

PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

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P A L M S U N D A Y OF THE LORD'S P A S S I O N

THE ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!
Hosanna in the highest!" *Mark 11:9-10*

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday morning.

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

PALM SUNDAY

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST

Entrance Hymn: BB# 143 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Closing Hymn: BB# 413 Jesus, Remember Me



SATURDAY, MARCH 23

4:00 PM John Miller (Memorial)

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

7:00 AM

10:00 AM John & Joan Folan (Memorial)

5:00 PM Daniel Nigro (Memorial)

MONDAY, MARCH 25

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

6:45 AM Monsignor Paul Ryan (Memorial)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

6:45 AM Bob Wilson (1st Anniversary)

(PLEASE REFER TO THE HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE)

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for March

For New Martyrs: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Please keep in your prayers

Please pray for Maria Sena, Robert M. Kennedy, 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.

2024 Catholic Appeal

Thanks to all who have already responded so generously to the Cardinal's invitation! We have reached 33% of our goal! You can make a gift by returning your pledge card or by making an online donation at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. The Appeal is a primary means by which we care for our brothers and sisters and move forward in our faith together.

OFFERTORY REPORT

March 17th: \$6,885.00

Grand Annual: \$42,593.00 (goal: \$70,000)

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

The Good Friday Collection

Supports the sacred places and the educational, charitable and peace-seeking ministries of the Church in the Holy Land.

Easter Collection—Support our Priests

Next week, at all our Easter Masses, our only collection will be to support the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit www.clergytrust.org

Update on Needed Capital Improvements

The past six or so months the parish properties have suffered major damage due to the multiple storms. While we have addressed some of the damage, thus far, we will need to address the remaining issues over the next several months. Details follow:

Church

1. Main Roof: Right side of the Church: Gutter replacement/fascia and soffit replacement with staging. This work will begin this week (week of March 18). The cost is \$132,877. Insurance will cover \$20,000 of that amount.
2. Church Flat Roof: Was repaired two weeks ago. The cost of \$15,285 was covered by insurance.
3. Inside Repair: Right front of the Church damage caused by storms will be \$58,000. We are still negotiating with the insurance for coverage.

Rectory Grounds

Tree Removal: \$4,800 of which \$4,300 will be covered by insurance.

Rectory

1. Roof Repair due to storm: \$4,500.
2. Flood due to pipe breakage inside a wall. \$3,500.
3. Painting of walls and ceilings damaged was \$9,350. Insurance covered \$8,500.

Boston Youth Sanctuary Building

Sections of the roof blew away. The cost of \$43,276. will be paid fully by insurance.

Total Cost of Repair to Parish Properties is \$271,588. Our insurance has/will reimburse us \$91,561 currently, or a net cost of to date of \$180,027. We will keep you updated.



Carrying Crosses, A Lenten Prayer

Joyce Rupp

Holy One who journeys with me on the road of life with its hills and valleys, May I recognize the cross that is mine and carry it in a trustful way, confident that the undesired parts of my life can be guides to my growth. Teach me how to be with my personality traits that I consider unworthy or unacceptable. Inspire me to release my tight grip when I wrestle with the resistant part of myself, the one that insists on having everything in life turn out the way I desire or demand. Increase my awareness of the false judgments, the unfair expectations that quickly arise to crowd out kindness and compassion for self and others. Lessen unrestrained fears and tedious worries that keep me imprisoned in turmoil and confusion, thus diminishing my spirit's strength and ability to reach beyond myself. Soften any hardness of heart that I have toward another. Increase my ability to be understanding. Help me topple walls that prevent my being a forgiving person. Expand my perception of the good things my life already holds. Decrease apprehension about not having enough, being enough, doing enough, or growing enough. Awaken the undying song of hope in my soul as I carry my unwanted cross each day, so that even in the worst of times I continue to trust you to provide what is needed. Confident of your grace and daily empowerment, I give myself to you as fully as I am able at this time. As I carry the crosses that are mine, remind me often that you are always with me, and never against me. I place my desire for union with you into your loving care. Amen.

Prayer Seeds A Gathering of Blessings, Reflections, and Poems for Spiritual Growth, Sorin Books. Pg. 90

***"If you seek patience, you will find
no better example than the cross."***

- St. Thomas Aquinas



Daily Mass

6:45 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Good Friday 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday, March 28

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper (Upper Church)
(Church will remain open until 8:30 p.m.)

Good Friday, March 29

3:00 p.m. Solemn Liturgy (Upper Church)
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Upper Church)

Holy Saturday, March 30

7:00 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter (Upper Church)

Easter Sunday, March 31

Masses are 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. (Upper Church)
(No Evening Mass on Easter Sunday)

Good Friday is a Day of Fasting and Abstinence

Adults from 18-59 are urged to embrace these two disciplines. 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 binding for individuals from age 14 onwards.

Hunger in the United States and Globally

As you embrace the disciplines of abstinence and fasting please pray for those who go to bed hungry. Nearly 800 million people across the globe go to bed hungry each night. A projection from Feeding America says that as many as 1 in 4 children are food insecure. It is estimated that 24-26% of families with children in eastern Massachusetts do not have sufficient or quality food.