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Thirteenth Sunday

IN

Ordinary Time



*Whoever finds his life will lose it,
and whoever loses his life for my sake
will find it.*

Matthew 10:39

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.

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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 will be a rather busy weekend in our parish. It's Father Jeremiah's first official weekend with us. We also welcome an African Mission Father (SMA) for the summer. Over the years, these visiting missionary priests have been a wonderful July and August addition to our parish. For this weekend, we also welcome Father Joseph Akilo

who, on behalf of the Propagation of the Faith, will preach on behalf of the annual mission appeal. I hope no other priest is looking for a room in the rectory. The inn is full!

I know that all of these priests can rely on you for a warm welcome to Canton.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom

A large graphic for the Missionary Co-Operative Program. It features a collage of diverse people on the left, a glowing Earth in the center, and a silhouette of a missionary on the right. The text reads: "MISSIONARY CO-OPERATIVE Program WELCOME Father Joseph Akilo June 27-28 at All Masses". Below the graphic is the quote: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." – Matthew 28:19

As part of the annual Missionary Co-Operative Program, Father Joseph Akilo from Raise Up the Roof, representing The Society of the Propagation of the Faith, will speak at all Masses this weekend. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies represented here in the Archdiocese of Boston. Father Joseph will share stories of the missions and help us build a spiritual connection to others whose daily lives may be very different from ours. The Society of the Propagation of the Faith is the official mission agency of the Catholic Church dedi-

cated to assisting and supporting laypeople, priests, and religious in their evangelizing missionary work. Envelopes are in the pews for this weekend's second collection. You can also take the envelope home to mail your gift in or visit www.propfaithboston.org to donate. Please be sure to identify our parish so that we are credited for your gift.

May our hearts and ears be opened by the Holy Spirit to support and pray for all missionaries and the people they serve in the missions.

Learn More About Your Catholic Faith

Have you ever had a question about the Mass, wondered how to make a good Confession, or been curious about Eucharistic Adoration?

We are pleased to offer a new collection of easy-to-read Catholic pamphlets from Our Sunday Visitor, now available in the wall-mounted display rack at the entrance of the church.

These informative pamphlets provide clear, practical answers to common questions about our faith and are a wonderful resource for both life-long Catholics and those looking to deepen their understanding of the Church's teachings.

Topics currently available include:

- Understanding the Mass
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
- Eucharistic Adoration
- And more!

We invite you to stop by the display rack, browse the selection, and take a pamphlet home with you. Whether you read it yourself, share it with a family member, or pass it along to a friend, these resources offer an easy and meaningful way to continue learning about the Catholic faith throughout the week.

Take a few moments to explore these new resources and discover something new about our beautiful faith!



An Evening of Music
FREE Concert • Saturday, June 27 • 7:00 PM



Join us for an evening of beautiful music as the Labyrinth Choir, a professional ensemble of 20 singers, presents "Sing of Dreams!"

As they prepare for their seventh European concert tour—this year to Slovenia and Croatia—the choir will perform one of their special pre-tour concerts right here in our parish.

The program features a diverse selection of inspiring music, including beloved favorites from *Wicked*, *The Greatest Showman*, *Dear Evan Hansen*, *The Man of La Mancha*, and more.

Labyrinth Choir is a nonprofit organization dedicated to sharing exceptional choral music with communities free of charge. In addition, the choir generously supports our parish through a significant donation to our Music Ministry.

Admission is free and all are welcome. Come enjoy an uplifting evening of music while supporting the vibrant music ministry of our parish!



Putting Christ First

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 10:37-42), Jesus speaks some words that may seem surprising at first. He tells His disciples that following Him must come before everything else. Jesus is not asking us to love our families less. Rather, He is reminding us that when we place God first in our lives, we learn how to love our families even better.

Families today face many competing priorities—work, sports, activities, schedules, and endless distractions. It can be easy for faith to become just one more item on a long to-do list. Jesus invites us to make Him the center of our lives, trusting that everything else will find its proper place when rooted in His love.

The Gospel also reminds us that even the smallest acts of kindness matter. Jesus says that offering a simple cup of cold water to someone in need will not go unnoticed. In family life, holiness is often found in these small moments: helping a sibling, showing patience with a parent, listening to a friend, or welcoming someone who feels left out. These everyday acts of love reflect Christ's presence in our homes and communities.

May this Gospel inspire us throughout the week to put Christ first and to find holiness in the ordinary moments of family life, where small acts of love can make a lasting difference.



Growing in Faith This Summer

Summer brings a change of pace. School is out, vacations are planned, and our schedules often look very different from the rest of the year. While summer is a wonderful time for rest and recreation, it can also be an opportunity to grow closer to God.

Faith does not take a vacation. In fact, some of our most meaningful encounters with God happen during the quiet moments of summer—a family walk, a day at the beach, a visit to a new church while traveling, or a simple prayer offered in gratitude for the beauty of creation.

This summer, consider taking the **Summer Faith Challenge**. Choose one or more of these simple ways to stay connected to Christ:

- Attend Mass while traveling
- Spend 5 minutes in prayer each day
- Read a Gospel passage each week
- Visit a Catholic church you've never seen before
- Perform a hidden act of kindness
- Pray together as a family
- Thank God each day for one blessing

Small steps taken faithfully can make a big difference. May this summer be a season of rest, renewal, and growth in faith for you and your family.

In Our Parish Family

Parishioner Barbara Sherlock was surprised with a birthday cake and warm wishes from friends following Mass last Sunday. May God continue to bless her with joy, peace, and the love of family and friends. Happy Birthday, Barbara!



A Prayer for Our Nation

*** HAPPY 4th of July! ***

A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

God of all nations,
we give You thanks for the gift of freedom we enjoy in this country.
We ask for Your blessing on America—its people, its leaders, and its future.
May we always seek to be a nation under You, devoted to justice, peace, and the common good.
Help us to live with gratitude, to serve with humility, and to follow You with all our hearts.
Amen.

★ ONE NATION UNDER GOD ★

As we celebrate Independence Day, let us give thanks for the blessings of freedom and pray for our country, its leaders, and all who serve.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

13TH
SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CONDITIONS OF DISCIPLESHIP

"And whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."
 Matthew 10:38

<p>Saturday, June 27 9:00am~Leo & Ruth McNeil, Memorial 4:00pm~Rita McCabe, Memorial</p>
<p>Sunday, June 28 8:00am~ 10:00am~People of the Parish 12:00pm~ 5:00pm~</p>
<p>Monday, June 29 9:00am~Thomas & Gladys Callaghan, Memorial</p>
<p>Tuesday, June 30 9:00am~Janet Rega, Memorial</p>
<p>Wednesday, July 1 9:00am~Healing Intention</p>
<p>Thursday, July 2 9:00am~Doug Barr, Memorial</p>

<p>Friday, July 3 9:00am~Special Intention</p>
<p>Saturday, July 4 9:00am~ 4:00pm~</p>
<p>Sunday, July 5 8:00am~ 10:00am~ 12:00pm~ 5:00pm~</p>

Prayers and Sympathy

Mark Ronayne



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

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