

PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

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Easter

He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him.

Mark 16:6

PASTOR: Fr. Jack Ahern

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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# 172 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Closing Hymn: BB# 175 Alleluia! Alleluia!



SATURDAY, MARCH 30

7:00 PM Great Vigil of Easter

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

7:00 AM Easter Mass

10:00 AM Easter Mass

(There is no 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday)

MONDAY, APRIL 1

6:45 AM Joseph Jaworski (Memorial)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

6:45 AM Jorge Hamel Reynolds (1st Anniversary)

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

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

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for April

The role of women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Please keep in your prayers

Please pray for Louise Joan Lydon, Patricia Kelleher, John Sheehan, 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.

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.

Let Anyone Who Thirsts, Come to Me

A Healing Mass for those Impacted by Divorce or Separation will be held on Tuesday, April 30th at the Pastoral Center from 6:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m. hosted by Family Life Ministry. The evening includes confession, Adoration, a witness talk, by divorced Catholic Mark Gioia, Mass celebrated by Fr. Jurgen Liias, and prayers for healing. For more information or to register visit <https://bit.ly/LetAnyoneWhoThirst> or call Emily Elliot 617-746-5756.

"When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now,"

- Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Thanks to all who participated in this year's Lenten Outreach to **The Cape Verdean Association of Boston**. The seniors and families that received your gifts are very grateful.

Thank you for your continued support to those in need.

Wishing you a blessed Easter!



Thank you for Helping Our Neighbors in Need at Easter and Throughout the Year

Thank you to the many donors we have so generously provided Stop& Shop and Star Market food cards, as well as cash, that have been given out to local families in need, ensuring that they can have an Easter dinner and mark this most holy feast. We are always so moved by the generosity of our parishioners!

Easter Flowers



Thanks to all who contributed to the Easter Flower Fund. The list of names of loved ones to be remembered/honored are available at the doors of the Church. These individuals will be remembered during all of the Masses of the Easter Season.

"To celebrate Easter is to believe once more that God constantly breaks into our personal histories, challenging our "conventions", those fixed ways of thinking and acting that end up paralyzing us. To celebrate Easter is to allow Jesus to triumph over the craven fear that so often assails us and tries to bury every kind of hope."

Pope Francis



Easter Collection—Support our Priests

Today's Easter collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church, and you. Please be generous to this important collection. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit www.clergytrust.org

An Easter Poem

By Sister Joyce Rupp, OSM

Sturdy, deep green tulip shoots.

**How did they know
it was time to push up through the
long-wintered soil?**

**How did they know
it was the moment to resurrect,
while thick layers of stubborn ice
still pressed the bleak ground flat?**

But the tulips knew.

**They came, rising strongly,
a day after the ice died.**

**There's a hope-filled place in me
that also knows when to rise,
that waits for the last layer of ice
to melt into obscurity.**

**It is urged by the strong sun
warming my wintered heart.
It is nudged by the Secret One,
calling, calling, calling:
"Arise, my love, and come."**

**My heart stirs like dormant tulips
and hope comes dancing forth.**

**Not unlike the Holy One
kissing the morning sun,
waving a final farewell
to a tomb
emptied of its treasure.**

