

# PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

*Dorchester—Mattapan—Milton*

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Epiphany

**PASTOR:** Fr. Jack Ahern

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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# 107 We Three Kings**

**Closing Hymn: BB# 111 Angels from the Realm of Glory**



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 6**

4:00 PM Frank and Kitty Walsh (Memorial)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7**

7:00 AM Parishioners & Friends of St. Gregory Parish

10:00 AM George T. Ryan (Anniversary)

5:00 PM George "Bob" Cheevers (Birthday Mem)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 12**

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

**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)

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

***"In the humble signs of bread and wine, changed into his body and blood, Christ walks beside us as our strength and our food for the journey, and he enables us to become, for everyone, witnesses of hope."***

**Saint John Paul II**

**OFFERTORY REPORT**

**December 24th: \$17,732.00 December 31st: \$8,391.00**

**Grand Annual: \$34,118.00 (goal: \$70,000)**

**Clergy Trust Christmas Collection: \$16,745.00**

(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.

**Mental Health Matters:**

**A Workshop to Empower Parents**

On Wednesday, January 24th at 7:00 PM join Dr. Mookie Manalili, a Catholic psychologist from Boston College; retired psychologist and pastor, Father Jim Ronan, and mental health clinician, author, and parent Suzanne Muldoon for a Zoom panel discussion on how parents can best support and care for their children and themselves in the midst of mental health concerns. The panelists will address diagnoses, recommendations, and how faith impacts healing. The complimentary workshop is sponsored by Family Life. For questions, call Emily Elliott at 617-746-5756. To register: <https://bit.ly/MHMtoParents>

**Celebration of Convalidation**

Married couples desiring holy matrimony in the Catholic Church are invited to convalidate their marriage on World Marriage **Sunday, February 11, 2024** at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston at 3:00 PM with Bishop Mark O'Connell as the celebrant. A convalidation ceremony is an opportunity for couples married outside of the Church to enter into a marriage covenant in the Catholic tradition. For more information, email [Emily\\_Elliott@rcab.org](mailto:Emily_Elliott@rcab.org) or visit our registration page at <https://bit.ly/Convalidation>





*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



### Faith Formation

**First Communion Class** will resumes today, Sunday,  
January 7th in the Lower Church at 10:45 a.m.

**Confirmation Class** meets this Wednesday, January 10th  
at 6:30 p.m. in the Lower Church

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.

### Rain Rain Go Away

#### Some Significant Damage to Parish Property

From the summer up until the week prior to Christmas the windswept rains have left their mark on our property. Several times since summer **rain flooded the church and caused damage to the ceiling and wall in the right front section**. Prior to fixing this damage, the roof of the Church needs immediate repair. The work will include gutter replacement on the upper and lower right side of the church. The bid also includes removing all the damaged and sagging fascia board and soffit board under the lower gutter, reinforcing the framing, and installing new fascia and soffit board below the lower gutter. **The bid for the church roof repair is \$132,877.** The entire roof will be looked at for other needed repair. Following the completion of the roof repair we will price out the work for the interior wall. Also, **last week's rain toppled three 60-foot trees on the rectory lawn.** Luckily, they fell into each other and did not damage the rectory or cars in the CVS lot.

Unfortunately, there has been no major capital upkeep of the Church, rectory, the houses on Richmond Street, or the High School Building in 20 or more years. My sense is that there is considerable deferred capital work that needs to be addressed over the next several years. In the new year I will have conversations with members of the Finance Council concerning a possible Parish Capital Campaign.

Again, thank you for your support, kindness and understanding.

*Fr. Jack Ahern*