

PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

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Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so

I send you. John 20:21 (NAB)

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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.

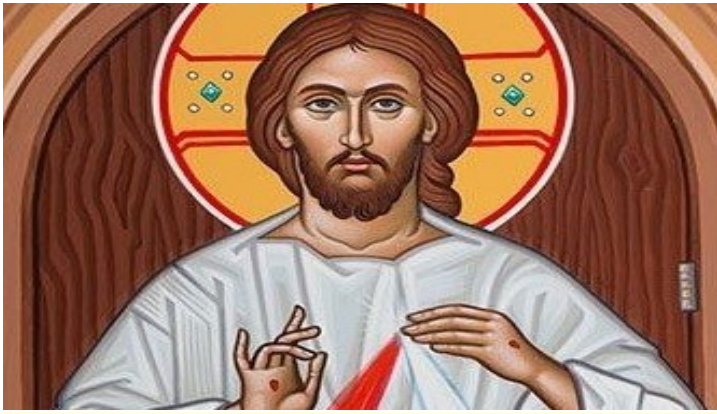
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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday morning.

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



Entrance Hymn: BB# 723 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

Closing Hymn: BB# 576 I Know that My Redeemer Lives



SATURDAY, APRIL 6

4:00 PM Terry Spellman (Anniversary) and
Bill Jennings (Memorial)

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

7:00 AM Mary C. Mulvey (Birthday Memorial)
10:00 AM Geneieve Merritt (Memorial)
5:00 PM James J. Smith, Jr. (4th Anniversary)

MONDAY, APRIL 8

6:45 AM Margaret P. Doherty (4th Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

4:00 PM Elaine and Joe Barry (Memorial)

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

7:00 AM JoAnn McGrath (Memorial)
10:00 AM Thomas Williams (5th Anniversary)
5:00 PM Mary Ellen Balasalle (1st Anniversary)

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 Eileen McDonnell, Bill Delahunt, 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.



The Octave Day of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, points us to the merciful love of God, and the forgiveness of sins, that lies behind the whole Paschal Mystery – the whole mystery of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ – made present for us in the Eucharist.

“In today's Gospel, the Apostle Thomas personally experiences this mercy of God. ... Thomas does not believe it when the other Apostles tell him: "We have seen the Lord." ... And how does Jesus react? With patience: Jesus does not abandon Thomas in his stubborn unbelief ... He does not close the door, He waits. And Thomas acknowledges his own poverty, his little faith. "My Lord and my God!": with this simple yet faith-filled invocation, he responds to Jesus' patience. He lets himself be enveloped by Divine Mercy; he sees it before his eyes, in the wounds of Christ's hands and feet and in His open side, and he discovers trust.” (Pope Francis).

The full Gospel is clearly illustrated in the Image of The Divine Mercy, which includes the words “Jesus, I trust in you”.

As Our Lord said to St. Faustina, on this special day of the Church's liturgical year “the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon these souls who approach the fount of My Mercy... On that day, all the divine floodgates through which graces flow, are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.” (from the Diary, entry# 699).

As individuals and as a Church we must be about mercy. We need to trust in God's gentle mercy, and we recognize that we are called and invited to be individuals and a Church that is more merciful and compassionate.

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.



Easter Collection—Support our Priests

On behalf of my brother priests, thank you for your support of the Easter collection for Clergy Trust. If you were unable to make a donation last week, but would still like to contribute, please go to:

www.clergytrust.org



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

Today, as the world is increasingly tried by wars, and straying from God, we need the mercy of the Father even more.

-Pope Francis



Easter Gratitude

It was great to see so many of you come to Church to participate in Holy Week services and the Easter celebration of the Lord's Resurrection, and it was a joy to be with you. My intention at the Masses was for those who for very good reasons were not able to be with us and are very much missed.

I would like to thank Fr. Brian McMahon. My gratitude also to our Director of Music Ministries, James Busby, our cantors Sean Roper, and Meghan Blell and trumpeter Patrick Stout, who added such life and beauty to the Liturgies. Thank you also to the Greeters, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers, and of course all who came to worship and celebrate Holy Week and Easter.

My gratitude is also extended to Bobbie and Mike Skillin, who brought the Church to its exquisite beauty for the celebration of the Resurrection! So many who came to celebrate mentioned how beautiful the Church was decorated. Thank you! Thank you also to Joe, Sean, and Greg Bourne for cleaning and maintaining the Church, and helping to bring the beauty of the Easter season to life. Thank you.

Thanks also to Julie Hayes who keeps everything going so smoothly at the Rectory and is extra busy in the office during this Holy Season. Thanks also to Barbara Miller and Christina Willett, who assist in the rectory.

Lastly my gratitude to the many in the parish who through gifts cards and offering of money assisted many families to make the Easter celebration more enjoyable and blessed. I am truly blessed to be part of this community.

Fr. Jack