



St. Oscar Romero Parish

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COME TO ME,
*all you who labor
and are burdened,*

— AND I WILL —
GIVE YOU REST.



Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart;
and you will find rest for yourselves.

For my yoke is easy,
and my burden light.

— MATTHEW 11:25-30 —



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. Questions? Contact: Nancy Cunniff at
ncunniff@cantoncatholic.org

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

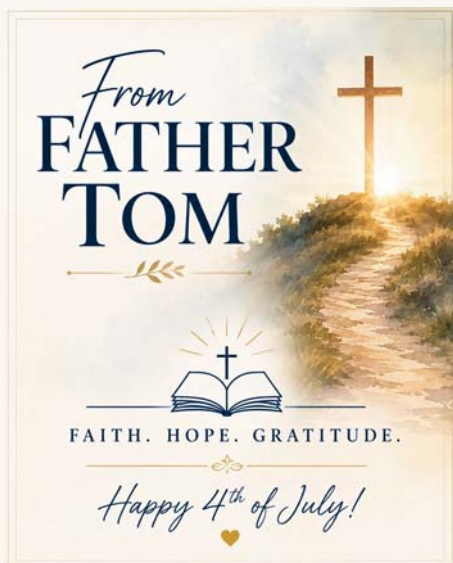
Bible Study ~ Mondays at 9:45am in the Lower church
Hall. Contact: wwhite9999@aol.com or 617-699-8032

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,



Years ago, in a quite different job, a colleague was known for remarking, "Don't seek perfection in an imperfect world." Over the years, reflecting upon the difference between the things of this world versus the world to come, his words have taken on a more profound meaning to me. Jesus came into this world to make it better. As disciples, we await the perfect. *"Whoever hears my word and believes...has eternal life."* ((John 5:24)

This weekend, we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Its noble aspirations merit celebration. The liberties we enjoy, the economic and social opportunities available, and the freedom to worship as we please, should never be taken for granted. A joyful celebration of our nation's founding need not insist it is

perfect. With deference to my late friend mentioned earlier, to those who are excessively critical of our country, I am inclined to remark, "If it's not perfect, show me a better alternative."

Happy 4th of July!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom

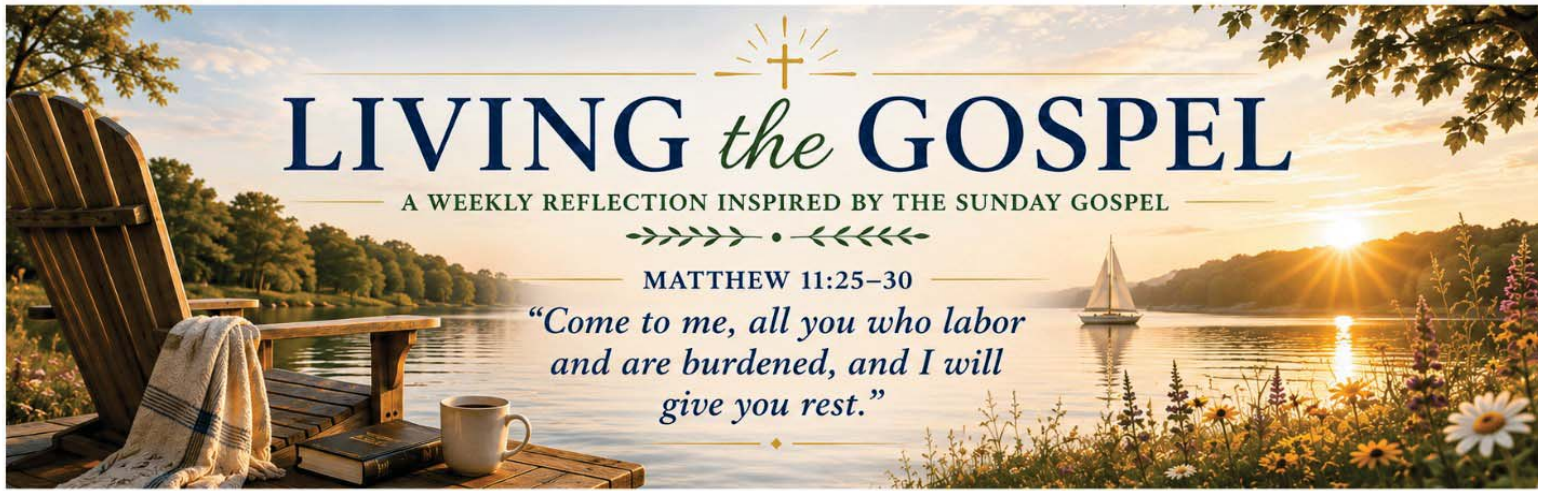
Welcome Back, Fr. Cornelius!



We warmly welcome back Fr. Cornelius Mukubi, a priest of the Society of African Missions, who is returning to St. Oscar Romero Parish to serve with us this summer. Fr. Cornelius is originally from Kenya and has been a priest for twelve years.

Fr. Cornelius shares this message with our parish family:

"I am delighted to be back at St. Oscar Romero Parish this summer. I look forward to celebrating Mass with you, getting to know you, and sharing this time together in faith. May God bless you and your families." *Fr. Cornelius*



Summer often brings a change of pace, but for many families, it can also bring a different kind of busyness. Children are home from school, schedules become less predictable, vacations are planned, and parents often find themselves juggling work, family life, and countless daily responsibilities. It is easy to feel overwhelmed.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus offers an invitation that is just as meaningful today as it was to His first disciples: *"Come to me...and I will give you rest."* He isn't inviting us to escape our responsibilities but to bring them to Him. The rest Jesus offers is the peace that comes from knowing we are never carrying life's burdens alone.

Children remind us of something important. They trust easily, live in the present moment, and depend on those who love them. Jesus tells us that this childlike trust is exactly what opens our hearts to God's grace. Whether your family is enjoying a quiet afternoon, a vacation adventure, or simply another busy week at home, take a few moments each day to pray together. A simple grace before meals, a bedtime prayer, or a quiet visit to church can become moments where Christ refreshes both parents and children.

As we gather each Sunday, may our parish continue to be a place where every family finds encouragement, friendship, and the gentle rest that Jesus promises to all who come to Him.

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK



Lord Jesus, thank You for inviting us to come to You with every joy, every worry, and every burden. Fill our homes with Your peace, strengthen our faith, and help us to trust in Your loving care each day. May we find true rest in Your presence and share Your love with everyone we meet. Amen.

THIS WEEK'S

Summer Challenge



Make time for what matters most.

Set aside one evening this week to enjoy something simple together as a family—a walk, a game night, or a picnic.

Give thanks for the gift of each other and for the beauty of summer.



Why Do Catholics Pray for Our Country?

As Catholics, we love our country while recognizing that every nation is imperfect and always in need of God's grace. Our patriotism is rooted not only in gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy, but also in our responsibility to pray for those entrusted with public service. Scripture reminds us:

"I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority..."
— 1 Timothy 2:1–2

When we pray for our nation, we ask God to:

- Guide our president, governor, legislators, judges, and local leaders with wisdom and integrity.
- Protect the men and women who serve in our military, law enforcement, fire departments, and emergency services.
- Help our country pursue justice, protect the dignity of every human person, and work for peace.
- Inspire each of us to be faithful citizens who live the Gospel through charity, respect, and service.

Praying for our country does not mean believing it is perfect. Rather, it is an act of hope—trusting that God continues to guide His people and inviting Him to shape our hearts so that we may help build a society rooted in truth, justice, and love.

Prayer:

Lord, bless our nation. Grant wisdom to our leaders, protect those who serve, and help us always seek peace, justice, and the common good. May we be faithful disciples of Christ and responsible citizens.



Welcome to God's Family

"This Christian community welcomes you with great joy. In its name I claim you for Christ our Savior by the sign of his Cross." — Rite of Baptism



We joyfully welcomed these children into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, June 28, 2026.

Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they begin their journey of faith.

Newly Baptized on Sunday, June 28, 2026

Thomas Tomasian • Rose Holland • Cayden Will • Camden Casal

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A Catholic SUMMER

★ BUCKET LIST ★

Simple ways to grow in faith, love, and joy this summer!

-  Watch a sunrise and thank God.
-  Pray before every meal this week.
-  Visit church for five quiet minutes.
-  Read Sunday's Gospel together.
-  Help a neighbor.
-  Pick flowers for someone you love.
-  Attend Mass while on vacation.

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As we celebrate the gift of freedom this Independence Day, may our hearts remain rooted in Christ, who leads us to the greatest freedom of all.




Second Collection for the People of Venezuela

As requested by Archbishop Henning, a second collection will be taken the weekend of **July 18/19** to support the people of Venezuela. Thank you for your generosity and prayerful support for those in need.

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Matthew 10:8

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Mass Intentions for the Week



<p>Saturday, July 4 9:00am~ 4:00pm~Our Nation, the United States of America</p>
<p>Sunday, July 5 8:00am~People of the Parish 10:00am~Vocations to the Priesthood and Diaconate 12:00pm~Peace in the World 5:00pm~For the Sanctity of Human Life</p>
<p>Monday, July 6 9:00am~Dan Rampino, Memorial</p>
<p>Tuesday, July 7 9:00am~Barbara Sherlock, Healing Intention</p>
<p>Wednesday, July 8 9:00am~Special Intention of a Parishioner</p>
<p>Thursday, July 9 9:00am~</p>

<p>Friday, July 10 9:00am~Jack Hagerty, Memorial</p>
<p>Saturday, July 11 9:00am~ 4:00pm~Mario Falcione, Memorial</p>
<p>Sunday, July 12 8:00am~Maria Franca Berardi, Memorial 10:00am~ 12:00pm~Francisco Andrade, Memorial 5:00pm~Kids' Camp and all who are participating</p>

Prayers and Sympathy

Patricia Quinn
Joyce Cafasso



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

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