

PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A voice of one crying out in the desert,
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

Matthew 3:3

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PASTOR: Fr. Jack Ahern

RESIDENCE: Fr. Brian F. McMahon
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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# 47 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

Closing Hymn: BB# 64 Let the King of Glory Come



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

4:00 PM Arnold Williams (1st Anniversary)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:00 AM Catherine Folan (Anniversary)

10:00 AM Belmiro Bala Sena (3rd Anniversary)

5:00 PM Ann and Joseph Laflamme (Memorial)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

6:45 AM Joanne Lobaccaro (Memorial)

9:00 AM Kennedy & Looney Families (Gratitude)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

6:45 AM Rev. Jacques McGuffie (Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

6:45 AM Pellitier Family (Memorial)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

6:45 AM Joseph Bibinski (Memorial)

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 (Memorial)

5:00 PM Marian Mahoney (5th Anniversary)

Please keep in your prayers

Please pray for Barbara Finch, 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 11/23 : \$7,250.00, 11/30/25: \$6,548.00

Grand Annual Collection: \$73,992.00, Retired Sisters: \$7,321.00

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.



500 Years 1531-2031

**Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 4-12, 2025**

In 2031, the Church will celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe. In preparation for this historic milestone, Archbishop Richard Henning invites all Catholics across the Archdiocese of Boston to join him in praying a special Novena to our Lady of Guadalupe held at a different parish each night from December 4th through December 12th. Scan the QR code to view the list of parish locations.



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!



USCCB Special Message on Immigration

Earlier in November the Catholic Bishops of the United States issued a "Special Message" on immigration that emphasizes the God-given human dignity of all immigrants, calls for meaningful immigration reform, and expresses opposition to indiscriminate mass deportations and dehumanizing rhetoric. They also suggest that a just and orderly system of immigration and national security are not in conflict.

The bishops assured immigrants of their solidarity and commitment to stand with them in their suffering and expressed sadness over the "climate of fear and anxiety" among immigrant communities and the "vilification of immigrants" in contemporary debate.

Finally, they urged clergy, religious and lay faithful to continue and expand efforts to assist them.

St. John Paul II Catholic Academy Lower Mills

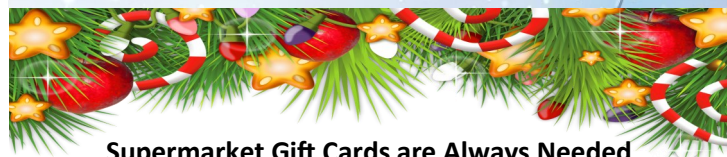


Annual Winterfest Celebration



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!



Supermarket Gift Cards are Always Needed

Thanks to all who have donated cards or money 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. You can also donate online by going to www.stgregoryparish.com press the "Give" button and then select "Food Pantry Donation". Thank you for your continued generosity.



Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick will take place after all the Masses on **Saturday, December 6th and Sunday, December 7th.**



Monday, December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Masses for the Holy Day are:

Monday, December 8th

6:45 AM (Lower Church)

9:00 AM (Upper Church)



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

All items can be dropped off at the rectory or at the entrance of the church by **December 14th.**



ADVENT

"Advent...helps us to understand fully the value and meaning of the mystery of Christmas. It is not just about commemorating the historical event, which occurred some 2,000 years ago in a little village of Judea. Instead, it is necessary to understand that the whole of our life must be an 'advent,' a vigilant awaiting of the final coming of Christ. To predispose our mind to welcome the Lord who, as we say in the Creed, one day will come to judge the living and the dead, we must learn to recognize him as present in the events of daily life. Therefore, Advent is, so to speak, an intense training that directs us decisively toward him who already came, who will come, and who comes continuously."

— St. John Paul II