

# PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

*Dorchester—Mattapan—Milton*

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## Third Sunday of Advent

John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."

John 1:26-27

**PASTOR:** Fr. Jack Ahern

**IN RESIDENCE:** Fr. Brian F. McMahon

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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*

The Almighty  
has done great things for me.

(Luke 1:49)

**Entrance Hymn: BB# 69 Lift Up Your Heads**

**Closing Hymn: BB# 53 Ready the Way**



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16**

4:00 PM Kathleen M. O'Sullivan (Memorial)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17**

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

10:00 AM Frank Nagim (Birthday Memorial)

5:00 PM Noel & Lucy Hebard (Memorial)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 18**

6:45 AM Dr. J. Stephen Hayes (Anniversary) and  
Nora J. Hayes (Birthday Memorial)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19**

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

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20**

6:45 AM Ezeline Andre (Birthday Memorial), Vital  
Andre and Cinneas Families (Memorial)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21**

6:45 AM Noel & Lucy Hebard (Memorial)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23**

4:00 PM Kathleen Dwyer Ferrara (2nd Anniversary)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

7:00 AM Oddette Inocent-Pierre and  
Richardson Pierre (Memorial)

10:00 AM Slan, Andre, & Anastasia Jean-Pierre (Mem)



**(See Christmas Mass Schedule)**



**The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December**

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

**Please keep in your prayers**

Please pray for Jane Potenza, Arthur Lacey, Charles Bankowski, and those who have died recently, that they may rest in God's peace. Please also remember their families and friends.

**OFFERTORY REPORT**

**December 10, 2023: \$7,317.00**

**Grand Annual: \$27,798.00 (goal: \$70,000)**

(includes online and mailed in giving)

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



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 18th.** 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!

**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>



First Communion Class

There will be no First Communion Class on Sunday, December 24th (Christmas Vacation). Class will resume on Sunday, January 7th in the Lower Church at 10:45 a.m. 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.

**"The Eucharist is the heart of the Church. Where Eucharistic life flourishes, there the life of the church will blossom."**

**- St. John Paul II**



**NEW AUXILIARY BISHOP FOR BOSTON**

Cardinal Sean O'Malley announces last weekend that Pope Francis has named Rev. Cristiano Guilherme Borro Barbosa as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Boston. Bishop-elect Barbosa currently serves as Episcopal Vicar for the Central Region (which includes Boston) and as Secretary for Evangelization and Discipleship.



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 in good standing 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](http://www.clergytrust.org)

*"ADVENT IS a time of waiting,  
of expectation, of silence.*

*Waiting for our Lord to be born.*

*A pregnant woman is so happy, so content.*

*She lives in such a garment of silence,  
and it is as though she were listening  
to hear the stir of life within her.*

*One always hears that stirring compared  
to the rustling of a bird in the hand.*

*But the intentness with which one awaits  
such stirring is like nothing so much as  
a blanket of silence.*

*Be still. Did I hear something?"*

*Dorothy Day*

# Lower Mills Winter Fest

Raffles~ Vendors & Crafters~ Music  
Holiday Crafts~ Face Painting~  
Pictures with Santa

**Sunday, December 17**

10:00 a.m.

Mass at Saint Gregory Parish

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Winter Fest in Saint Gregory Gymnasium



## Christmas Outreach



St. John Paul II Catholic Academy, Lower Mills Campus and St. Gregory Parish have partnered to collect gift cards and essential items for Tommy's Place and Cradles to Crayons. We are also collecting for Parishioners and School Families in need.

**Sunday, December 17th** is the last day to drop off items for our Christmas outreach.

Please drop off your items (Gift Cards, New Clothing and New Toys) at the entrance of the church this weekend.

**Thank you!**

## Christmas Mass Schedule

**Sunday, December 24th—Christmas Eve**

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

**Monday, December 25th—Christmas Day**

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

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