



St. Oscar Romero Parish

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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"By your perseverance you will secure your lives." Luke 21:19



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 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,

Every few years, our Archdiocese honors some of the men and women for their contributions of time and talent by presenting them with the **Cheverus Award**. Named for Boston's first bishop, Jean-Louis Lefebvre de Cheverus, it is presented to recipients at Holy Cross Cathedral by the Archbishop. This year, two parishioners will be honored. **Ms. Trish Powers**, who has been a cantor and choir member at St. Gerard's and St. John's for many years, is our St. Oscar Romero Parish recipient. Parishioner **Wayne Bethoney** is also a recipient. Despite Wayne's faithful service to our parish, his nomination was sponsored by the archdiocese. He is being honored for all he does for the retired priests at Regina Cleri and the Sister Disciples of the Divine Master at their Boston residence.

The awards will be presented next Sunday, November 23, at a 3 pm service in the cathedral. Although neither seeks recognition, a grateful parish congratulates Trish and Wayne for this honor.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom



Get Ready for Our Annual Bake Sale!

The Canton Catholic Women's Club is delighted to host their **Annual Bake Sale** the weekend of **November 22–23**, immediately following all Masses.

Bring your sweet tooth — and your friends! — and enjoy a wonderful assortment of homemade treats lovingly prepared by parish bakers.

Love to bake? We'd be thrilled to include your creations! Donations of baked goods can be dropped off **before any Mass on November 21-23**.

All proceeds benefit **CCWC Charities**, helping to make a meaningful difference in our community. Thank you for your generosity and support — we can't wait to share this fun (and delicious!) weekend with you!

Reaching Hearts at Home and in Care

As we look ahead to the sacred season of Advent, our parish community is invited to begin preparing hearts and hands for a beautiful act of love. In anticipation of our upcoming three-part **Advent Series** next month, we will be collecting items to create gift bags for the residents of the Hellenic Nursing Home and our cherished Homebound parishioners.

Collection Dates: November 22–30
Drop-off Location: Church entrance



These gift bags will be assembled and delivered during Advent as a tangible expression of Christ's presence and our parish's care. Stay-tuned for more information about the Advent Series and the gift bag project. Your contributions will help bring comfort, joy, and a reminder that they are deeply remembered and loved.

Suggested items for the gift bags include: (NEW Items only, please.)

- Warm slipper socks (non-slip soles preferred)
- Hand cream or lip balm (gentle, lightly scented or unscented)
- Pocket tissues
- Individually wrapped soft snacks (cookies, crackers, chocolates)
- Large-print puzzle books (crosswords, word searches)
- Small seasonal decorations (Advent or winter-themed)
- Pens or notepads
- Mini lotions or hand sanitizers
- Lightweight shawls or lap throws
- Clip-on reading light

Let us begin this season of waiting with generosity and tenderness, preparing to share the light of Christ with those who need it most.

Thank you for being part of this heartfelt offering.



Thanksgiving Dinner— Wednesday, November 26



PLEASE, JOIN US FOR A

THANKS GIVING dinner

NOVEMBER **26** 12:00PM

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Cemetery Update – November

Now that we are in the month of November, our cemetery staff will begin preparing the grounds for the winter season. In the coming weeks, the water will be turned off, and we'll begin our seasonal cleanup. We kindly ask that any decorative items that may interfere with this process be removed from gravesites at this time. Your help allows us to care for this sacred space with reverence and respect.



Please know that burial arrangements—including the purchase of cemetery lots and columbarium niches—are available year-round, regardless of weather. If you would like to learn more about the options at St. Mary's Cemetery, we warmly invite you to contact Barbara at 781-828-0090 x311 or email bmckenney@cantoncatholic.org.

Thank you for helping us honor and care for this holy resting place.

A Song in the Silence: A Story for the Feast of St. Cecilia (November 22)



In a quiet corner of Rome, long ago, lived a young woman named **Cecilia**. Though the world around her pulsed with noise and power, Cecilia carried within her a stillness—a sanctuary where God's melody played unceasingly. From childhood, she had heard music not with her ears, but with her soul. It was the music of heaven: gentle, radiant, full of hope. She sang it in her prayers, in her service to the poor, and in the way she loved without fear.

When she was forced into marriage, Cecilia did not resist with anger. Instead, she whispered a vow to God and sang a silent hymn of trust. Her courage softened hearts. Her faith inspired conversions. Even as persecution loomed, Cecilia's song only grew stronger.

On the day of her martyrdom, the Roman guards expected cries of fear. But what they heard instead was a voice—soft, steady, and full of light—singing praise to the One who had never left her side.

Centuries later, we still remember her not for the violence she endured, but for the music she never stopped singing. St. Cecilia reminds us that even in the darkest silence, a song of faith can rise—and that beauty, born of love, can never be silenced.

Perseverance in the Storm



As Jesus gazes upon the grandeur of the temple—its costly stones and votive offerings—He reminds us that even the most magnificent earthly structures will one day fall. It's a sobering truth: nothing built by human hands lasts forever. But Jesus doesn't leave us in despair. Instead, He invites us to anchor our hearts not in what dazzles the eye, but in what endures through trial—faith, truth, and the quiet strength of perseverance.

This Gospel passage is not easy. It speaks of upheaval, betrayal, persecution, and fear. And yet, it is also one of the most tender assurances Jesus gives: *“Not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives.”* In a world that often feels unstable—where headlines shout of conflict and division, and personal struggles weigh heavy—Jesus calls us to stand firm, not in our own strength, but in His.

He doesn't ask us to have all the answers. In fact, He tells us not to prepare our defense, because He Himself will give us the wisdom we need. What a beautiful promise: *that in our most vulnerable moments, Christ will speak through us, sustain us, and make our witness shine.*

So as we gather this week—whether in joy or in weariness—let us remember that our faith is not built on stones, but on the living Word. Let us encourage one another to persevere, to speak truth with love, and to trust that even in the darkest hour, God is at work.

May we be temples of hope, not adorned with gold, but with grace.

Sacrament of Baptism ~ We Welcome You With Great Joy



Left to right: The family of Maison Hugo, Callan MacKay and William Callaghan, IV

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Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday, November 15

9:00am~
 4:00pm~ Nunzio "Sammy" Fama,
 Memorial

Sunday, November 16

8:00am~ Ferrara Colarusso, Giola
 Diletizia, Memorial
 10:00am~ Robert & Rose Maddestra &
 Elizabeth Squle, Memorial
 12:00pm~ Philomena, Paul & Anthony
 Donohoe, Baby Seamus, Bridget Nally,
 Memorials

Monday, November 17

9:00am~ Rich Levrault, Memorial

Tuesday, November 18

9:00am~

Wednesday, November 19

9:00am~

Thursday, November 20

9:00am~ Robert Lombard

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

Friday, November 21

9:00am~ Sally & Eddie Struzik, Memorial

Saturday, November 22

9:00am~
 4:00pm~ Gloria & Don Columbare, Memorial

Sunday, November 23

8:00am~ Bruno Ferrara, Memorial
 10:00am~ People of our parish
 12:00pm~ James Levern Wells, Memorial
 5:00pm~

Prayers and Sympathy

Alice Ogalin
 Arcangelo Mariano

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

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