

PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

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Fourth Sunday of Advent



*"The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.
Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."*

Luke 1:35

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday morning.

Encourage each other daily while it is still today.

Hebrews 3:13



Entrance Hymn: BB# 39 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Closing Hymn: BB# 59 The Advent of Our King



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.)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass

6:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

7:00 AM Christmas Day Mass

10:00 AM Christmas Day Mass

(No 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

4:00 PM Kathleen C. Sullivan (2nd Anniversary)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:00 AM Leo J. Gulinello (Anniversary)

10:00 AM Kathleen & Joseph Folan (Memorial)

5:00 PM Julie Rodney, Tucker Hyde, Duette
Rodney, Jr., and Daniel Rodney (Mem.)

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 Judith Slayter, Josephine Patrick, and all those who have died recently, that they may rest in God's peace. Please also remember their families and friends.

OFFERTORY REPORT

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

(includes online and mailed in giving)

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



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Thanks to all who made donations for the beautiful flowers that adorn the sanctuary in memory or in honor of a loved one. A list of those who will be remembered during all of our Christmas Masses is available at the doors of the church. Thank you again for your continued generosity to your parish. Wishing you all a blessed and happy Christmas!

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>

No First Communion Class today, 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 where a cancellation notice will be posted on the home page.

Celebration of Convalidation

Married couples desiring holy matrimony in the Catholic Church are invited to convalidate their marriage on World Marriage **Sunday, February 11, 2024** at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston at 3:00 PM with Bishop Mark O'Connell as the celebrant. A convalidation ceremony is an opportunity for couples married outside of the Church to enter into a marriage covenant in the Catholic tradition. For more information, email Emily_Elliott@rcab.org or visit our registration page at <https://bit.ly/Convalidation>



A Christmas Prayer

By Rev. Austin Fleming

Child of Mary's womb,
apple of Joseph's eye,
welcome us when we come to you:
to visit, to pray,
simply to draw near.

Set our gaze on only that star
whose light leads us
along the path of your truth.

Teach us to make of our hearts
the finest gift we have to offer
to you and to others.

When we wonder if we have found you—
or lost you—
deepen our faith
in your faithful pursuit of us,
our lives, and our love.

Appear, shine, and reveal
the beauty of your face to us,
that we might never fail to see you
in all we meet and know.

Guide us, Lord Jesus,
by your perfect light.

Amen.



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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



Thanks to all who participated in this year's Advent and Christmas Outreach to Tommy's Place and Cradles to Crayons, and to our Parishioners and School Families in need. The people that receive your gift are extremely grateful. Thank you for your continued support to those in need.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas.

Fr. Jack

"And is not the enraptured gaze of Mary as she contemplated the face of the newborn Christ and cradled him in her arms ...that unparalleled model of love which should inspire us every time we receive Eucharistic communion?"

St. John Paul II