



St. Oscar Romero Parish

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MATTHEW 18:15-20

Where two or three
are gathered in
my name,
there am I among them.

FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED IN MY NAME,
there am I among them.

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Christ is with us. ✝

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,

As we celebrate Labor Day, which more or less marks the unofficial end of summer, let us not forget the holiday's origin. As Christians, we are called to recognize the dignity of the worker. When Pope Leo XIII issued his encyclical *Rerum Novarum* in 1891, he expressed concern about the effects of mechanization on workers. The issues may change over time, but the core principles do not.

We extend our prayers and best wishes to all who are venturing into new educational experiences this fall. May their pursuit of knowledge help foster academic, personal, and spiritual growth.

Best wishes for a happy and enjoyable long weekend.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom



The Canton Catholic Women's Club invites members and guests to its Opening Breakfast on **Sunday, September 20 at 11:00 AM** at the **Canton Senior Center, 500 Pleasant Street.**

We are pleased to welcome Canton Selectman **John McCourt** as our guest speaker.



The cost is \$20 per person. Checks may be made payable to **CCWC** and mailed to:



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Come reconnect with friends, enjoy breakfast together, and help us celebrate the beginning of the Canton Catholic Women's Club's 76th year!

We look forward to seeing you!



GUEST SPEAKER
Selectman
JOHN MCCOURT

CELEBRATING OUR
76th
YEAR!

CORI Forms for Fiscal Year

2026—2027

Annual CORI Forms for Parish Volunteers

Our parish will begin the **annual CORI process** during the month of **September**. All parish volunteers are required to complete a CORI form each fiscal year.

CORI forms will be available in the sacristy for volunteers serving in the following ministries:

Adult Altar Servers • Sacristans • Readers • Eucharistic Ministers

Please complete your CORI form **during the month of September** and return it to the **secure envelope provided in the sacristy** for collection.

Thank you for your cooperation and, most especially, for your generous service and dedication to our parish.

*Protecting God's Children*

Wednesday, September 16 • 6:30 PM
Saint John School

St. Oscar Romero Parish will offer an in-person **VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children** certification training session on September 16.

This important program helps us recognize and take active steps to provide a safe environment for the children and young people in our parish and school community.

All parish volunteers are required to complete this training once as part of their service. If you have already completed the training, you do not need to take it again.

How to Register

1. Visit the [VIRTUS Online Registration](#) website.
2. Click "**First-Time Registrant**" on the left side of the page.
3. Select "**Begin the Registration Process.**"
4. From the drop-down menu, choose "**Boston, MA (Archdiocese).**"
5. When asked if you have previously registered with VIRTUS, select "**NO,**" then create your username and password.
6. Enter your contact information, select St. Oscar Romero Parish as your organization, and complete the required questions.
7. From the list of upcoming "Protecting God's Children for Adults" sessions, select the September 16 session at St. John the Evangelist School in Canton and complete your registration.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and welcoming environment for the children and families of St. Oscar Romero Parish and Saint John School.





Over the past several weeks, we have shared the reflections of young people from our parish who spent part of their summer serving others through Outreach. As we conclude our *In Their Own Words* series, Shane Kelleher reminds us that sometimes we don't have to look very far to find God.

"Where, on this trip, did I see God? That was the question posed, but I like to flip the prompt on its head. It's not where did I see God on this trip, rather the question is really, Where didn't I see God? I saw God in full force in each and every aspect of it.

The nature around us immediately comes to mind. God is the creator of this precious and beautiful earth and it was certainly on full display. There aren't many other places where you have the vast and immense view like up in the Presidential Mountain Range of New Hampshire.

You are especially reminded of the power God holds when facing 60 mph winds threatening to blow you away. But you realize it's all in the name of pushing yourselves, and showing yourself, firsthand, that you can weather the storm. No matter the hardship, we can get through it together.

Togetherness is another vital piece of this trip. The bonding of a group so unique is something truly special.

On this trip, you find God in yourself, the others accompanying you, the strangers you meet along the way, the nature, and each and every morsel of life in between. It was rejuvenating, I would highly recommend it, and I hope I can one day go back."

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**WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 16**



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EIGHT WEDNESDAYS



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If you are grieving the loss of someone you love—whether recently or some time ago—our parish Bereavement Ministry offers a caring place for support, prayer, and hope.



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In Prayerful Remembrance — September 11

As we mark the anniversary of September 11, 2001, we pause to remember with prayerful hearts all those whose lives were lost, their families and loved ones, and all who continue to carry the sorrow of that day.

We remember with gratitude the courage and selflessness of the first responders, rescue workers, and ordinary men and women who reached out to help others in moments of unimaginable need.

May our remembrance also renew within us a desire to be **people of peace, compassion, and hope**. In a world still longing for healing, may we entrust our nation and all people to the loving care of God.

WE REMEMBER ★ SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

*We hold in prayer the victims, their families,
and all who continue to be affected.*

★
MAY WE NEVER FORGET.

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St. Oscar Romero Parish

Parish Directory

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Matthew 10:8

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 5

9:00am~ Peter J. Brennan, Jr., Memorial

4:00pm~ Kearns & Cullinane Families, Memorial

Sunday, September 6

8:00am~ Tom & Gladys Callaghan, Memorial

10:00am~ Murphy Family, Memorial

12:00pm~ Tim Ronayne, Memorial

5:00pm~

Monday, September 7

9:00am~ Diane Sundwall, Memorial

Tuesday, September 8

9:00am~ Michael Stanko, Memorial

Wednesday, September 9

9:00am~ William & Gertrude Hughes, Memorial

Thursday, September 10

9:00am~ Nicholas West, Birthday Intention

Friday, September 11

9:00am~ St. John School Mass in Remembrance of the Victims of September 11

Saturday, September 12

9:00am~ Charles & Frances Lenhart, Memorial

4:00pm~ Mike Mezzano, Memorial

Sunday, September 13

8:00am~ Special Intention

10:00am~ Francisco Andrade, Memorial

12:00pm~ Deceased Members of the Sexton Family

5:00pm~ John Daniels, Memorial

Remember in Your Prayers

Please pray for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

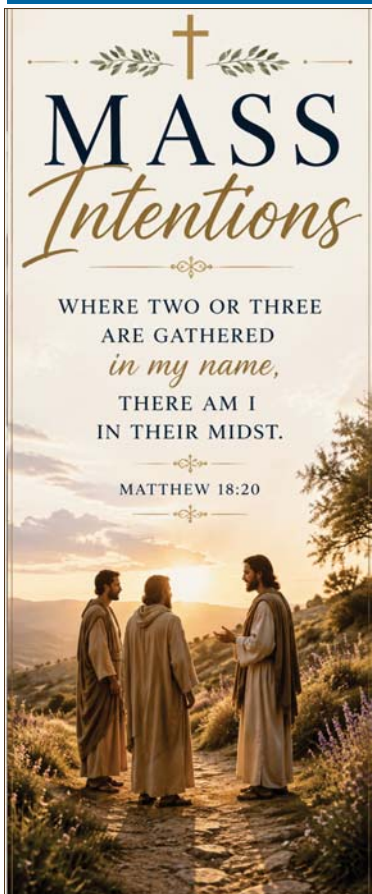


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