

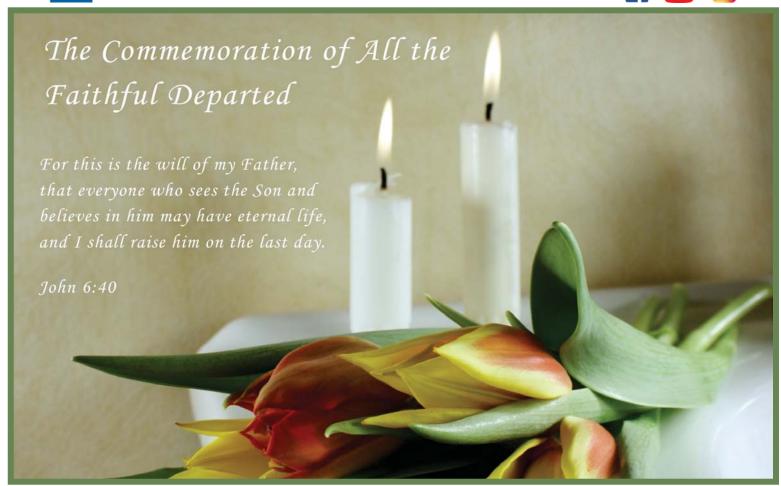
# St. Oscar Romero Parish

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## 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 \*Family Mass

> ~ 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 requests on 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.

*Hearing Assistance:* ListenWIFI App (StOscars)

## Sacramental and Devotional Life

Anointing of the Sick ~ Contact the parish office.

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

*Marriage* ~ Arrangements should be made <u>six</u> months in advance. Contact the parish office.

 $\it Reconciliation \sim {\rm Saturdays}$  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: <a href="https://www.nite9999@aol.com">wwhite9999@aol.com</a> 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."

Special Collection Next Weekend: Please note "Hurricane Melissa Relief" in the memo line of your check.

## Dear Friends,

While the celebration of Halloween, which seems in recent years to have grown into a bigger event,

may have captured our attention, October 31 also marked the one-year anniversary of Archbishop Henning's installation. A native of the Rockville Center (Long Island) Diocese, he was ordained a priest in 1992. After some years of parish ministry, he went to the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and then the University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, completing his doctorate. After serving as a professor and then seminary rector, he served as an auxiliary bishop of his home diocese until Pope Francis appointed him Bishop of Providence in 2022.

Although he was not known to us in Boston, at the time of his appointment, every Boston priest with friends among the Providence clergy heard the same thing, "You're going to like him." To date, the prediction holds up.

Archbishop Henning has been candid about the challenges of getting a handle on an Archdiocese so large in numbers and geography. We are pleased to announce that he will be visiting St. Oscar Romero Parish on Monday, January 26, 2026. He will celebrate Mass for the St. John the Evangelist School community to kick off Catholic Schools Week. We will provide more details about his visit in the coming weeks.

Yours in Christ, **Fr. Tom** 

## Held in the Hand of God

In our human experience, death often feels like loss, separation, and even defeat. Yet the Book of Wisdom opens our eyes to a divine truth: "The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them." What a promise of peace and hope!

This passage reminds us that God's love holds us even beyond the limits of this life. What seems to the world like an ending is, in truth, a transformation—an entrance into the fullness of God's presence. The trials and sufferings of this life are not signs of abandonment but moments of refining, like gold tested in fire. Through faith, the soul is purified and made radiant, ready to dwell in the light of God forever.

For those who trust in the Lord, death does not

have the final word—love does. The faithful abide with Him in love, surrounded by grace and mercy. As we remember those who have gone before us, may we take comfort in knowing they rest safely in God's hand, and may we live each day with the same hope of immortality that fills their hearts with peace.





We Remember Them in Faith and Love

As we remember those who have gone before us this past year, we give thanks for their lives, their faith, and the love they shared within our parish community.

May the hope of Christ's Resurrection bring comfort to all who mourn and peace to all hearts.

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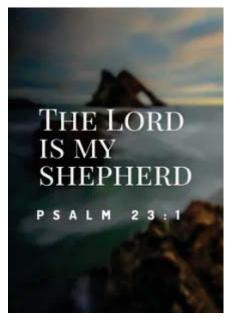
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"He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

- Revelation 21:4

#### In the Lord's Care

"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."



On this All Souls Day, we are reminded that God's care for us does not end with this life it continues into eternity. The familiar words of Psalm 23 offer deep comfort: even when we walk through "the valley of the shadow of death," we are not alone. The Lord guides us with ten-

derness, leads us beside still waters, and restores our souls.

This psalm assures us that death is not the end but a passage into the fullness of God's dwelling—where love, mercy, and peace overflow. As we remember our beloved dead, we entrust them to the Good Shepherd who has prepared a table for them in His eternal home. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in the house of the Lord forever.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

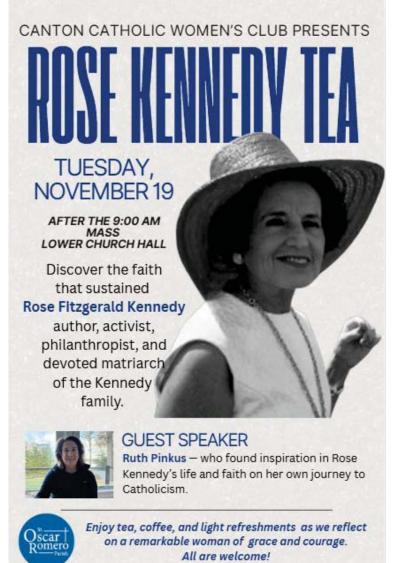
## Estate & Charitable Giving Strategies for 2026 and Beyond

Learn how to transform your legacy! Several parishes in the South Region of the Archdiocese are hosting informative sessions on estate and charitable giving. Discover ways to make a lasting impact while planning for the future.



Scan the QR code to explore event details, view available dates, and complete your registration.

## Canton Catholic Women's Club Event—November 19



## Sacrament of Baptism We Welcome You With Great Joy!



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### National Vocation Awareness Week

Each of us is called by God to a unique and beautiful vocation — a way of life that reflects His love in the world. As we celebrate *National Vocation Awareness Week*, take time to pray and reflect on how God may be calling you to serve His Church.

Let us also lift up in prayer those discerning the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, marriage, or single life, that they may have the courage to say "yes" to God's invitation.

One wonderful way to listen for God's call is through service in your parish community. Consider becoming involved in some way as a **lector**, **catechist**, **altar server**, **choir member**, **usher**, **greeter**, **or other ministry**, **such as St. Vincent de Paul**. Each ministry is a response to God's love and a way to help others encounter Christ.

Please contact Barbara McKenney to learn more about volunteer opportunities in the parish. She can be reached at 781-828-0090 x311 or <a href="mailto:bmckenney@cantoncatholic.org">bmckenney@cantoncatholic.org</a>.

## St. Oscar Romero Parish Bereavement Ministry



During times of loss, having a caring community by your side can bring comfort and hoe. 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 <a href="mailto:bmckenney@cantoncatholic.org">bmckenney@cantoncatholic.org</a>.

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.

## Parish Directory

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#### **CLERGY**

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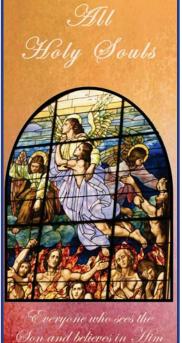
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## Mass Intentions for the Week



may have eternal life.

and I shall raise him

on the last day.

Saturday, November 1

9:00am~All Saints Day 4:00pm~The Souls of the Faithful Departed

#### Sunday, November 2

8:00am~The Souls of the Faithful Departed

10:00am~The Souls of the Faithful Departed

12:00pm~Mass of Remembrance (Mass for all those whose funerals were celebrated in our parish this past year.) 5:00pm~The Souls of the Faithful Departed

#### Monday, November 3

9:00am~Amaka Nwosu, Birthday Living Intention

#### Tuesday, November 4

9:00am~Robert Lombard, Memorial

Wednesday, November 5 9:00am~

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

Thursday, November 6

9:00am~Gin & Jim Gorman, Memorial

Friday, November 7

9:00am~St. John's School Families

#### Saturday, November 8

9:00am~

4:00pm~People of Our Parish

#### Sunday, November 9

8:00am~Nicholas Colantuono, Memorial 10:00am~Francisco Andrade, Memorial 12:00pm~Jesus Gamboa & Virgenmina Cosme, Living Intention 5:00pm~People of Our Parish



## Prayers and Sympathy

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

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