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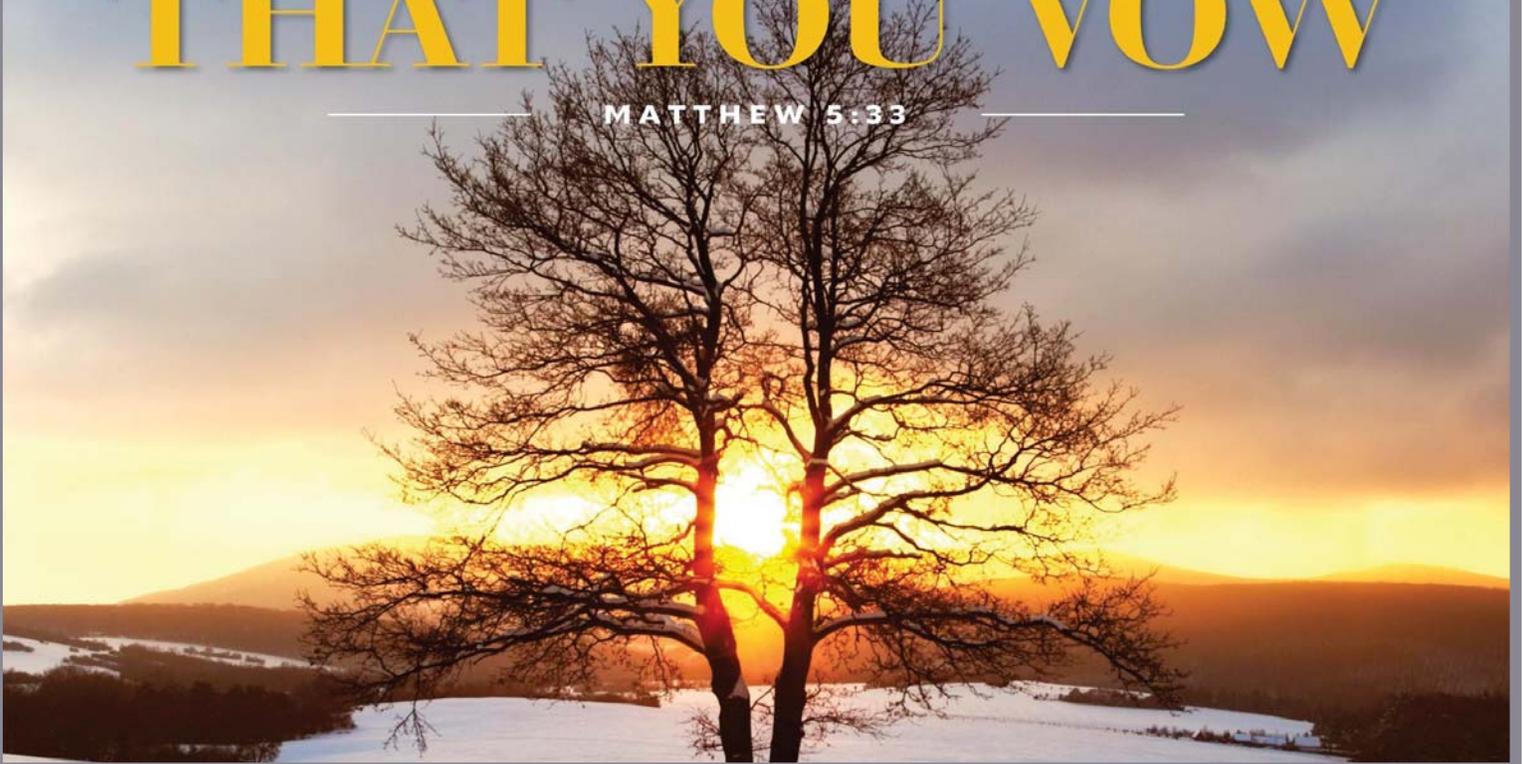
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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MAKE GOOD TO THE LORD ALL THAT YOU VOW

MATTHEW 5:33



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

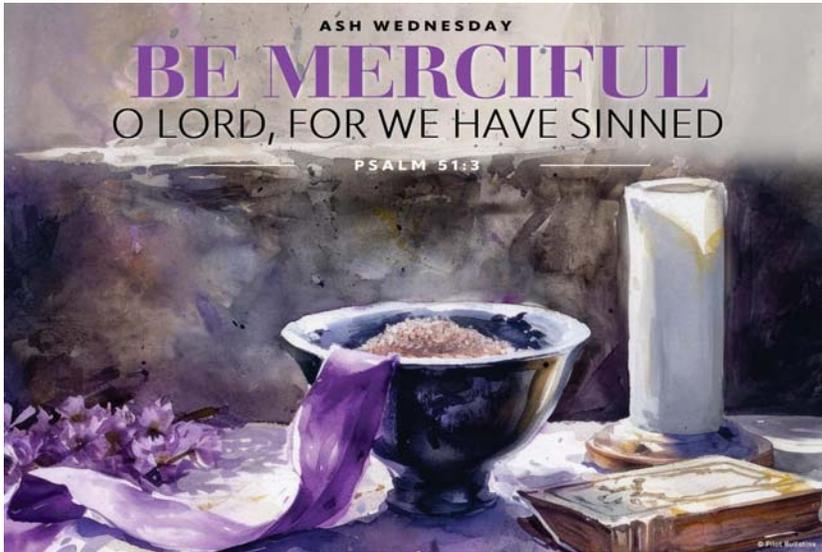
Bible Study ~ Mondays at 9:45am in the Lower church
Hall. Contact: wwhite9999@aol.com or 617-699-8032

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,



This Wednesday, we begin Lent. You'll find details about our Ash Wednesday Masses and services in the bulletin and on our social media pages. Please also note the Lenten activities and events that are scheduled.

In addition to the **Friday evening Holy Hours and Stations of the Cross**, which have grown in popularity each year, we are hosting a **four-day parish retreat from March 9 to 12**. It will be led by the renowned Father Simeon Gallagher, OFM, Cap.

Colleagues tell me that he is an inspiring preacher who draws great numbers. It has been several years since our community has held such an event. We are very excited and encourage you to plan on attending.

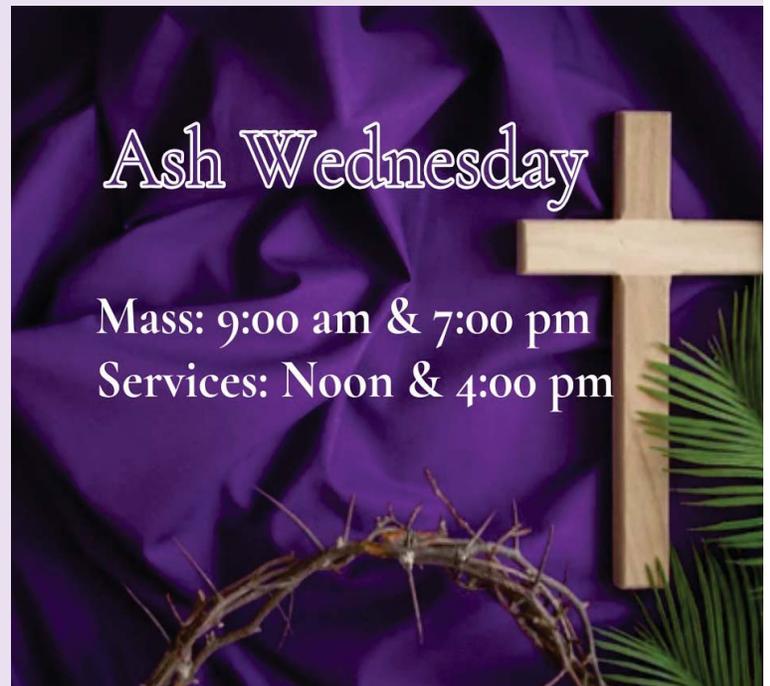
Yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom

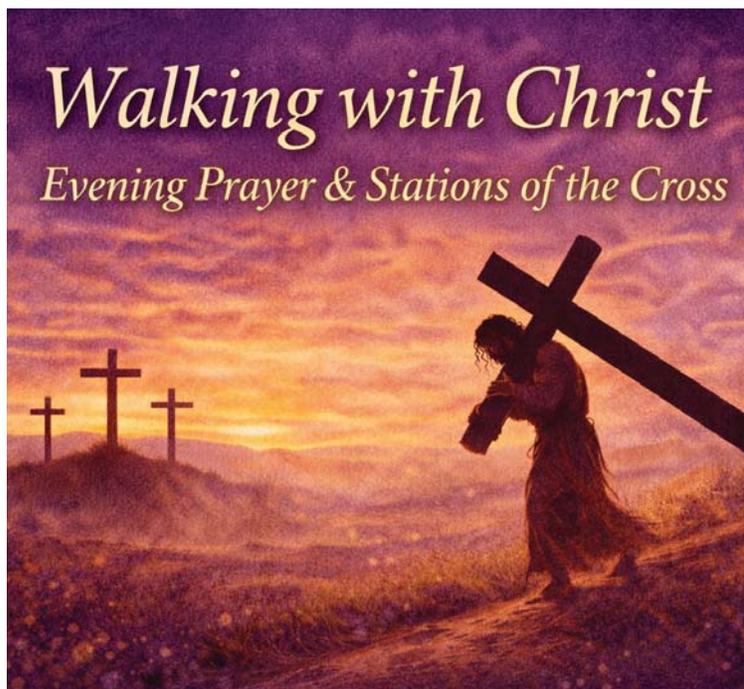
Ash Wednesday & Collection of Palms

Ash Wednesday, February 18, marks the beginning of the holy season of Lent, a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as we prepare our hearts for Easter. On this day, we receive ashes as a sign of our need for repentance and our trust in God's mercy.

As part of this sacred tradition, we invite parishioners to bring in blessed palms from last year's Palm Sunday. These palms will be reverently burned and used to create the ashes distributed on Ash Wednesday.

Please place your palms in the designated collection baskets at the main entrance to the church. Thank you for helping us prepare for this meaningful season of renewal.





Walking with Christ

Evening Prayer & Stations of the Cross

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Fridays During Lent Beginning February 20

Step away from the busyness of life this Lent and enter into a sacred rhythm of prayer, reflection, and quiet companionship with Christ.

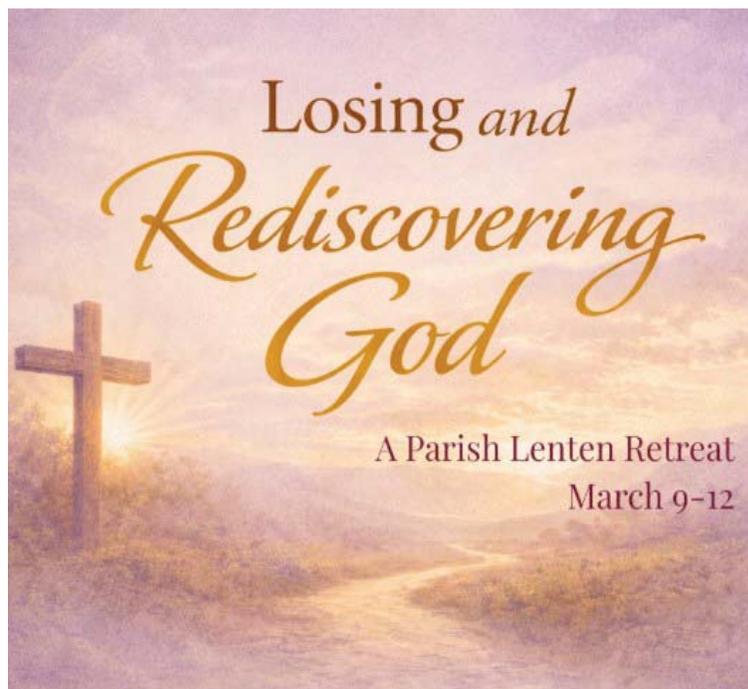
Walking with Christ: A Journey Through the Sorrowful Mysteries is a weekly Lenten prayer experience inviting us to reflect on Jesus' suffering love and to walk with Him on the path toward the Cross. Each evening focuses on one of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, helping us enter more deeply into the meaning of Lent and prepare our hearts for Easter.

The evening begins with **Evening Prayer at 6:30 pm in the church** offering Scripture, music, reflection, silence, and simple ritual in a calm and contemplative setting. **At 7:00 pm**, we will continue with the **Stations of the Cross**, accompanying Jesus on the Way of the Cross.

Whether you are carrying heavy burdens, seeking quiet prayer, or longing to slow down and reconnect with God, these evenings offer a sacred space to listen, reflect, and pray.

You are welcome to attend one evening or join us throughout the season.

Come walk with Christ this Lent — and allow His love to meet you where you are.



Losing and Rediscovering God

A Parish Lenten Retreat
March 9-12

Losing and Rediscovering God

This Lent, we invite you to step into a sacred time of renewal through our Parish Lenten Retreat, **Losing and Rediscovering God** — a four-day journey for anyone seeking deeper meaning, healing, and hope.

The retreat will be preached by **Fr. Simeon Gallagher, OFM, Cap**, and offered **March 9–12** in **two opportunities each day in the church**:

- 9:00 am Mass (Monday–Thursday)
- Evening retreat at 7:00 pm

The **same retreat message** will be shared each day at both the morning Mass and the evening session, allowing participants the flexibility to attend at the time that works best — whether in the morning, the evening, or a mix of both throughout the week.

This retreat offers space to honestly explore moments when God may feel distant, forgotten, or hard to recognize — and to gently rediscover God's presence in the midst of everyday life. Each session is designed to be accessible, welcoming, and prayerful.

All are welcome to attend one day or the full retreat. Come as you are, and allow this Lenten season to draw you closer to the God who never stops seeking you.



Hands at Work, Hearts in Prayer

We are pleased to announce the launch of our **Prayer Shawl Ministry**, a new parish outreach rooted in prayer, compassion, and service.

Parishioners who knit or crochet are invited to create prayer shawls intentionally and prayerfully for those in need of comfort. Each shawl is made stitch by stitch with prayer, becoming a tangible sign of God's presence and the care of our parish community.

Prayer shawls will be shared with our homebound parishioners and the residents of Hellenic, and in a special way during the Christmas season, offering warmth, hope, and the assurance that they are remembered in prayer.

If you knit or crochet and feel called to use your gift in this meaningful way, we would love to hear from you. All skill levels are welcome — whether you work from home or would enjoy gathering with others at the parish.

For more information or to become involved, contact Nancy Cunniff at ncunniff@cantoncatholic.org or call 781-828-5130. As soon as we know who feels called to be part of this ministry, we will arrange a gathering to introduce the ministry more fully and begin this beautiful work together.

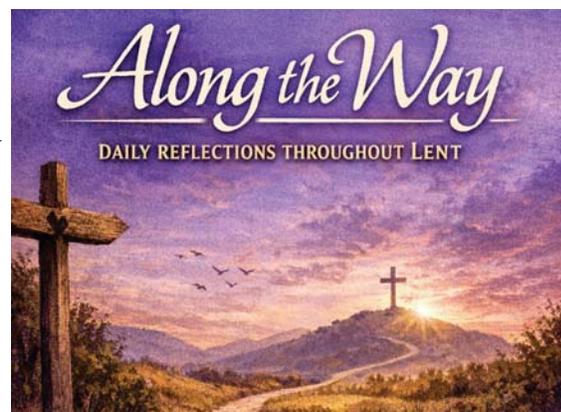
“Blessed be the God... who comforts us in all our afflictions, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction.” — 2 Corinthians 1:3–4

Along the Way

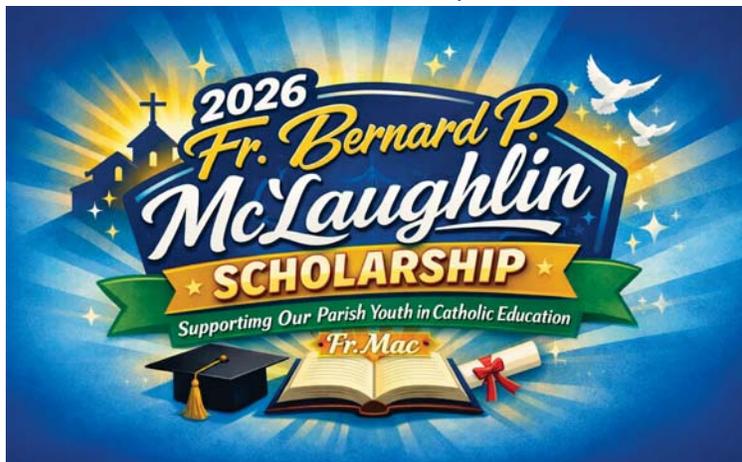
Lent is a journey — one taken step by step, day by day. To help support your prayer throughout the season, we invite you to join us for **Along the Way**, a series of daily Lenten reflections shared on our parish Facebook page.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, we will offer short reflections, Scripture quotes, music selections, and parish updates designed to accompany you in prayer wherever you are. These daily offerings are meant to provide moments of pause, encouragement, and inspiration — gentle reminders that Christ walks with us along the way.

Whether you engage with the reflections each morning, during a quiet moment in the day, or in the evening, we hope they will help you stay connected to the spirit of Lent and to our parish community. Follow us on Facebook throughout Lent and allow these daily reflections to be a source of prayer, hope, and renewal as we journey together toward Easter.



2026 Fr. Bernard P. McLaughlin
("Fr. Mac") Scholarship



Fr. Mac Scholarship – Now Accepting Applications
St. Oscar Romero Parish will award two \$2,500 scholarships to registered, active parishioners attending a Roman Catholic high school in 2026–2027.

Applications and full details are available at www.cantonicatholic.org.

Deadline: Friday, March 27, 2026.

Donations to the Fr. Mac Scholarship Fund may be made through the parish website or by contacting the parish office.

CCWC Valentine's Day Raffle Winners

The Canton Catholic Women's Club would like to thank everyone who supported our Valentine's Day Raffle! Your generosity helps further the mission and charitable outreach of the CCWC.

Congratulations to our winners:

First Prize: Susan Williams

Second Prize (Cupcake Vineyard Pasta Dinner):

Carolyn Murphy

Third Prize (Harry & David Basket): Kathleen Scully

Thank you to all who purchased tickets and helped make this fundraiser a sweet success!



Once a year, Catholics in the Archdiocese are asked to join together to support their parish and the greater Church by contributing to the Catholic Appeal. Many of you have received a letter from Archbishop Henning inviting you to join him in offering early support to the 2026 Catholic Appeal. We hope you will respond to his invitation with a generous gift, knowing that each contribution has a significant impact on the lives of thousands across the Archdiocese of Boston.

You can make a gift by returning your pledge card or by making an online donation at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. For those who have already made a gift, thank you!

A Message from Fr. Tom

Monsignor Francis Kelley, one of Boston's most respected and well-liked priests, died on February 4. Monsignor Kelley was a founder of the Pine Street Inn and maintained close ties with the organization for decades. He was the pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Roslindale for thirty years. In addition to embracing the new communities that brought such diversity to his parish, he was a strong advocate of Catholic Schools and his own parish school. We became friends since my arrival in Canton through the Catholic School Foundation and the Lynch Foundation. Many Catholic School benefactors, including Peter Lynch and the late Jack Connors, valued Monsignor Kelley's counsel.



Monsignor Frank grew up in Canton. He would joke, however, that he didn't know anyone in Canton. He said this was because he was an only child, and after he entered the seminary, following his graduation from B.C. High, his parents relocated.

Monsignor Kelley's funeral was held on Saturday, February 14, at Sacred Heart Church in Roslindale. May he rest in peace.

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 Matthew 10:8

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Mass Intentions for the Week

SIXTH
SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME

TEACHING ABOUT OATHS
 "Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."
 Matthew 5:37

<p>Saturday, February 14 9:00am~ 4:00pm~Helen McFadyen, Memorial</p>
<p>Sunday, February 15 8:00am~ 10:00am~Robby Corrigan, Month's Mind 12:00pm~Stephen Hughes & Patrick Hughes, Memorial 5:00pm~Patricia DeLello, Memorial</p>
<p>Monday, February 16 9:00am~</p>
<p>Tuesday, February 17 9:00am~Don Novak</p>
<p>Ash Wednesday, February 18 9:00am~Mass with Ashes 12:00pm~Liturgy of the Word with Ashes 4:00pm~Liturgy of the Word with Ashes 7:00pm~Mass with Ashes</p>
<p>Thursday, February 19 9:00am~Gino Federico, Memorial</p>

<p>Friday, February 20 9:00am~</p>
<p>Saturday, February 21 9:00am~ 4:00pm~John Gill, Memorial</p>
<p>Sunday, February 22 8:00am~ 10:00am~ 12:00pm~ 5:00pm~</p>

Prayers and Sympathy
Marjorie Agnew
Judith Donovan

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

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