

# PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

*Dorchester—Mattapan—Milton*

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## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage. Matthew 2:2



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**RESIDENCE:** Fr. Brian F. McMahon  
Fr. James Ojo

**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.

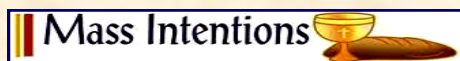
*Encourage each other daily while it is still today.  
Hebrews 3:13*





**Entrance Hymn: BB# 117 We Three Kings**

**Closing Hymn: BB# 112 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 3**

4:00 PM Peace in the World

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 4**

7:00 AM Rita Gaston (Birthday Memorial)

10:00 AM Parishioners & Friends of St. Gregory Parish

5:00 PM Mary Tevnan (25th Anniversary)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 5**

6:45 AM Julie Rodney, Tucker Hyde, Kenny Hyde,  
Duette Rodney & Danielle Rodney (Mem)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 6**

6:45 AM Vincent Tom (Memorial)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7**

6:45 AM Special Intention

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 8**

6:45 AM Joanne Lobaccaro (Memorial)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 9**

6:45 AM Special Intention

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 10**

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

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 11**

7:00 AM Annie Conneely (1st Anniversary)

10:00 AM Military & First Responders

5:00 PM Parishioners & Friends of St. Gregory Parish

**Please keep in your prayers**

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

**Pope Leo's Intention for January**

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

**OFFERTORY REPORT**

**Offertory for 12/21/25: \$7,841.00`**

**Grand Annual Collection: \$79,562.00**

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



**LOWER MILLS COMMUNITY PANTRY**

**HOSTED BY ST. GREGORY PARISH**

All are Welcome!

Please feel free to take what you need and give what you can. In our community, we take care of each other! Pick-up & Drop Off Location: St. Gregory Church, Under side stairs facing Mother Julia Road, Dorchester Ave in Lower Mills. Please leave shelf stable foods like rice, canned goods and hygiene products in the cupboard. Please do not leave anything outside the cupboard. If full, check back tomorrow and see if there is room.

**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 tax statement 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.



**St. Gregory's Air Conditioning System**

An immediate capital issue for the Parish is the replacement of our Church Chiller Unit for the air conditioning. It limped through the summer and by early Fall was unrepairable. The estimate received for this work is \$110,537.00.

If you would like to make a donation to replace the chiller, please take an envelope specially marked for this cause. Envelopes are available at the doors of the church. Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration.



### A Concord Pastor's Thoughts: Epiphany of the Lord

In Mantegna's painting, it's all in the eyes! The **magi** offer the Child their gifts but they gaze up and off into the distance. Perhaps they're asking of the star they followed: *"Is this really the One to whom you've led us?"*

And **Joseph**... Joseph stands apart, keeping a wary eye on these wealthy visitors. Can you read his thoughts? *"How came they knocking on my door? Their gifts are so extravagant! What do these strangers want?"*

Not surprisingly, **Mary**, the loving Mother, keeps her eye on the child of her womb. *Might she see in this unexpected visit the twists and turns her Son's life will take? And yet, see how she offers the child, holding him forth, already aware that she will, in the end, be called to give him away to all who come looking for him...*

**Jesus'** eyes tell us clearly that *he has no need of these fine offerings*. He wants something else from each of us and what he desires comes neither in a coffer nor a cup ... What he desires comes only in our hearts...

*O God, set my gaze on only that star  
whose light leads me  
on the path of your truth...*

*Child of Mary's womb,  
apple of Joseph's eye,  
welcome me when I come to you,  
when I draw near to visit and to pray...*

*Teach me to make of my heart  
the finest gift I have  
to offer to you and others...*

*When I wonder  
if I've found or lost you,  
deepen my faith  
in your faithful pursuit of me,  
of my life and my love...*

*Shine like a star, Lord, and show me  
the beauty of your face:  
let me never fail to find you and see you  
in all I meet and know...*

*O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright:  
guide me to your perfect Light.*

- Rev. Austin H. Fleming



### Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick will take place after all Masses this weekend.



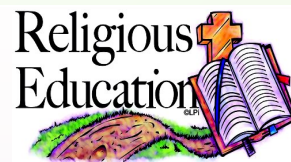
### Christmas Collection

On behalf of all our priests thank you for your support of the Christmas collection for the Clergy Trust.

If you were not able to donate on Christmas, and would like to make a donation, it's not too late. Please go to [clergytrust.org](http://clergytrust.org) to donate.

On behalf of my fellow priests, thank you for your generous donation to the Clergy Fund.

*Fr. Jack*



### First Communion Class

**First Communion Class** resumes next Sunday, January 11th following the 10AM Mass in the Lower Church.

### Confirmation Class

**Confirmation Class** will be held on Thursday, January 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the lower church.

### Supermarket Gift Cards are Always Needed

Thanks to all who have donated cards or money to help those in need. New people come to our door each week for assistance. All donations are welcome and appreciated more than you know! If you cannot get a card yourself, we would be happy to get it for you. Please make checks payable to St. Gregory Parish and put "food card" in the notation. You can also donate online by going to [www.stgregoryparish.com](http://www.stgregoryparish.com) press the "Give" button and then select "**Food Pantry Donation**". Thank you for your continued generosity.

*As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die.*

— Peter Chrysologus