



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 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

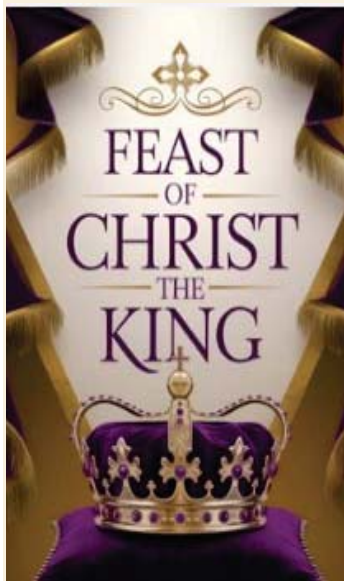
Catholic Men of Canton ~ 2nd Saturday of the month
8:00-9:30am in the Lower Church Hall or via a zoom link
option. Email jptjr2@gmail.com for more information.



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It is the force that will overcome the world."*

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Dear Friends,



This Sunday, the **Feast of Christ the King**, is the last Sunday of the liturgical year. Next week is the First Sunday of Advent. Advent is a season of waiting. We recall humankind's wait for the promise of the Messiah. We prepare for the Christmas celebration.

In the past, I have spoken and written about how the concept of Advent is getting pushed aside as increasing numbers of "Christmas celebrations" take place before not during the Christmas season. Juggling work, school and neighborhood holiday parties alongside regular commitments can take the focus off Advent. This year, our parish is offering an opportunity to focus on Advent spirituality on three consecutive Thursday evenings. Nancy Cuniff and Deacon Dan Nelson have prepared the series called ***Awaken the Heart***. This series invites us to pause amid the busyness of the season, to listen deeply for God's presence, and to open our hearts in prayer and reflection.

Each evening offers a gentle rhythm of Scripture, silence, and shared devotion—helping us prepare not just for Christmas day, but for Christ's coming into our lives with renewed hope and light. Please see page 4 of this bulletin and our website for more details.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom

Vigil Mass for Thanksgiving—11/26



Senior Citizens Bingo



REACHING HEARTS

At Home and in Care

Advent Gift Bag Collection

As we prepare for the sacred season of Advent, our parish community is gathering items to create gift bags for residents of the Hellenic Nursing Home and our cherished Homebound parishioners.

These gifts will be assembled and delivered during Advent as a tangible sign of Christ's love and our parish's care.

Suggested items (new only):

Warm slipper socks
(non-slip preferred)
Hand cream or lip balm
(unscented/lightly scented)
Pocket tissues
Individually wrapped soft snacks

Large-print puzzle books
Small seasonal decorations
Pens or notepads
Mini lotions or sanitizers
Lightweight shawls or lap throws
Clip-on reading lights



COLLECTION DATES: NOVEMBER 22-30
DROP-OFF LOCATION:
CHURCH ENTRANCE

*Let us begin this season of waiting with generosity and tenderness, sharing the light of Christ with those who need it most.
Thank you for being part of this heartfelt offering.*

Christmas Concert



Christmas Concert – *Joy To Your World*

St. Oscar Romero Parish welcomes the **Labyrinth Choir** on **Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 7:30 pm** for a free Christmas concert. The program includes Poulenc's *Hodie Christus Natus Est*, *O Holy Night*, *Joy to the World Squared*, and Pentatonix's *O Come All Ye Faithful*.

This festive evening blends the sublime with the playful, offering music to lift hearts and warm spirits as winter begins. With opportunities for audience participation, it promises to be a joyful celebration of the season.

Annual Christmas Cantata



Annual Christmas Cantata & Children's Nativity Pageant. Join us **Saturday, December 13 at 7:00 pm** in the church for ***Night of the Father's Love***. Parish children, choirs, and orchestra present narrated Nativity tableaus with stunning visuals, a sing-along, followed by light refreshments. A beautiful celebration of Christ's birth for all ages!



Awaken the Heart

Come, Let Us Prepare Him Room

A THREE-WEEK PARISH ADVENT SERIES

Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the Church

Prepare your heart this Advent as we journey together in prayer, music, and reflection. Each week invites us to listen, see, and give from the heart — awakening to God's presence and sharing His love with others.

- ★ December 4 - Listening with the Heart
- ★ December 11 - Seeing with the Heart
- ★ December 18 - Giving from the Heart

Join us for a peaceful and prayerful Advent journey as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Each week invites us to enter more deeply into the mystery of God's love — to **listen, see, and give from the heart**. Through Scripture, music, prayer, and meaningful parish activities, we'll awaken our awareness of God's presence among us and be inspired to share that love with others.

This spiritual progression mirrors the rhythm of Advent itself: first, we listen for God's voice; then, we open our eyes to recognize His presence in the world; and finally, we respond with generous hearts, giving of ourselves in love and service. Come for one evening or for the full journey!

JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT

Opportunities to pray, celebrate, and share the joy of the season

NOV 23-30

COMPASSION

Parishioners are invited to share warmth this Advent by donating small personal items for the residents of Hellenic Nursing Home and our homebound community members.

NOV 30- DEC 22

JOY

Through our **Advent Giving Tree**, parishioners can select gift tags to brighten Christmas for local families in need.



DEC 4

7:00 PM

LISTENING

In the first evening of **Awaken the Heart**, we follow Mary's example of quiet trust—learning to listen with the heart and receive God's word in stillness and faith.

DEC 11

7:00 PM

SEEING

In the second evening of **Awaken the Heart**, we learn to see with the heart—recognizing Christ's presence in one another and in the sacred beauty of everyday life.

DEC 13

7:00 PM

WONDER

Night of the Father's Love, a heartwarming **Christmas Cantata and Children's Nativity Pageant** featuring parish choirs, orchestra, and the joyful presence of our youngest storytellers.



DEC 14

AFTER 10:00 MASS

SWEETNESS

Celebrate Advent with joy and creativity at our **Rejoice! A Family Advent Celebration** featuring gingerbread cookie decorating, children's crafts, hot cocoa, and the warmth of parish community.

DEC 18

7:00 PM

GIVING

In the third evening of **Awaken the Heart**, we reflect on the heart that gives—discovering how love becomes visible when we offer our time, gifts, and presence to others.

**PREPARING FOR CHRIST WITH JOY,
STILLNESS, AND LOVE**

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 22

9:00am~Lewis Botelho, Special Intention

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~

Monday, November 24

9:00am~Phyllis M. Mitchell, Memorial

Tuesday, November 25

9:00am~Bernardo Sanchez, Memorial

Wednesday, November 26

9:00am~Christopher & Mary Wade,
Memorial

Thursday, November 27

9:00am~Harold Olsen, Memorial

Friday, November 28

9:00am~Irene Kelley, Month's Mind

Saturday, November 29

9:00am~Leona & Frank Bianski, Memorial

4:00pm~Warner Lund, Memorial

Sunday, November 30

8:00am~

10:00am~Krystina & Boleslaw Kedra,
Memorial

12:00pm~Nicholas Nastasi, Memorial

5:00pm~Gloria & Fernando Iglesias,
Memorial

Prayers and Sympathy

Deidre M. Beswick, Robert
Findlen, Joseph Rushworth
Michael McDonough

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

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