

PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HE COMES TO
SAVE YOU

— ISAIAH 35:4 —

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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.

EUCHARISTIC 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# 464 Christ Be Our Light

Closing Hymn: BB# 63 Ready the Way



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

4:00 PM Kathleen O'Sullivan (19th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:00 AM Helen, Walter & Melody Knadler and Catherine & John Sellon (Memorial)

10:00 AM Patricia Smyth DeLuca, Salvatore, Clare & Joseph DeLuca, Thomas & Ruth Smyth, Edward Monahan & Sgt. Adam Kennedy (Mem)

5:00 PM Marian Mahoney (5th Anniversary)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

6:45 AM Linda Pelley & Mary Kennedy (in gratitude)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:45 AM Marie McGee & Stasia Iwanski (Mem.)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

6:45 AM Special Intention

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

6:45 AM Nora and Jack Hayes (Memorial)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

4:00 PM Eileen M. Kelleher (Birthday Memorial)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:00 AM Lucy & Noel Hebard (Memorial)

10:00 AM Frank Nagim (Birthday Memorial)

5:00 PM Helen Bibinski (Memorial)

Please keep in your prayers

Please pray for Solange Verdieu, 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 all the sick and suffering.

Pope Leo's Intention for December

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Offertory for 12/7/25 : \$8,164.00

Grand Annual Collection: \$78,532.00

To give online go to 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.

Christmas Mass Schedule

**Wednesday, December 24th
Christmas Eve**

4:00 PM and 6:00 PM (Upper Church)

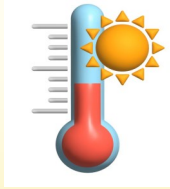
**Thursday, December 25th
Christmas Day**

7:00 AM and 10:00 AM (Upper Church)

(There is no 5PM Mass on Monday, December 25th)



If you wish to donate in honor or in memory of a loved one, please place your envelope with names in the offertory containers inside the Church or in the rectory mailbox. Donations will be accepted until Monday, **December 15th**. Please clearly print the names of those you would like to be remembered. Names will be placed on the altar for all the Christmas Season Masses and printed in the bulletin which will be available at the doors of the church for Christmas Masses. Thank you!



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.



SUPPORT OUR PRIESTS THIS CHRISTMAS

This year at all our Christmas Masses, our only collection will be to support the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all our priest, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit www.clergytrust.org

A Christmas Gift for You!

Please take a copy of Matt Kelly's book
"Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy"
as our Christmas gift to you!
The book may be picked up at
The doors of the church.

Merry Christmas from the Clergy and Staff
of St. Gregory's!

Fr. Jack



St. John Paul II Catholic Academy Lower Mills Annual Winterfest Celebration Sunday, December 14th

11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.—Come and spread the holiday cheer! Get your shopping done early while mingling with SJPII families, friends and neighbors. There will be food, games, raffles, crafts for kids, shopping, wreaths and, of course, Santa!

Christmas Outreach

This Advent Season, St. Gregory's is responding to the needs of our many families in the Parish and at St. John Paul II Catholic Academy who are hoping to make Christmas morning an exciting and blessed time for their children.

Please drop off Gifts and Gift Cards (Target, Walmart, Amazon, etc., which are also very much appreciated, and can assist parents in choosing other needed items) today.

All items may be dropped off at the rectory or at the entrance of the church by **TODAY, DECEMBER 14TH!**

Advent Prayer

by Joyce Rupp

Holy One, awaken my heart,
quiet my mind, open the door of my
being to perceive your presence.
Settle what stirs endlessly within me.
Quiet the voice of haste and hurry.
Awaken my inner senses to recognize
your love hiding beneath the frenzy.
Enfold me in your attentiveness.
Wrap a mantle of mindfulness
around every part of my days.
I want to welcome you with joy
and focus on your dwelling place.