



St. Oscar Romero Parish

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 2, 2026

THERE IS *Enough*

WHEN WE PLACE OUR
TRUST IN JESUS.

MATTHEW 14:13-21

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.cantonicatholic.org and click on
Sacraments. Questions? Contact: Nancy Cunniff at
ncunniff@cantonicatholic.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,

Once again, I have the pleasure of commending your generosity. Our parish has exceeded the goal for this year's Catholic Appeal. You contributed **\$92,496.00**. For exceeding that goal, our parish rebate will amount to **\$20,136.65**

I have never been bashful about promoting this Archdiocesan collection. I value many of the services the Archdiocese provides. Just last year, its Facilities Director assisted us with every step of the parking lot repaving project. I also recognize that many of its key initiatives to help the most vulnerable work best at the diocesan level.

Our parish also raised **\$4,502.00** to help Catholic Relief Services with its Venezuela earthquake relief effort. We will report the Archdiocesan total when it is released.

Thank you also for the kind welcome you have extended to Father Cornelius. He will share an update about his mission in Kenya in a future edition of the bulletin. He will also preach at all the Masses the weekend of August 15–16.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom



Feast of the Transfiguration

On Thursday, August 6, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, when Jesus revealed His divine glory to Peter, James, and John on a mountaintop.

For a brief but glorious moment, His face shone like the sun and His clothes became dazzling white. Moses and Elijah appeared beside Him, and the disciples heard the voice of the Father proclaim:

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." (*Matthew 17:5*)

The Transfiguration strengthened the disciples before Jesus' journey to the Cross and reminded them that beyond every trial lies the promise of Resurrection and new life.

As we celebrate this feast, may we take time to pray, listen to Christ's voice, and allow His light to transform our hearts so that we may reflect His love to others.

Next Sunday is our annual Parish Cookout!

Join Us!
— FOR OUR —
PARISH COOKOUT!
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

11:00 AM COMBINED MASS
Our 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon Masses will be combined.

COOKOUT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MASS PARISH CENTER

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Everyone Welcome!

Bring your family, invite a friend, and enjoy a great afternoon together! ♥

Join Us Next Sunday for Our Parish Cookout!

Next **Sunday, August 9**, our parish family will gather for a special day of worship, good food, and great company.

Please note: **Our 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon Masses will be combined into one Mass at 11:00 AM.** Following Mass, everyone is invited to the Parish Center for our annual Parish Cookout.

Whether you've been part of St. Oscar Romero Parish for many years or you're joining us for the first time, we hope you'll come and be part of the celebration. It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a delicious meal, meet someone new, reconnect with friends, and simply spend time together as a parish family.

Bring your family, invite a friend, and stay after Mass for a fun afternoon of food, conversation, and community.

Everyone is welcome—we can't wait to celebrate with you!

Don't Forget!

ONE COMBINED MASS AT 11:00 AM

COOKOUT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWS MASS IN THE PARISH CENTER

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
Bring your family and invite a friend!



Every Child Has a Place

Helping children know Jesus, grow in faith, and discover they belong.

Every child is a gift from God, and every child has a place in the life of the Church.

Faith Formation is about much more than preparing for a sacrament. It is about helping children discover God's love, grow in friendship with Jesus, experience the beauty of the Mass, learn the stories of our faith, and become part of a caring parish family.

Each year brings new opportunities to ask questions, deepen faith, and grow in confidence as disciples of Christ. Whether your child is just beginning the journey or continuing to build on the foundation of previous years, we are honored to walk alongside your family every step of the way.

Registration for the 2026–2027 Faith Formation year will open soon. We warmly welcome both new and returning families. We can't wait to welcome your family!

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, July 26, 2026.

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

Newly Baptized on Sunday, July 26, 2026
Isla Marie Winer and Cooper David Turgeon



Living the Gospel - There Is Enough

The disciples looked at the crowd and saw a problem. Thousands of people were hungry, and all they had were five loaves of bread and two fish. It wasn't enough. How often do we feel the same way?

We tell ourselves we don't have enough time to pray, enough patience for our families, enough energy to serve others, enough resources to make a difference, or enough faith to face what lies ahead. Like the disciples, we focus on what is missing. But Jesus sees something different.

He doesn't ask for what they don't have. He simply asks them to bring what they do have. Then He takes those humble gifts, blesses them, breaks them, and shares them—and somehow, there is more than enough for everyone.

This miracle is about far more than feeding a hungry crowd. It reminds us that God delights in

multiplying the small offerings we place in His hands. A few minutes spent with someone who is lonely, a word of encouragement, an act of forgiveness, a quiet prayer, a simple invitation to Mass—these ordinary gifts can become extraordinary when offered with love.

The miracle also teaches us something about abundance. In God's kingdom, generosity is never measured by how much we possess but by our willingness to trust Him. When we share what we have instead of clinging to what we lack, we begin to discover that God's grace is always sufficient.

As summer continues, perhaps this Gospel invites us to ask a simple question: What small gift can I place in Christ's hands this week? We may be surprised by what He can do with it.





Reflect This Week



- Where have I experienced God's abundance in my life?
- What small gift can I place in Christ's hands this week?



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Matthew 10:8

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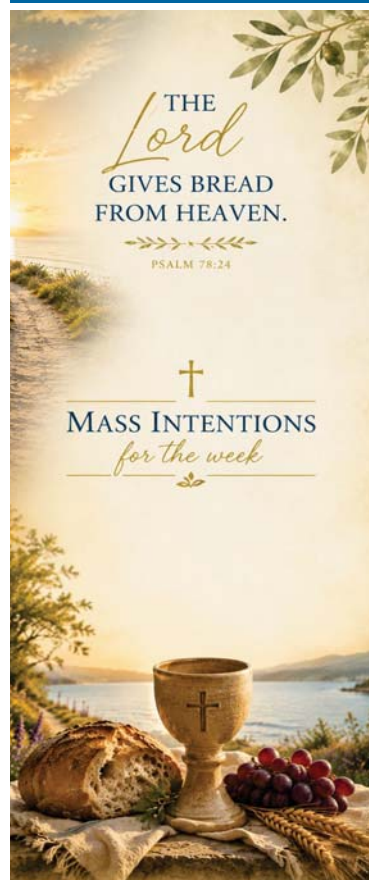
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Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday, August 1

9:00am~Joan Moeller, Memorial
4:00pm~Michael & Catherine Regan, Memorial

Sunday, August 2

8:00am~Special Health Intention
10:00am~Andrew S. Cameron, Memorial
12:00pm~Eugene Landolfi, Memorial
5:00pm~Outreach Mass

Monday, August 3

9:00am~Barbara DeGale, Memorial

Tuesday, August 4

9:00am~Gene Landolfi, Memorial

Wednesday, August 5

9:00am~Health Intention for Gerard Masson

Thursday, August 6

9:00am~

Friday, August 7

9:00am~Louisa Dekkers, Memorial

Saturday, August 8

9:00am~Bronislawa Gesiak, Memorial
4:00pm~Gertrude Noonan, Memorial

Sunday, August 9

8:00am~Francisco Andrade, Memorial
11:00am~Jamie Erti, Memorial
5:00pm~

Prayers and Sympathy

Judith Kincade

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



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