon
Grades 3, 4, 5 & 8 – Tuesday afternoon

We look forward to welcoming your family!

*Sacrament of Baptism ~
We Welcome You With Great Joy!*



Deacon Dan and the Parents and Godparents of Jack McCarty

ParishSOFT

Exciting Update to Our Online Giving System

Announcement:

As summer draws to a close, we want to update you on an important change coming this fall. Our parish is always looking for ways to streamline operations, ensure accuracy, and safeguard parishioner information. One way to achieve this is by using software systems that integrate all parishioner data in one secure location.

After careful research, we have decided to transition our online giving platform from **Our Sunday Visitor (OSV)** to **ParishSOFT Ministry Brands**. This change aligns with our existing ParishSOFT parishioner database, allowing both online and regular offertory giving to be tracked in a single system. This integration eliminates the need to manually transfer data between separate platforms, saving time and reducing the possibility of errors.

Please note, we will continue to use **OSV for all website functions**.

In September, we will provide detailed instructions on how to:

- Enroll in online giving if you are not yet a participant.
- Transfer your current OSV online giving account to ParishSOFT Ministry Brands.

With your cooperation, we aim to complete this full transition by **October 15, 2025**.

We appreciate your support as we work to make parish operations more efficient and secure for everyone.

Faith, Family & Fellowship – Good Food & Great Company!



Thank you to everyone who joined us for this year's Parish Summer Cookout! It was a beautiful day filled with laughter, fellowship, and faith. A special word of thanks to all our volunteers who made it such a joyful celebration.



Parish Directory

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 parish family and we
 are grateful for your
 support. Scan the QR
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 received: freely give."*
 Matthew 10:8



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SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL For assistance, call 781-828-0090 and leave your contact information.

Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday, August 23

9:00am~
 4:00pm~Msgr. Charles J. Bourque,
 Memorial

Sunday, August 24

8:00am~Anite Spicer, Memorial
 10:00am~Agnes & Teddy Mikulewicz,
 Memorial
 12:00pm~John McCarthy, Sr., John
 McCarthy, Jr. & Billy Cravens, Memorial
 5:00pm~Zmiejko & Megis Families,
 Special Intention

Monday, August 25

9:00am~Jane Shanley, Month's Mind &
 Tommy Cummings, Memorial

Tuesday, August 26

9:00am~

Wednesday, August 27

9:00am~

Thursday, August 28

9:00am~

To request a Mass Intention,
 please call 781-828-0090

Friday, August 29

9:00am~Rich Levrault, Memorial

Saturday, August 30

9:00am~Jack Murphy, Living Intention
 4:00pm~Mike Mezzano, Memorial

Sunday, August 31

8:00am~People of our Parish
 10:00am~
 12:00pm~Frederick & Mary McCabe,
 Memorial
 5:00pm~

Prayers and Sympathy

Margaret Walsh, Edward Barry
 John Falls



Please remember in your prayers
 all those who have entered into eternal life.

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