

PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

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THE CLEANSING OF TEN LEPERS

And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. *Luke 17:15-16*

28TH
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

PASTOR: Fr. Jack Ahern

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.

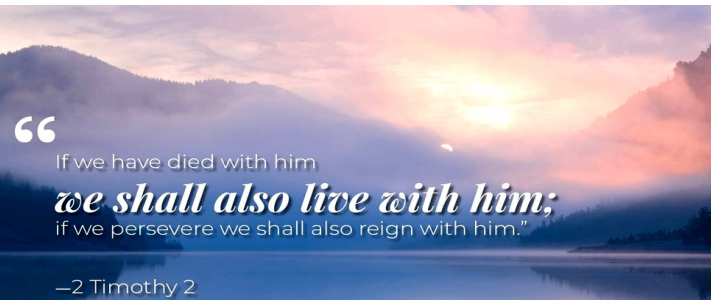
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: First Saturday of the month from Noon—1:00 p.m.

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday morning.

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



Entrance Hymn: BB# 576 O God Our Help in Ages Past
Closing Hymn: BB# 205 Now Thank We All Our God



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

4:00 PM Joseph Hardiman & John Mannion (Mem)
and Mary Brandon (50th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

7:00 AM Adude Almeida (40th Day Memorial)
 10:00 AM Alice O'Boy (Memorial)
 5:00 PM Tuan & Maria Do (Wedding Anniversary)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

6:45 AM Leo Burke (17th Anniversary)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

6:45 AM Rose M. Hayes (Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

6:45 AM Parishioners, Benefactors and Friends of
St. Gregory Parish

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

6:45 AM Leo Gribaudo (25th Anniversary)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

6:45 AM Adude Almeida (40th Day Memorial)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

4:00 PM Rita and Thomas Browne (Memorial)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

7:00 AM Ossie Nagim (8th Anniv. & Birthday Mem)
 10:00 AM Jeremiah & Catherine Cahalane (Mem)
 5:00 PM Peggy & Walter Zaremski (Anniv) and the
Zaremski & Nolan Families

Please keep in your prayers

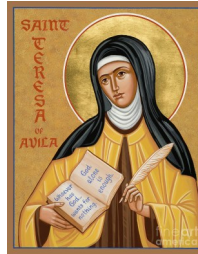
Please pray for Nancy Lee, Cheryl Lynn Bell, Shaunna Buckley, and all those who have died recently, that they may rest in God's peace. Please also remember their families and friends. Please also pray for Bill Casey, and all the sick and suffering.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Offertory for 10/5/25: \$9,434.00, Peter's Pence: \$843.00

(includes online and mailed in giving)

To give online go to stgregoryparish.com and click the green button "Give". For help, call Julie in the rectory.



Saint Teresa of Avila Feast Day: October 15

Her writings, especially the *Way of Perfection* and *The Interior Castle*, have helped generations of believers. In 1970, the Church gave her the title she had long held in the popular mind: Doctor of the Church. She and St. Catherine of Siena were the first women so honored. One of her more beautiful prayers is:

"Christ has no body but yours"

Christ has no body but yours,

No hands, no feet on earth but yours,

Yours are the eyes with which He looks

Compassion on this world,

Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good,

Yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,

Yours are the eyes, you are His body.

Christ has no body now but yours,

No hands, no feet on earth but yours,

Yours are the eyes with which he looks

compassion on this world.

Is God Calling You – or Someone You Know to be a Deacon?

The Archdiocese of Boston is beginning its Fall 2025 Inquirer Program for men interested in becoming deacons with meetings across the archdiocese. For more information, please go to <https://bit.ly/BostonDeacon2025>

Pope Leo's Intention for October

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

Reminder..... Pope Leo XIV asked Catholics to pray the rosary each day in October for peace.

Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us.



For All Young Families Parent Tips Week Seven

Going to Mass: Plan, Practice, Patience

Rather than being a peace-filled and prayerful experience, Mass time for parents with young ones can be stressful and chaotic. How can you possibly get a young child who is in constant motion to sit still for an hour? Add other children to the equation and that goal becomes infinitely more difficult! Keep in mind the 3 P's- Plan, Practice, Patience!

PLAN - Don't expect a young child to have the capacity to sit still on their own. Preparing them for Mass (see previous weeks) along with providing them with quiet, Mass related books/activities can help occupy them while keeping the focus on the Mass either on the altar itself or in a book. Keep "Mass Books" separate during the rest of the week so they will be more novel and interesting, as well as reinforcing that Sundays and Mass are so special they even deserve special books! Older children may like to have their own notebook or journal to bring to Mass to jot down words they hear, questions they have or even to be able to sketch something beautiful (windows, depictions of the Stations, etc.)

PRACTICE- As with anything we do in life, the more we practice, the better we get. The same is true for children and Mass. Consistency matters. The more practice a child has, the more comfortable they will become with the routine and the expectations.

PATIENCE- Remember young children are not small adults! No matter how consistent you are, how well you prepare, sometimes it all falls apart. Your children may have had haloes above their heads last week, but this week it seems as though they have never seen the inside of a church before. Be patient. It's not the end of the world, it's just parenthood! Don't give up. Just keep coming! Remember Jesus' words *"Let the children come to me and do not hinder them."* MT 19:14

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 year. The group will use the ZOOM Format to meet weekly, on line, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon starting on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 through Wednesday, April 22, 2026. Mary Ann McLaughlin and Deacon Dan Burns will direct the Spiritual Exercises. For further information please call Mary Ann at 617-682-287 or email: maryannmclaughlin2@aol.com.



Confirmation Class (Grades 8 and 9)

BEGINS THIS THURSDAY, October 16th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Lower Church Prayer Room.

Confirmation Ceremony

March 14, 2026
5:30 p.m.



First Communion Classes

Class begins **Next Sunday**, October 19th in the Lower Church Prayer Room from 10:45 a.m. -11:45a.m.

Final Day of Registration is this Wednesday!

Please reach out to Julie Hayes in the Office 617-298-2460 or contact us through our website:

www.stgregoryparish.com



October is Respect Life Month

As we begin together we embrace the words of Pope Leo XIV, "How important it is that each and every baptized person feel himself or herself called by God to be a sign of hope in the world today." Each of us is called to be a witness to the Gospel of Life, proclaiming in word and deed the innate goodness and dignity of every human person.

Supermarket Gift Cards are Always Needed

Thanks to all who have donated cards 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. Thank you for your continued generosity to those in need.