

# PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

*Dorchester—Mattapan—Milton*

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Behold, the Lamb of God." Jn 1:36



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**PASTOR:** Fr. Jack Ahern

**IN RESIDENCE:** Fr. Brian F. McMahon

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**SUNDAY MASSES:** Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

**DAILY MASSES:** Monday - Friday: 6:45 a.m.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Saturday at 1:00 p.m. and Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Please call rectory in advance to register.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturday: Noon—1:00 pm to allow both the celebration of the Sacrament weekly and to schedule funerals.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Couples planning to be married should contact Fr. Jack at least six months prior to the date requested.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** First full weekend of the month after Mass, or anytime by request.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** First Saturday of the month from Noon—1:00 p.m.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Classes begin in October each year. Please contact the rectory for more information.

**ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC ACADEMY - LOWER MILLS**

Lisa Warshafsky, Principal

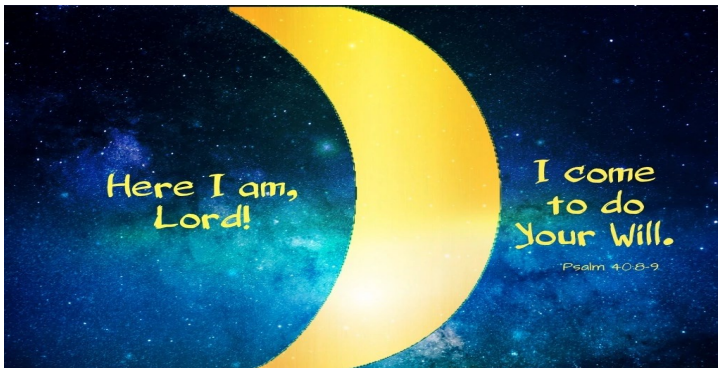
Tel: 617-265-0019, Website: [www.sjp2ca.org](http://www.sjp2ca.org)

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Monday morning.

*Encourage each other daily while it is still today.*

*Hebrews 3:13*





**Entrance Hymn: BB# 213 God We Praise You**

**Closing Hymn: BB# 429 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation**



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 13**

4:00 PM James Johnson, Kim Johnson, Catherine  
Ann Gouzoule & Florence Quinn (Mem.)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14**

7:00 AM  
10:00 AM Susan and John Sullivan (Memorial)  
5:00 PM Mary Casey Forry (Birthday Memorial)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 18**

6:45 AM Parishioners & Friends of St. Gregory Parish

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19**

6:45 AM Mary Magdalene Thuy Nguyen (Anniv.)

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20**

4:00 PM Philip Hatton (Memorial)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21**

7:00 AM Annie Skalecki Woloschuk (21st Anniv)  
10:00 AM James Sena Cozzo (3rd Anniversary) and  
Joseph Campisi (2nd Anniversary)  
5:00 PM Marc Collins (18th Anniversary) and  
Michelle Collins (3rd Anniversary)

**The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January**

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

**Please keep in your prayers**

Please pray for Beatrice Mullins, and all those who have died recently, that they may rest in God's peace. Please also remember their families and friends.

**OFFERTORY REPORT**

January 7th: \$4,988.00

**Grand Annual: \$37,218.00 (goal: \$70,000)**

(includes online and mailed in giving)

To give online go to [stgregoryparish.com](http://stgregoryparish.com) and click on button "Give". For help, call Julie in the rectory.

**Year End Statement of Donations**



If you contribute via the envelope system, you will receive an end of year statement of your donations by the end of January. If you would like to receive envelopes to track your donations, please call or email Julie at the rectory. Online giving is also available and convenient. All those who contribute online may print a copy of their donations online. To register for online giving, go to:

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**CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM**

The Irish Pastoral Centre, in Partnership with Boston Senior Home Care, is running a Caregiver Support Group the third Saturday of each month, from 11am to 1pm. The Support Group is held at the Irish Pastoral Centre's office located at 540 Gallivan Blvd., Rear, Dorchester. This is a great opportunity for caregivers to meet, share experiences and receive support. All are welcome to attend. The next meeting will be held on January 20, 2024.

Please call the IPC at 617-265-5300 to register. Walk-ins are welcome on Saturday morning as well



**St. Agatha School Milton - Quincy**

*Celebrate Christian Values*

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**Enrolling all grades (age 3 to Grade 8)**

**2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

Join us for these upcoming events to learn more:

**January 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

**(Virtual Information Session)**

**Sunday, January 28, 2024 10:30 a.m.—12:00 (noon)**

**Open House**

To reserve your place, contact Renalyn Te at  
[Renalyn.te@stagathaparish.org](mailto:Renalyn.te@stagathaparish.org)



### **Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Prayer Life Moved Him to Justice**

*A reflection by Fr. Bryan Massingale*

In April we will mark the 54th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination. He was killed in Memphis while supporting sanitation workers on strike who were protesting for a living wage. He died while actively planning for a massive Poor People's Campaign in Washington, D.C. to dramatize the cruelty of poverty for a complacent nation. He was martyred for his uncompromising advocacy of equal rights for all.

He also died shortly before he was to make an extended retreat at the Trappist monastery at Gethsemani in Kentucky under the direction of spiritual master Thomas Merton. This retreat receives little attention in celebrations of King's life. But it points to something essential for understanding his importance to Christian believers.

His Christian ideals and religious convictions not only grounded his political strategies but also provided the reservoir of courage needed to endure racial persecution, unrelenting harassment, and the constant threat of death. Without an appreciation of King's faith, our understanding of the man and the movement that transformed America is both limited and inadequate.

For example, one of King's spiritual disciplines as a young pastor was carving out significant time each week for prayer and meditation as a part of his sermon preparation. Later in his life, even in the midst of a crushing speaking calendar and the incessant demands of national leadership, King often would spend what he called a "prayer-centered day" in a motel while he traveled, longing for the "spiritual renewal" obtained through inner quiet and contemplative prayer.

In his 2015 pastoral visit to the United States Pope Francis reminded us that America is a great nation "when it fosters a culture which enables people to dream of full rights for all their brothers and sisters, as Martin Luther King sought to do." King would remind us that only a mature spirituality and deep prayer enabled him to dream and act for justice. He provides a model for the kind of socially engaged holiness that our nation so desperately needs.

**"Life's most persistent and urgent question is,  
what are you doing for others?"**

**-Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**No First Communion Class today** in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Class will resume today, Sunday, January 21st the Lower Church at 10:45 a.m.

If class is cancelled due to weather, please visit our website: [www.stgregoryparish.com](http://www.stgregoryparish.com) where a cancellation notice will be posted on the home page.



### **Dorchester Lower Mills Civic Association Meeting Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 7:00 PM St. Gregory's Auditorium**

#### **AGENDA**

- Area B/C Community Police Officers.
- Rockland Trust Bank - Plans to remodel/add 2nd drive thru with canopy
- 112 Richmond St. Add barn to 2 family to make 3 family
- Update to proposed zoning changes—modify article 80 increase incentives for streets and squares

**In case of snow storm, meeting will be cancelled**

**"Human beings all over the world today need nourishment. And this nourishment is not just to satisfy physical hunger. There are other hungers – for love, for immortality of life, for affection, for being cared for, for forgiveness, for mercy. This hunger can be satiated only by the bread that comes from above. Jesus himself is the living bread that gives life to the world. His body offered for our sake on the cross, his blood shed for the pardon of the sins of humanity is made available to us in the bread and wine to the Eucharist transformed in the consecration."**

**"But the Eucharist does not end with the partaking of the bread and blood of the Lord. It leads us to solidarity with others. The communion with the Lord is necessarily a communion with our fellow brothers and sisters. And therefore the one who is fed and nourished by the very body and blood of Christ cannot remain unaffected when he sees his brothers suffering want and hunger. Those nourished by the Eucharist are called to bring the joy of the gospel to those who have not received it. Strengthened by the living Bread we are called to bring hope to those who live in darkness and in despair."**

**-Pope Francis**