

# PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

*Dorchester—Mattapan—Milton*

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**2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**SUNDAY**  
**OF LENT**

## Blessing

*"I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing — all this because you obeyed my command."*

Genesis 22:17-18

**PASTOR:** Fr. Jack Ahern

**IN 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](http://www.sjp2ca.org)

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Monday morning.

*Encourage each other daily while it is still today.  
Hebrews 3:13*

# Listen to Him

MARK 9:2-9

**Entrance Hymn: BB# 561** O Bless the Lord, My Soul

**Closing Hymn: BB#407** Be Though My Vision



## **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

4:00 PM Claire Barter (Birthday Memorial)

## **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

7:00 AM John J. Mulvey, Sr. (Anniversary)

10:00 AM Thomas Trebino (2nd Anniversary)

5:00 PM Maureen Kenny (Month's Mind)

## **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

6:45 AM Edilline Andre (L) In Thanksgiving, and Vital, Cineas, Andre & Rodney Families (Memorial)

## **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

6:45 AM Nora Patricia Kerwin (Birthday Memorial)

## **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

6:45 AM Mary R. Johnston (Birthday Memorial)

## **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29**

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

## **FRIDAY, MARCH 1**

6:45 AM Fr. Gregory Staab, OMV (6th Anniversary)

## **SATURDAY, MARCH 2**

4:00 PM Gladys Chrispin, Montreuil Chrispin, Helen Ceda, Saine Jean Vizolas and Immacule Seme (Mem)

## **SUNDAY, MARCH 3**

7:00 AM Mass of Thanksgiving

10:00 AM Julie Ernesti (Anniversary)

5:00 PM Theresa Mahan (memorial)

## **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 Mary McDonough, Patrick O'Halloran, 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.

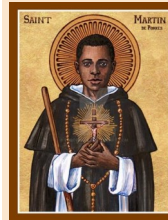
## **OFFERTORY REPORT**

**February 18th: \$6,866.00**

**Grand Annual: \$39,053.00 (goal: \$70,000)**

(includes online and mailed in giving)

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



## **Celebrating Black History Month**

**St. Martin de Porres** was born as Juan Martin de Porres Velazquez in Lima, Peru in 1579. He was born as an illegitimate child of a Spanish nobleman and an emancipated parent of African descent. His father abandoned the family when Martin was a toddler, and he grew up in poverty. He was able to attend some schooling and learned to be a barber and surgeon. Martin was unable to become a member of Peruvian religious orders due to his mixed race background but served as a volunteer for eight years before finally being allowed to be a member of the Dominican order. He became known for encompassing the virtues need to carefully and patiently care for the sick, even in the most difficult situations.

St. Martin served in the order's infirmary and was known for his ability and devotion to caring for the sick and poor. St. Martin was canonized as a saint in 1962, and is known as the patron saint of mixed-race people, barbers, innkeepers, public health employees, and those seeking racial harmony. Many modern hospitals in North and Central America bear his name in honor of his medical work. St. Martin's feast day is November 3rd.



## **2024 Catholic Appeal**

Once a year, Catholics throughout the Archdiocese are asked to partner with one another to support their parish and the many outreach ministries by contributing to the Catholic Appeal. Many of you have received a letter from

Cardinal Seán requesting your participation and early support of the 2024 Appeal. We hope that you will respond to his invitation with a generous gift, knowing that each contribution has a significant impact on the lives of thousands across the Archdiocese. You can make a gift by returning your pledge card or by making an online donation at [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org). For those who have already made a gift, thank you for your early support! The Appeal is a primary means by which we care for our brothers and sisters and move forward in our faith together.



## Supermarket Gift Cards Needed

Thank you to the many who provide gift cards to both Stop and Shop and Star Markets.

The requests for food assistance have been *increasing* week to week with the costs of groceries beyond the reach of many individuals and families.

**We give out over 100 gift cards per month.** New people come to our door each week for assistance. Food Cards are **URGENTLY NEEDED**. Any assistance you can provide is appreciated. Thank you!



Are you – or someone you know – seeking peace after an abortion? The **Project Rachel** ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women experiencing regret from a past abortion to attend a Come to the Waters of Healing one-day retreat. Spring dates are Saturday, March 23rd and Saturday, May 11th. Locations are confidential. For more information on the retreats or other services, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or [help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com).

### Today's Second Collection—Church Around the World

This week's second collection will support the Church in those underdeveloped areas of the world where there are insufficient resources for evangelization and formation. This collection will help the Church in Africa, Central and Eastern Europe and three important national Catholic missions: The Military Archdiocese, Home Missions and the Black and Indian missions. Thank you in advance for your generosity to this collection

### Al-Anon Group

Do you have a loved one struggling with alcoholism?

Please join us

as we share our experience, strength and hope.

**Wednesdays evenings 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

St. Agatha School Music Room

440 Adams Street, Milton

For more information please contact the Rectory,  
[rectory@stagathaparish.org](mailto:rectory@stagathaparish.org) or 617-698-2439

### 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

If you or a loved one is experiencing a mental health crisis, **dial 988** for free and confidential support by a trained mental health professional. Open 24/7.



### Daily Mass

6:45 a.m. Monday—Saturday in the Upper 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 Abstinence:** Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. The norms on fasting are for individuals 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.

## Lenten Almsgiving

Once again, we are partnering with the Lower Mills Campus of St. John Paul II Catholic Academy.

This year we are helping **The Cape Verdean Association of Boston**.

**Items needed for seniors and families:** NEW sheets, blankets, comforters, towels, wash clothes, pots, pans, cups, plates, toiletries including toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, body wash and diapers; **Items for Youth Program:** any and all art supplies.

Items may be dropped off at the entrance of the Church or at the rectory by March 24th. Thank you!

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will be held next Saturday, March 2nd from 12 (noon) until 1:00 p.m. Confessions will be heard at this time.

**Anointing of the Sick** will take place after all Masses next weekend, Saturday, March 2nd and Sunday, March 3rd.