

PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

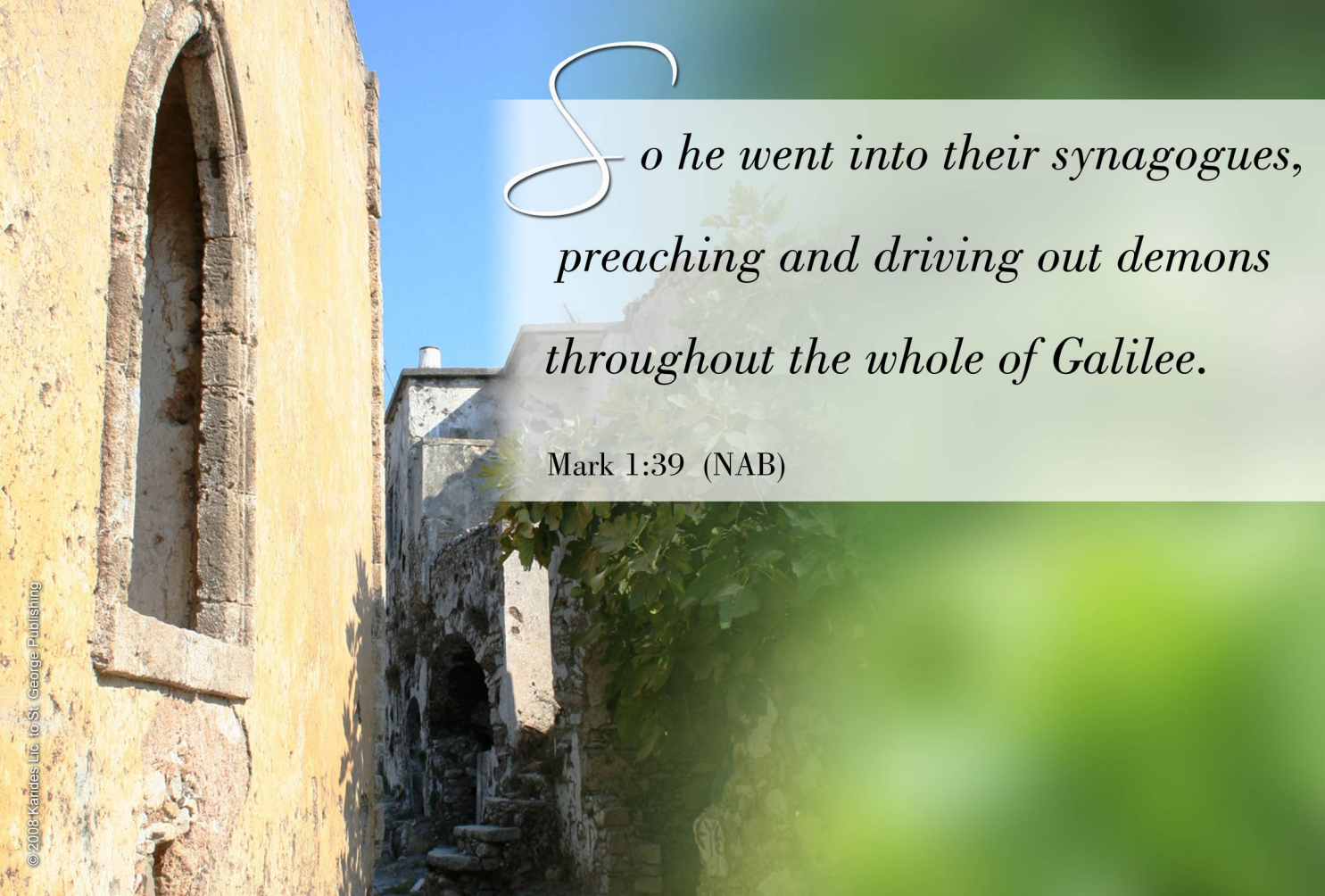
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*So he went into their synagogues,
preaching and driving out demons
throughout the whole of Galilee.*

Mark 1:39 (NAB)

PASTOR: Fr. Jack Ahern

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BUSINESS MANAGER: Julie A. Hayes

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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*

He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

Psalm 147:3

Entrance Hymn: BB# 207 Holy, Holy, Holy

Closing Hymn: BB# 727 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

4:00 PM James Trayers (Anniversary)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:00 AM Safety & Well-being of our American
Service Men and Women

10:00 AM Jeanine Ducasse, Octavie Olivier and
Edgar Dipuiton (Memorial)

5:00 PM Beatrice Eloisa Garcia (Memorial)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

6:45 AM Dominic J. Mulattieri (3rd Anniversary)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:00 AM

10:00 AM Mary Keeley (Memorial)

5:00 PM

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 Anne Hurlebaus, Omeni Sani Ojo, Raldy Lara, 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

January 28th: \$4,720.00

Grand Annual: \$37,758.00 (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.

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A gathering of women interested in learning more about religious life, cordially invites you to the next meeting on **Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 7:00 pm on Zoom**. The topic will be "Learning about Religious Life as part of a Contemplative Community, Monastic Community, Apostolic Community and Missionary Community."

If you are interested in attending, please contact Sister Marian Batho, CSJ marian.batho@csjboston.org or 617-746-2025 for more information and the link to the meeting.



HAPPY VIETNAMESE NEW YEAR!

Vietnamese New Year, "Tet" is shortened from "Tet Nguyen Dan" which means the celebration of the first morning of the year. This is the biggest and most important festival in Vietnamese culture. Tet is not only the transition moment between the old year and the new year, between the cycle of heaven and earth and the life of all things but also an occasion for everyone to show respect to ancestors and parents and reunite with family.

In 2024, Tet falls on February 10th (Saturday). It is a Year of the Dragon.

"Jesus is not an idea, a sentiment, a memory! Jesus is a 'person,' always alive and present with us! Love Jesus present in the Eucharist. He is present in a sacrificial way in holy Mass, which renews the sacrifice of the cross. To go to Mass means going to Calvary to meet him, our Redeemer. He comes to us in holy Communion and remains present in the tabernacles of our churches, for he is our friend."

-St. John Paul II

Celebrating Black History Month

Throughout the month of February, in recognition of Black History Month, people of all races and faiths across the U.S. celebrate black Americans and their stories. The story of black Catholics in the United States is about communities tenaciously clinging to faith amidst great hardship. Much of their history is centered in the South, which to this day has the largest concentrations of black people in the United States. Even among many black people that live in the urban areas of the North, though, there are many whose families have roots in the South. During the Great Migration, some 6 million black people traveled to northern cities like New York, Chicago, and Detroit, leaving rural jobs to find work in the new industrial centers.

There are many causes for celebrating the gifts of black Catholics today. One is simply the numbers that populate parishes across the country: the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops estimates that there are 3 million black Catholics in the U.S., and 798 predominantly African American parishes, including St. Katharine Drexel in Roxbury. While many black people are Baptist, the second largest religious group that black people belong to in the U.S. is the Catholic Church.

Another cause for celebration is the inspiring list of black men and women whose causes for canonization are being advanced. In 2018, the historically black Xavier University of Louisiana (founded by Saint Katharine Drexel) announced that its Institute of Black Catholic Studies (IBCS) would support efforts toward the canonization of five black Catholics:

- Venerable Pierre Toussaint (1766-1853), the former slave and philanthropist who is buried in New York's Saint Patrick's Cathedral;
- Venerable Henriette Delille (1813-1862), from New Orleans, a descendant of slaves who founded the Sisters of the Holy Family;
- Servant of God Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange (ca. 1794-1882), the Haitian refugee who had a passion for educating children and who founded the Oblate Sisters of Providence;
- Venerable Father Augustus Tolton (1854-1897), who was born in slavery and eventually attended seminary in Rome because no American seminary would accept him, and who was a pastor in Chicago;
- Servant of God Julia Greeley (c. 1833-1918), the former slave who was Denver's "Angel of Mercy," now buried in Denver's cathedral.

-From the Catholic Extension



Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick will take place after all the Masses this weekend.



Annual Utility Collection Weekend of 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 next weekend would be most welcome and appreciated.

Fr. Jack