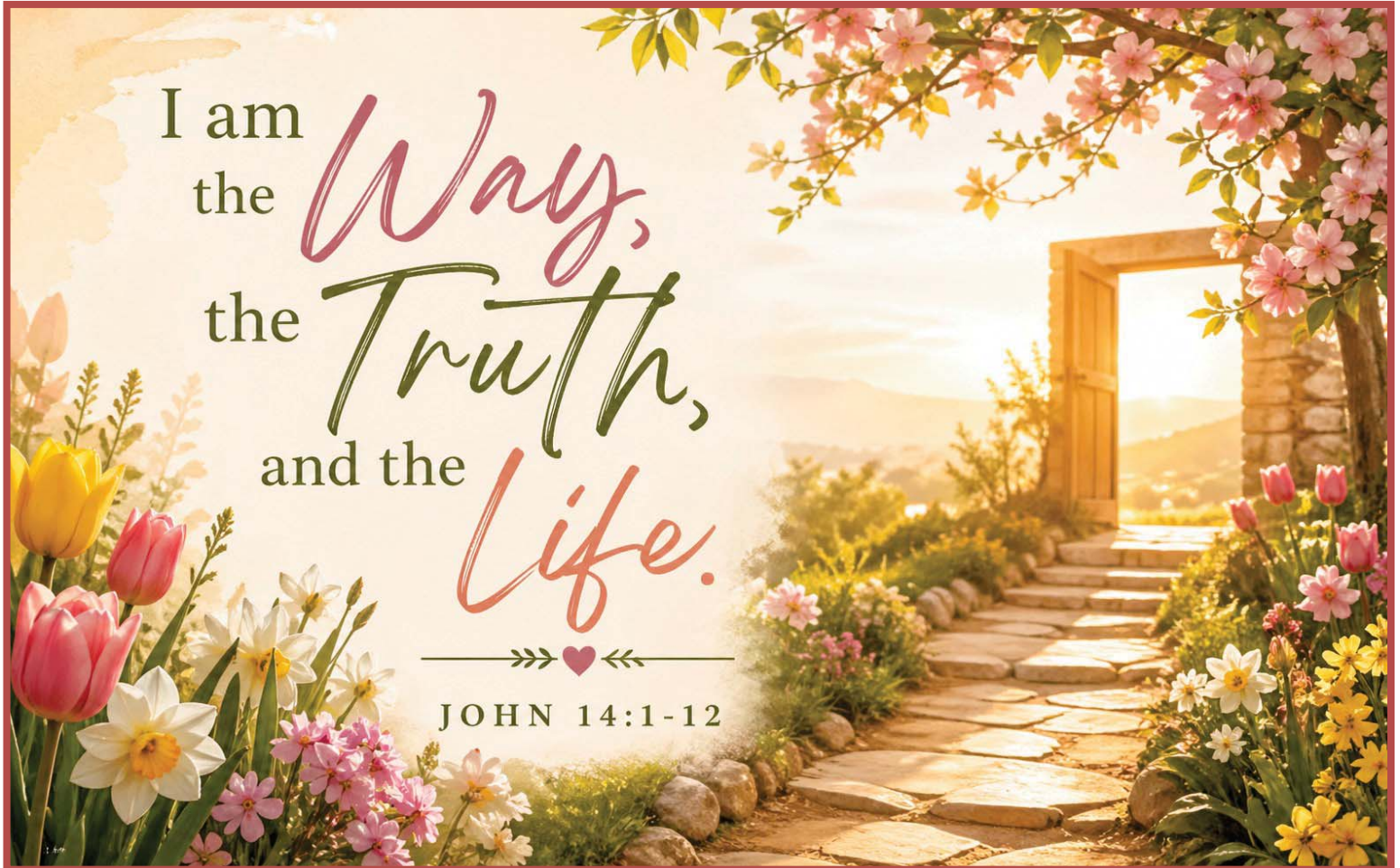




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Mass Schedule

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
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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
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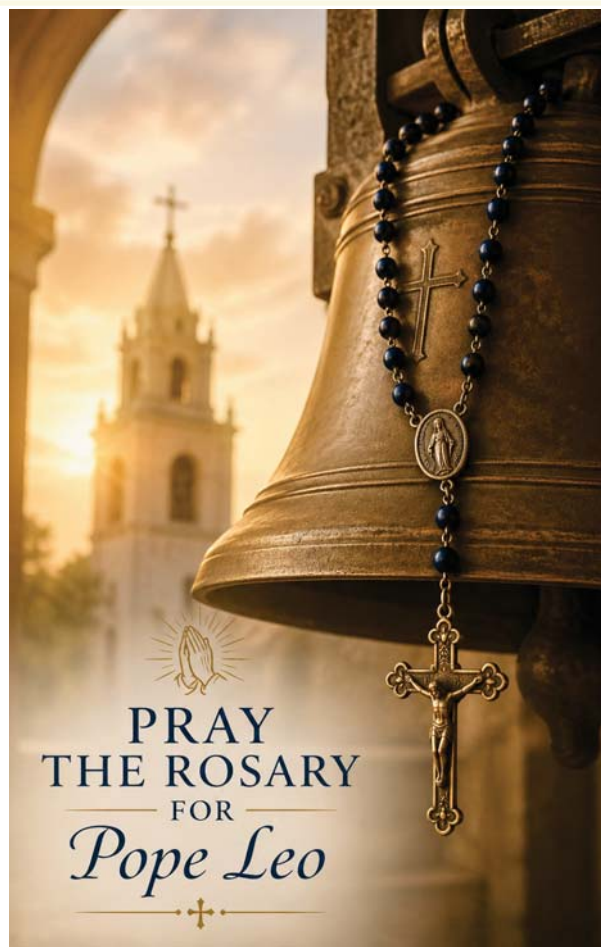
Dear Friends,

Just one year ago, on May 8, Pope Leo addressed the crowd in St. Peter's Square and the world, moments after being chosen by the College of Cardinals. White smoke appeared at 1:00pm, and the new Holy Father appeared on the balcony at 1:30pm, our time. In recognition of this moment, our church bells and those of most churches in our Archdiocese will ring on **May 8 at 1:30pm**. Archbishop Henning is asking each of us to offer a rosary for Pope Leo that day.

Congratulations to the children who will receive their First Communion this weekend. We have three groups, one at the 4:00pm Vigil Mass, and two groups on Sunday, at 10:00am and noon. Next weekend, in addition to more First Communion, 101 young men and women will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. There will be two services, one at 10:30am and another at 1:00pm.

We are grateful to our dedicated staff, particularly Nancy Cunniff and Erin Sullivan, and to our committed volunteers. These beautiful ceremonies are the result of their tireless efforts throughout the preceding year.

In Christ,
Fr. Tom



The Lenten Food Drive—Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to the parishioners of St. Oscar Romero for contributing generously to the Canton Food Pantry during Lent. Over 750 lbs. of food and \$4,100 in financial contributions were collected during your successful drive. Many Canton neighbors, suffering from food insecurity, are now benefitting from your concern for their well-being.



I especially want to thank the efforts of the local **Knights of Columbus Council** and the **Canton Catholic Women's Club** for their leadership in organizing this food drive. Your good works make Canton a responsive, caring community.

Warmly,
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National Day of Prayer



National Day of Prayer—May 7

May our hearts pause to remember that God is near, attentive, and faithful.

Let us pray for our nation and all who call it home: for wisdom, compassion, and a spirit of unity.

May God guide our leaders, protect the vulnerable, and strengthen us in hope.



Did You Know? — Why We Wear White and Gold in Easter

As we continue our journey through this beautiful 50-day Easter season, you may have noticed that Father is still wearing white or gold vestments at every Mass. These colors are more than decoration — they are a visual song of praise, reminding us that the light of the Resurrection continues to shine brightly in our lives today.

A Symbol of Victory: White reflects the purity and joy of the Risen Christ, who has conquered the darkness of the tomb and opened the way to new life.

The Golden Feast: Gold is reserved for the Church’s most festive celebrations. It honors Jesus as our King and reflects the richness of the grace He pours out upon our parish.

Our Baptismal Home: These white garments echo the garments we wore at our own Baptism. They gently remind us that through water and the Spirit, we have been “*clothed in Christ*” and made God’s beloved children.

Fifty Days of Grace: The Church keeps these radiant colors before our eyes for seven full weeks to help us remember that Easter is not just a day — it is a way of living in hope, joy, and light.

Annulments:

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Join Family Life and the Metropolitan Tribunal for an online workshop exploring what an annulment (decree of nullity) truly means. Learn about the process, grounds, and common misconceptions, and discover how understanding can lead to healing and renewed participation in the sacramental life of the Church.

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 | 7:00–8:30 PM (Zoom)

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May the sight of these festive colors remind you this week that you are a child of the light, deeply loved and forever renewed by His grace.

Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled

— A REFLECTION ON JOHN 14:1-12 —

➔ He Is the *Way*

📖 He Is the *Truth*

☸ He Is the *Life*

Trust in Him...

— For He Prepares a Place for You —

In today's Gospel, John 14:1-12, Jesus speaks words that everyone of us needs to hear: "*Do not let your hearts be troubled.*" He offers them not in a moment of calm, but on the eve of His Passion, when fear and uncertainty were already settling into the hearts of His disciples. Jesus knows their worries. He knows their questions. And still, He invites them into trust.

He tells them that He goes to prepare a place for them — not a general idea, but a personal promise. Heaven is not an abstract destination; it is a relationship, a home prepared by the One who loves us. Jesus reassures His friends that they already know the way, because the way is not a map but a Person: "*I am the way and the truth and the life.*"

Thomas voices the confusion many of us feel: Lord, we don't know where You are going. Jesus responds with tenderness, reminding them that to know Him is to know the Father. In Jesus, the invisible God becomes visible. In His compassion,

His mercy, His patience, His healing, we see the very heart of the Father.

Then Jesus makes a promise almost too generous to believe; whoever believes in Him will do the works He does — and even greater ones. Not because we are great, but because His Spirit will be alive in us. The mission of Christ continues through ordinary disciples who trust in extraordinary grace.

This passage invites us to rest our anxious hearts in the One who prepares a place for us, walks beside us, and works through us. When life feels uncertain, Jesus reminds us that we are never navigating it alone. He is the Way that leads us forward, the Truth that steadies us, and the Life that renews us from within.

May His words settle gently in your heart this week, giving you courage, clarity, and the quiet assurance that you are held in the Father's love.

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Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday, May 2
 9:00am~Mr. & Mrs. Albert J. Sexton, Memorial
 4:00pm~First Holy Communion

Sunday, May 3
 8:00am~Dr. & Mrs. John M. Murphy, Memorial
 10:00am~First Holy Communion
 12:00pm~First Holy Communion
 5:00pm~Sante Poles, Memorial

Monday, May 4
 9:00am~Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Doyle, Memorial

Tuesday, May 5
 9:00am~Special Intention

Wednesday, May 6
 9:00am~Joan Moeller, Memorial

Thursday, May 7
 9:00am~Nancy White, Memorial

Friday, May 8
 9:00am~Vallop & Tessa Kanjanapone, 50th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, May 9
 9:00am~Jay Sexton, Memorial
 4:00pm~Rich Levrault, Memorial

Sunday, May 10
 8:00am~Amelia Andrade & Aurora Garcia Memorial
 10:00am~First Communion
 12:00pm~Rose DiNicola & Irene McKenney, Memorial
 5:00pm~Ida Hanlon, Memorial

Prayers and Sympathy

Mary Moran, Thomas Rooney, Douglas Tyree



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

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