

PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

Dorchester—Mattapan—Milton

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S I X T H SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Moved with pity,
Jesus stretched out his
hand, touched him,
and said to him,
“I do will it.
Be made clean.”

Mark 1:41

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# 455 O God Our Help In Ages Past

Closing Hymn: BB# 735 Rejoice the Lord is King



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

4:00 PM Peggy Zaremski (1st Anniversary) and
Jimmie McTavish (5th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:00 AM Monsignor Paul T. Ryan (Memorial)
10:00 AM Mary Keeley (Memorial)
5:00 PM

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

6:45 AM Connie Daily (6th Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

6:45 AM Ash Wednesday Mass
9:00 AM Parish and School Mass

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

6:45 AM Mass of Thanksgiving

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

4:00 PM Paul K. Leary (5th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:00 AM Anne Thu Huong (25th Anniversary)
10:00 AM Matthew Roper (4th Anniversary),
Jimmy Donovan (6th Anniversary)
Stephen Kane (3rd Anniversary)
Peter Donovan (1st Anniversary)
5:00 PM James Monahan (7th Anniversary)

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Please keep in your prayers

Please pray for Ronald Porcello, 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 for the sick and suffering, especially healing for Christian.

OFFERTORY REPORT

February 4th: \$7,868.00

Grand Annual: \$37,958.00 (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.

Ordination of Bishop Cristiano Barbosa

Last Saturday, Crisitano Guilherme Borro Barbosa was ordained a bishop for the Archdiocese of Boston. He will serve as Regional Bishop of the Central Region of the Archdiocese of which St. Gregory is a part and serve as Secretary of Evangelization and Discipleship. He was born in Brazil and ordained a priest for the Diocese of Bauru in Brazil. He was incardinated at a priest of the Archdiocese in 2021. While in Boston he received his Doctorate in Sacred Theology at Boston College, served in several parishes, and taught at both St. John Seminary and St. John XXIII Seminary. It will be our pleasure to welcome him to St. Gregory's in March for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

My Term as Pastor of St. Gregory Parish

In January, I received a letter from Fr. Paul Soper, Secretary of Ministerial Personnel, reminding me that my six-year term as Pastor of St. Gregory's is approaching. I was appointed August 1, 2018. I was asked that if I wish to seek re-appointment for another term, I should make my intention known in writing. I have made that request and forwarded it to Fr. Soper. He will share that with Regional Bishop Barbosa and Episcopal Vicar Fr. Casey, who will then make a recommendation to the Cardinal. I will keep you in the loop when I receive correspondence from the Archdiocese.

Fr. Jack

Venerable Mother Mary Lange

Did you know that the Oblate Sisters of Providence in Baltimore is the first and oldest religious congregation for women of color in the United States? Haitian immigrant & educator, Mother Mary Lange, and three companions founded this order in 1829, when Maryland was still a slave state. Under great risk, these sisters dedicated themselves to serving orphans and educating black children. Also around that time, Mother Lange founded Baltimore's historic St. Francis Academy. It continues to thrive today as a co-ed high school that educates mainly inner city African American and Hispanic youth. Mother Lange's candidacy for sainthood began in 1990. The Pope declared Mother Mary Lange "venerable" on June 22, 2023.



Annual Utility Collection This Weekend—February 10/11

The cost of utilities is costly. In the calendar year our bills for the Parish properties totaled **\$205,203.75**

The utilities bills include the following:

Boston Water and Sewer: \$7,475.00
 Eversource: \$60,719.00
 National Grid: \$94,390.00
 Alarm: \$5,004.00
 Comcast Business: \$4,281.00
 Miscellaneous Plumbing: \$23,192.00
 Trash Removal: \$8,071.00
 Pest Control: 2,070.00

St. Gregory's Parish was responsible for 157,077.25 and The above expenses averaged over \$3,020.00 per week for the Parish. Unfortunately, because the former High School Building and Convent were vacant, the Parish assumed all costs for the buildings. The cost for utilities is up 15%.

St. John Paul II Academy was responsible for \$18,550.00

Boston Youth Sanctuary was responsible for \$4,036.00

We are blessed that the **Gavin Foundation**, who will be a long-term tenant, was responsible for \$25,540.00 for heating, and will be responsible for most of their own utilities going forward.

Any assistance you can make to this critical collection this weekend would be most welcome and appreciated.

Fr. Jack

Confirmation Class meets this **Wednesday, February 14th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Lower Church.

There will be no First Communion Class next Sunday, February 18th, as it is February School Vacation Week. First Communion Class will resume on Sunday, March 3rd.

If class is cancelled due to bad weather, please visit our website: www.stgregoryparish.com where a cancellation notice will be posted on the home page.



Ash Wednesday Services at St. Gregory's February 14, 2024

Ashes will be distributed at the 6:45 a.m. Mass (Upper Church) and the 9:00 a.m. Mass (Upper Church).

Ashes will also be distributed between 4:00 p.m. and 4:20 p.m. in the Upper Church.



Daily Mass

6:45 a.m. Monday—Saturday in the Lower Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Noon to 1:00 p.m.

In the Upper Church

Stations of the Cross

Friday Evenings 7:00 PM in the Upper Church

Lenten Disciplines of

Fast and Abstinence

Lenten Fast and Abstinence: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics

In addition, Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. The norms on fasting are for individuals from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are for Catholics from age 14 onwards. As you embrace this discipline, please pray for those who go to bed hungry each night. It is estimated that 24-26% of families with children in eastern Massachusetts do not have sufficient or quality food.