



# St. Oscar Romero Parish

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"Lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table."

Luke 16:20-21

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:jptjr2@gmail.com) for more information.



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

*Dear Friends,*



A cultural phenomenon that insightful social commentators note is too easily overlooked, is the growing cultural, educational and economic division in our communities. These disparities are not new, although they appear to be widening. What is new is the lack of interaction among members of these disparate demographic groups. If we once referred to others as, "Living on the other side of the tracks," it implied living in the same city or town. Students of different cultural and economic backgrounds matriculated at the same schools. They got to know one another through studies, sports and other activities. The trend in recent years has been for the wealthy and the poor to live in increasingly separate, even isolated, environments.

The young men and women of our parish who participate in one or more of our Youth Ministry programs such as Outreach trips, are exposed to life circumstances that they would probably not otherwise observe. One must first notice another's situation before being able to do anything for them.

In today's Gospel, the, "Rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously," was not blind to the suffering of poor, starving Lazarus. His sin was choosing to ignore him. His indifference brought him suffering in the netherworld. This powerful Gospel passage is a cautionary tale. Let us not take our blessings for granted lest we can become indifferent to the plight of others.

Yours in Christ,  
*Fr. Tom*

### *St. Oscar Romero Parish Bereavement Ministry*

During times of loss, having a caring community by your side can bring comfort and hope. The parish Bereavement Ministry is here to walk alongside those who are grieving, offering support, compassion, and understanding. Led by Deacon Dan Nelson, a trained grief counselor, this ministry provides a safe and welcoming space for sharing, healing, and finding peace.

If you or someone you know would like to learn more about this ministry, please reach out at 781-828-0090 x311 or [bmckenney@cantoncatholic.org](mailto:bmckenney@cantoncatholic.org).

We invite you to share this information with anyone who may find comfort in the support of this ministry. Together, we can help one another find hope in the midst of sorrow.





# ParishSOFT

## *Last Call: Transition to ParishSOFT Giving!*

### **For Current Online Givers (OSV):**

This is a friendly reminder to all parishioners currently giving through OSV. To ensure your continued support of our parish ministries, please create your ParishSOFT Giving account and cancel your OSV account by **September 30, 2025**. Go to [osvhub.com](https://osvhub.com) to cancel your account or scan the QR code.



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### **New to Online Giving?**

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### **Ways to Give:**

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- Text: "Give" to 781-670-5658
- Scan the QR code



### **Need Assistance?**

Our parish staff and the ParishSOFT Donor Support team are here to help!

- Contact Lorraine Olsen-Viola in the Business Office: 781-828-0090, ext. 316
- ParishSOFT Donor Support: 866-930-4774 ext. 6 or [donorsupport@parishsoft.com](mailto:donorsupport@parishsoft.com)

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important transition and for your ongoing generosity. Your support truly makes a difference.

## *Autumn in the Garden Market*



## *Autumn Seaside Festival*



## *A Heartfelt Thank You from Fr. Patrick and the Children of the Congo*



Fr. Patrick and the children of the Congo send their deepest gratitude to our parish community for the beautiful shoes and sandals you so generously provided. Your kindness has brought more than just footwear—it has brought joy, comfort, and hope to young hearts across the miles.

Each pair of shoes you donated is a tangible reminder that love knows no borders. Because of your generosity, children can walk safely, play freely, and step forward with confidence into each new day. Your thoughtfulness reflects the very spirit of Christ's love, showing that small acts of care can create a ripple of goodness in the world.

Fr. Patrick writes of the children's delight, sharing that your gifts have filled their days with smiles and their hearts with gratitude. In a world where many struggle to meet basic needs, your compassion reminds them—and us—that we are never alone in God's family.

From the bottom of their hearts, and from Fr. Patrick, thank you for your generosity, your prayers, and your unwavering commitment to spreading love and hope. Together, we are walking the path of faith, one joyful step at a time.

### *St. Mary Cemetery Water Notice*



Out of care for our parish family and all who visit the cemetery, we want to let you know that one of the underground water pipes has broken. Because the pipe runs close to underground electrical wiring, the repair work is more complex and will take some time.

During this period, a 150-gallon water tank has been placed near the utility shed so that visitors may continue to tend to their loved ones' graves with prayer and devotion. We hope to have the work completed within about two weeks.

We deeply appreciate your patience, understanding, and continued reverence for this sacred resting place.



## Protecting God's Children



### VIRTUS Training – Protecting God's Children

A VIRTUS Training Session will be held on **Tuesday, September 30, 2025,**  
**6:30 PM in the Parish Center.**

As part of our commitment to creating a safe and welcoming environment, the Archdiocese requires **all clergy, parish staff, and every parish volunteer** to complete a *VIRTUS—Protecting God's Children* training session. This one-time program helps us recognize and prevent situations that could place children at risk and reminds us of our shared responsibility to protect the most vulnerable among us.

If you serve the parish in **any volunteer role—whether in liturgical ministries, faith formation, outreach, parish events, or other activities—your participation is essential.**

Please take a moment to register for this session at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) or by scanning the QR code provided. Together, we can ensure that our parish continues to be a place of safety, trust, and faith for all.



Light refreshments will be available.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara McKenney, 781-828-0090 x311 or [bmckenney@cantoncatholic.org](mailto:bmckenney@cantoncatholic.org).

Thank you for helping us keep a safe environment for all.

### CORI Weekend – September 27 & 28

At Saint Oscar Romero Parish, the safety and care of our parish family is a top priority. Each year, we are called to renew our commitment to providing a safe and welcoming environment by completing the required CORI (Criminal Offender Record Information) forms.

We are truly blessed by the dedication and generosity of our parish volunteers who give so much of themselves in service to others. Your willingness to serve as ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, readers, adult altar servers, sacristans, and homebound ministers is a gift to our parish. To support you in this important ministry, we will hold a **CORI Weekend on September 27 and 28.**

**After every Mass**, tables will be set up at the church entrance where you may complete your CORI form, Code of Conduct, and—if needed—sign up for VIRTUS training. Music and Religious Education volunteers will complete their CORI forms at their ministry's first rehearsal or meeting.

We hope this makes the process simple and convenient for both our new and continuing volunteers. Thank you for your cooperation, and for the care you show in serving our parish.

## Parish Directory

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 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, September 27

9:00am~  
 4:00pm~Members of St. Vincent de Paul,  
 Living and Deceased

### Sunday, September 28

8:00am~  
 10:00am~Anna F. Cashman, Memorial  
 12:00pm~Mr. & Mrs. Leo Saidnawey,  
 Memorial  
 5:00pm~Charles Amando, Month's Mind

### Monday, September 29

9:00am~Tim & Victor Khoury, Memorial

### Tuesday, September 30

9:00am~

### Wednesday, October 1

9:00am~Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Doyle,  
 Memorial

### Thursday, October 2

9:00am~

### Friday, October 3

9:00am~St. John School Families

### Saturday, October 4

9:00am~  
 4:00pm~Ida Hanlon, Memorial

### Sunday, October 5

8:00am~People of the Parish  
 10:00am~Sophie & Joseph Wolanin,  
 Memorial  
 12:00pm~Timothy Dubois, Memorial  
 5:00pm~

## Prayers and Sympathy

Robert Willey

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



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