

PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

Dorchester—Mattapan—Milton

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*"Blessed are they
who hunger and thirst
for righteousness, for
they will be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown
mercy." Matthew 5:6-7*

PASTOR: Fr. Jack Ahern

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.

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*

4th SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time



"Jesus began to teach them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.'" Matthew 5:2-3

Entrance Hymn: BB# 564 From All that Dwell Below the Skies
Closing Hymn: BB# 208 Beautiful Savior



SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

4:00 PM John Thi (1st Anniversary)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:00 AM Thomas J. Ford (2nd Anniversary)

10:00 AM Parishioners & Friends of St. Gregory Parish

5:00 PM Joe & Gary O'Flaherty (Memorial)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

6:45 AM Paula Nee (Birthday Memorial)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

4:00 PM Jimmy McTavish (7th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:00 AM Parishioners & Friends of St. Gregory Parish

10:00 AM Michael Kelley (Memorial)

5:00 PM

Please keep in your prayers

Please pray for 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 February

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope. .

"Those who follow Jesus must tread the path of the Beatitudes - poverty of spirit, meekness, mercy..."

-Pope Leo XVI

OFFERTORY REPORT

Offertory for 1/25/26 \$4,393.00

Grand Annual Collection: \$87,223.00

Air Conditioner Donations: \$8,850.00

(includes online donations)

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

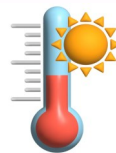


LOWER MILLS COMMUNITY PANTRY

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.



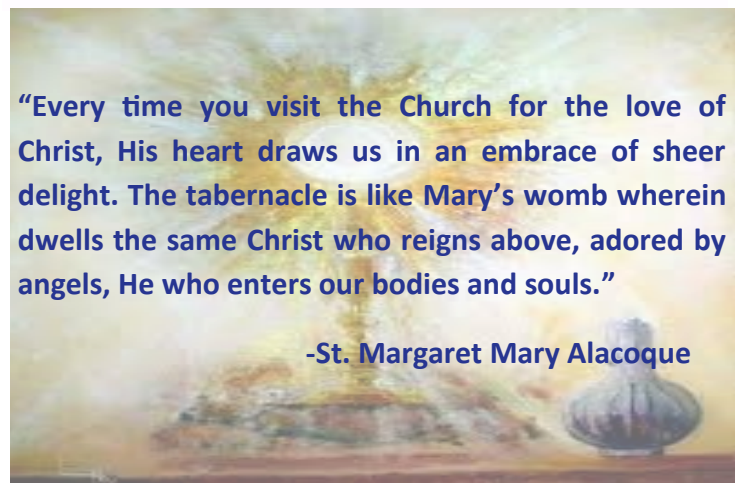
St. Gregory's Air Conditioning System

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.

"Every time you visit the Church for the love of Christ, His heart draws us in an embrace of sheer delight. The tabernacle is like Mary's womb wherein dwells the same Christ who reigns above, adored by angels, He who enters our bodies and souls."

-St. Margaret Mary Alacoque





Celebrating Black History Month Through the Lens of Catholic Teaching

by Stacy Paper

Black History Month is a time to honor the rich contributions of Black individuals and communities to society, including their profound impact on the Catholic Church. As Catholics, we are called to recognize the dignity of every person, as each is made in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). This month presents an opportunity not only to celebrate but also to reflect on our commitment to justice, unity, and love.

The Church teaches that solidarity is a key principle of social justice. Pope Saint John Paul II emphasized that solidarity is more than a vague feeling of compassion—it is a firm and persevering commitment to the common good. Black Catholic leaders like Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman and Venerable Pierre Toussaint lived out this commitment by serving others and witnessing to the power of faith in action. Their lives remind us that the call to holiness and justice knows no racial or cultural boundaries.

In celebrating Black History Month, we are also reminded of the Church's ongoing mission to confront racism and work toward healing. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' 2018 pastoral letter, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*, urges Catholics to reject racism in all its forms and to build communities rooted in Christ's love.

This month, let us take time to learn more about Black Catholic history, to pray for unity, and to act in ways that promote justice and peace. Inspired by the saints and faithful leaders who have gone before us, may we work together to build a Church and society where all are truly seen, valued, and loved.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Please join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, February 7th from 12 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Confession will be offered at this time



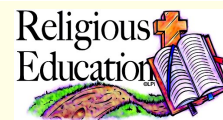
Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick will take place after all Masses next weekend, Saturday, February 7th and Sunday, February 8th.



Adjusted Office Hours for Several Weeks

Please note that for the next several weeks, the rectory offices will be **open Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** If you need a Mass card, would like to schedule a Mass or for any business matter, please call or visit the rectory during those hours. For urgent matter, call Fr. Jack at 617-298-2460 and when you hear the prompt for Fr. Jack, press 2.



First Communion Class

First Communion Class will be held today, February 1st following the 10AM Mass in the Lower Church.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class will be held on Thursday, February 26th at 6:30 p.m. in the lower church. **(A week later than usual, due to February school vacation week.)**

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, especially during these cold winter months.