

# PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

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## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

On the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.

Mark 1:21-22

**PASTOR:** Fr. Jack Ahern

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

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**BUSINESS MANAGER:** Julie A. Hayes

**MUSIC DIRECTOR:** James Busby, D. Mus.

**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# 724 How Firm a Foundation**

**Closing Hymn: BB# 390 The Spirit Sends us Forth**



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27**

4:00 PM Joseph "Dick" Murphy (25th Anniversary)  
Mildred "Millie" Murphy (14th Anniversary)  
Joseph R. "Rick" Murphy, Jr. (2nd Anniv.)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28**

7:00 AM Sr. Catherine Green, CSJ (Memorial)  
10:00 AM Joseph O'Flaherty (Memorial) and  
Joe, Alan & Gail O'Flaherty (Memorial)  
5:00 PM Rita Fraser (7th Anniversary)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 30**

6:45 AM For our Beloved Country

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31**

6:45 AM Rev. Joseph Hoc (Anniversary)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

6:45 AM Francis McLoughlin (Memorial)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

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

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

4:00 PM James Trayers (Anniversary)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

7:00 AM  
10:00 AM Jeanine Ducasse, Octavie Olivier and  
Edgar Dipuiton (Memorial)  
5:00 PM Beatrice Eloisa Garcia (Memorial)

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

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

**Please keep in your prayers**

Please pray for Monsignor Paul T. Ryan, Maureen Kenny, MaryAnne Massey, Mary Lacey, Dennis Condry, Rita Giammarco, 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 21st: \$5,536.00**

**Grand Annual: \$37,748.00 (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:

[stgregoryparish.com](http://stgregoryparish.com) and click on the green button "Give" For questions, call Julie in the rectory.

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A gathering of women interested in learning more about religious life, cordially invites you to the next meeting on **Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 7:00 pm on Zoom**. The topic will be "Learning about Religious Life as part of a Contemplative Community, Monastic Community, Apostolic Community and Missionary Community."

If you are interested in attending, please contact Sister Marian Batho, CSJ [marian.batho@csjboston.org](mailto:marian.batho@csjboston.org) or 617-746-2025 for more information and the link to the meeting.



**St. Agatha School Milton - Quincy**

*Celebrate Christian Values*

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

**2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

**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)

**"The Eucharist is the supreme proof of the love of Jesus. After this, there is nothing more but Heaven itself,"**

**- St. Peter Julian Eymard**



On February 2, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, forty days after Christmas. In the 1962 calendar the feast is called the "Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary" and commonly referred to as Candlemas.

This is considered a "Christmas feast," even though it is not part of the Christmas season. This the last feast of the liturgical calendar that we commemorate Christ still as an infant child.

Candlemas is an ancient feast that has developed over the centuries. In the early Church's liturgy, January 6 was a combined feast with Christmas, Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord, with February 14 being the date for forty days after January 6.

Another development is the color of vestments. In both forms the priests wear white, but before 1960 the priest would wear black, and then later violet vestments for the Candle blessing and lighting procession. Pope Benedict (then Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger) explains in his *Seek That Which is Above: Meditations Through the Year*:

The liturgy focuses on the meeting of Christ with the elderly Simeon. With Simeon we rest our hope in the Lord. The Gospel includes the beautiful Canticle of Simeon, *Nunc Dimittis*, which is said at the Church's Night Prayer or Compline. It the shortest of the canticles of the Breviary.

***Lord, now you let your servant go in peace;  
your word has been fulfilled:  
my own eyes have seen the salvation  
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:  
a light to reveal you to the nations  
and the glory of your people Israel.***

#### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASS PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

To Celebrate Catholic Schools Week and the Presentation of the Lord, we will have a special Mass on **Thursday, February 1st at 8:30 a.m.** All are welcome to attend!



#### **Today's Second Collection Church in Latin America**

This week's second collection supports various pastoral projects through Latin America and the Caribbean. The Collection for the Church in Latin America funds the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. Please visit: [www.usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/latin-america/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/latin-america/index.cfm)



#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on **Saturday, February 3rd from 12 (noon) until 1:00 p.m.** Confessions will be heard during this time.



#### **Anointing of the Sick**

Anointing of the Sick will take place after all the Masses on Saturday, **February 3rd** and **Sunday, February 4th.**



#### **Catholic Schools Week**

Students and families are invited to celebrate Mass on Sunday, January 28th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Gregory Parish to kick off Catholic Schools Week—"United in Faith and Community." We have a week long Lower Mills Catholic Schools Week calendar celebrating our Faith, Our Parish, Our Vocations, Our Students, Our Families, our Community, our Teachers and our Nation. We will head over to the Lower Mills Campus following Mass to enjoy some light breakfast treats and coffee.