

PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

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27th SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time



The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.”
Luke 17:5

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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# 217 We Gather Together
Closing Hymn: BB# 473 Faith of Our Fathers



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

4:00 PM Theodore F. Coleman (3rd Anniversary)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

7:00 AM Sheila Deery (Month's Mind)

10:00 AM Ronald F. Shea (Memorial)

5:00 PM Patricia Cabral (4th Anniversary)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

6:45 AM Geneieve Merritt (Anniversary)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

6:45 AM Joanne Lobaccaro (Memorial)

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)

Please keep in your prayers

Please pray for Marjorie Jones, Ellen Crowley, 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.

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.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Offertory for 9/28/25: 6,233.00

(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.



Our Lady of the Rosary

Feast Day: October 7th

Saint Pius V established the feast of Our Lady of Victory to thank God for the Christian defeat of the Turks at Lepanto—a victory attributed to praying the rosary. Pope Gregory XIII changed the name to Feast of the Holy Rosary—originally celebrated on the first Sunday in October—in 1573. Pope Clement XI extended the feast to the universal Church in 1716. And in 1913, Saint Pius X set the date for the feast that we know today of October 7.

The development of the rosary has a long history. First a practice developed of praying 150 Our Fathers in imitation of the 150 Psalms. Then there was a parallel practice of praying 150 Hail Marys. Soon a mystery of Jesus' life was attached to each Hail Mary. Though Mary's giving of the rosary to Saint Dominic is recognized as a legend, the development of this prayer form owes much to the followers of Saint Dominic. One of them, Alan de la Roche, was known as "the apostle of the rosary." He founded the first Confraternity of the Rosary in the 15th century. In the 16th century, the rosary was developed to consist of 15 mysteries: joyful, sorrowful and glorious. In 2002, Pope John Paul II added the five Mysteries of Light to this devotion.

Reflection

The rosary appeals to many. It is simple. The constant repetition of words helps create an atmosphere in which to contemplate the mysteries of God. We sense that Jesus and Mary are with us in the joys and sorrows of life. We grow in hope that God will bring us to share in the glory of Jesus and Mary forever.

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>

"What unites us is much greater than what divides us."

Pope St. John XXIII
Feast Day—October 11



**For All Young Families
Parent Tips
Week Six
It's all about the Prep!**

Sunday Mass should be set apart, not just another "to do" item that we check off

the list. Did you know that the primary purpose of Mass is not to listen to Scripture, hear a thought-provoking homily or listen to holy music? Although these are all important, the primary purpose of Mass is to WORSHIP GOD! How can we best prepare our families?

*Remember the word "Eucharist" means thanksgiving! On the way to Mass, remind children of God's infinite love for them. We get to go to Mass and thank God for the blessings He has given us each day. We thank Him for His infinite love for us!

*During the week take time to read next Sunday's readings (age-appropriate Bibles are helpful) and explain what the readings mean. Corresponding coloring pages can be easily downloaded for younger children.

*Listen to Family Mass Prep on the Hallow App or other Catholic resources.

*Don't forget breakfast! Young children are able to be more attentive and less irritable when they are well fed.

*For more ideas Ascension Press has a great short video on preparing children of all ages for Mass. It can be found on YouTube.



Wedding Anniversary Celebration

All couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, or 50th wedding anniversaries or another special milestone are invited to a celebratory **Mass**

on Sunday, Oct. 26th at 3:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston. Couples will renew their marriage commitment and receive a special blessing. Family and friends are invited to attend. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/WeddingAnniversaryMass2025>. For more information, please email Emily Elliott at marriageprep@rcab.org or call 617-746-5756.



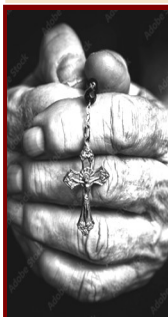
Anointing of the Sick will be offered after every Mass this weekend, **October 4th and October 5th** and every first full weekend of the month.

This Week's Second Collection

This weekend's second collection support the Holy Father's "Peter's Pence" collection that provides funds for emergency and disaster relief. This collection will also provide support to The Catholic University of America (CUA) that educates priests and lay people for ministry and for the Inner-City Parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston. Your generosity will assist the Holy Father as well as various missionary efforts at home and abroad. Thank you for your generosity.



If you have a child entering the second grade or third grade this September 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 March, please reach out to Julie Hayes in the Office 617-298-2460 or contact us through our website: www.stgregoryparish.com



VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Leo XIV asked Catholics to pray the rosary each day in October for peace. The pope made his request at the end of his weekly general audience Sept. 24 and the day after he said he had spoken again with the pastor of Holy Family Church in Gaza City, the only Latin-rite Catholic parish in Gaza.

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. Thank you for your continued generosity to those in need. All donations are welcome and appreciated more than you know!