

# PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

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## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



# STRENGTH

I CAN DO ALL THINGS IN HIM WHO STRENGTHENS ME.

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

**PASTOR:** Fr. Jack Ahern

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

**BUSINESS MANAGER:** Julie A. Hayes

**MUSIC DIRECTOR:** Leo D. Abbott, FAGO, ChM

**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# 312 Table of Plenty**

**Closing Hymn: BB# 206 Now Thank We All Our God**



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10**

4:00 PM Joseph Hardiman and John Mannion (Mem)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11**

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

10:00 AM Tuan & Maria Do (Wedding Anniversary)

5:00 PM Sheila Deery (1st Anniversary)

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13**

6:45 AM Leo Burke (18th Anniversary)

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14**

6:45 AM Josette Herisse Beaubrun (L) In Thanksgiving

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16**

6:45 AM Leo Gribaudo (26th Anniversary)

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17**

4:00 PM Patricia Fuge (Birthday Memorial)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18**

7:00 AM Christopher Sean Kickham (Memorial)

10:00 AM Teresa Clancy & Dennis McLaughlin (Mem)

5:00 PM Charles & Kathryn Dunsford, Jane Donovan, Delia, Patrick and Paul Keady, and Rev. John Keady, SM (Memorial)

**Please keep in your prayers**

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

**Pope Leo's Intention for October**

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

**OFFERTORY REPORT**

**Offertory 10/4/26: \$8,452.00**

*(includes online donations)*

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

**The Nineteenth Annotation of the Spiritual Exercises**

The Nineteenth Annotation Retreat of the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, An Invitation to Meet Christ in Prayer, arranged by Fr John Sassani & Mary Ann McLaughlin is being offered in a group setting for Catholic adults. The number of participants will be limited. These Spiritual Exercises extend over the course of twenty-three weeks and are loosely aligned with the liturgical. The group will use the ZOOM Format to meet weekly, online, from 10am to 12 noon starting on Wednesday, November 11, 2026 through Wednesday April 14, 2027. Mary Ann McLaughlin and Peggy Higgins will direct the Spiritual Exercises. For further information please call Mary Ann at 617-686-2287 or you may email her at the following: [maryannmclaughlin2@aol.com](mailto:maryannmclaughlin2@aol.com).

**Restoration Retreat: Hope and Healing  
for the Divorced and Separated**

This one-day retreat at the Pastoral Center, Braintree on Sat. Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:30AM-5:00PM will be led by Carolyn Klika of Abounding Joy Ministry, focusing on the hope and healing offered by Christ to those who have undergone the trial of divorce or separation. Join others for talks, small group sharing, Adoration and Confession, and a vigil Mass. An in-person or Zoom option is offered. For more information email [Emily.Elliott@rcab.org](mailto:Emily.Elliott@rcab.org) registration visit [bit.ly/RetreatForDivorcedandSeparated](http://bit.ly/RetreatForDivorcedandSeparated)



***Are you – or someone you know  
seeking peace after an abortion?***

The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women experiencing regret from a past abortion to attend a ***Come to the Waters of Healing one-day retreat***. Fall dates are Saturday, October 24th and Saturday, November 14th. Locations are confidential. For more information on the retreats or other services, please contact the office at ProjectRachel:508-651-310 or [help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com)

**St. Gregory Parish Mental Health Ministry'**

*Are you interested in being part of a  
Mental Health Ministry here at St. Gregory's?*

Pope Leo XIV dedicates his October prayer intention to mental health ministry, calling on the Church to listen without judging and accompany those who suffer without excluding them.

His hope, as well as mine, is that the Church may be an "open house" where people facing challenges to their mental health find welcome, dignity and hope.

He prays that the Church may become "a safe space where everyone has a place - a community that accompanies and never excludes, that listens without judging and draws near without fear."

I do not know what this ministry will entail, but if you are interested in beginning a conversation about the possibility of beginning this ministry, please speak to me after Mass or leave a message at the rectory or through website: [www.stgregoryparish.com](http://www.stgregoryparish.com).

*Fr. Jack*



**LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER ...  
CLASSES BEGIN THIS WEEK**

If you have a child in the **second grade or third grade** and wish them to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist in May, or if you have a child in the **Eighth grade** and wish them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in February, please reach out to Julie Hayes in the Office 617-298-2460 or contact us through the website: [www.stgregoryparish.com](http://www.stgregoryparish.com)

**Confirmation Class** meets on **Wednesday, October 14th at 6:30 p.m.** In the lower church.

**First Communion Class** begins next **Sunday, October 18th at 10:45 a.m.** in the lower church.

**Deadline for registration is Tuesday, October 13th.**

**Second Collection Next Weekend**

Next weekend's second collection supports Catholic World Missions. By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and share their faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelization programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and the remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, a Pontifical Mission Society. Please visit [www.propfaithboston.org](http://www.propfaithboston.org) for more information. **Please make your check payable to St. Gregory Parish.** Envelopes are available at the door for check or cash donations. We will send one check to the Propagation of the Faith. Thank you.

**Autumn Months**

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with  
the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months,  
may the earlier setting of the sun  
remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colors of the leaves  
remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air  
remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us of the  
abundance we have been given and  
bounty we are to share with others.

May the dying of summer's spirit remind  
us of your great promise that death is  
temporary and life is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness  
forever and ever.