

PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

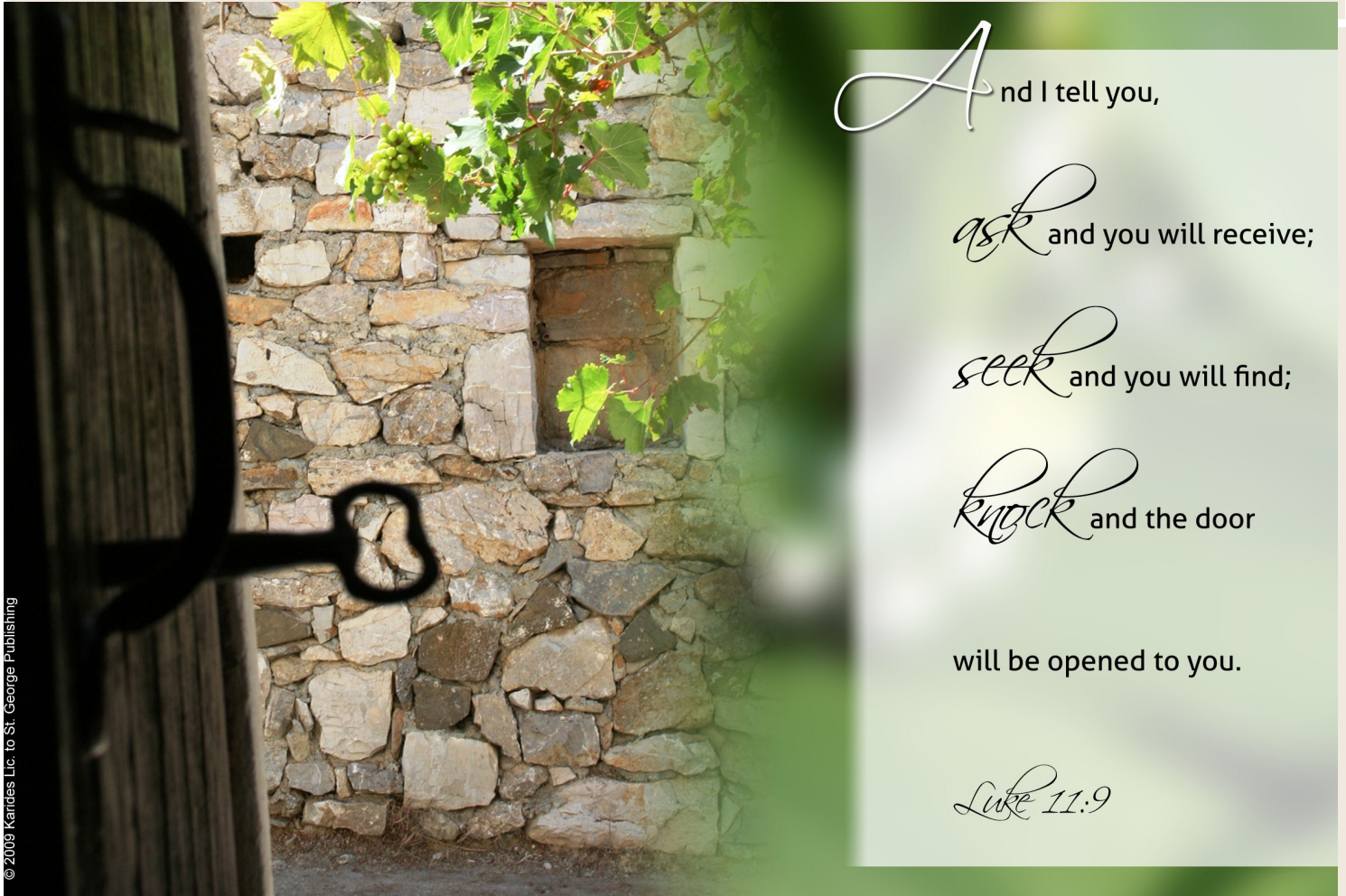
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SUNDAY MASSES: Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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.

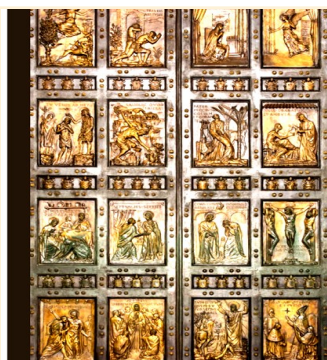
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: First Saturday of the month from Noon—1:00 p.m.

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
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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday morning.

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



Ask and you will receive;
Seek and you will find;
Knock and the door will be
opened to you.

Luke 11:9

Entrance Hymn: BB# 212 Praise to the Lord

Closing Hymn: BB# 471 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



SATURDAY, JULY 26

4:00 PM Idyrene and Daniel Phillip (Memorial)

SUNDAY, JULY 27

7:00 AM Mary and Helen Moran (Memorial)
10:00 AM Katie O'Neill (10th Anniversary) and
Thomas P., Michael J., John P., and
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick O'Neill (Memorial)
5:00 PM Mary and George Petrulis (Memorial)

MONDAY, JULY 28

6:45 AM Dorothy Boyle (L) Special Intention

TUESDAY, JULY 29

6:45 AM Dr. Colton Wells (Memorial)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

6:45 AM Catherine Ryan and Pauline Donovan
(Memorial)

THURSDAY, JULY 31

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

6:45 AM Mike McEleney & Billy Geary (Memorial)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

4:00 PM Jim McDonough (1st Anniversary)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

7:00 AM Peg Gulinello (Birthday Memorial)
10:00 AM Barbara and George Roper (Memorial)
5:00 PM Helen and Tom O'Heir (Memorial)

Please keep in your prayers

Please pray for Maureen Tai, 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 Bill Casey, and all the sick and suffering.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Offertory for 7/20/25: \$7,172.00

Texas Flood Relief: \$2,370.00

Society of St. James: \$2,191.00

(includes online and mailed in giving)

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



Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola

This Thursday, July 31st we celebrate the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, patron saint of retreats. Five hundred years ago, the founder of the Jesuits was on his way to military fame and fortune when a cannon ball shattered his leg. His shattered leg opened him to discerning the call to live "for the greater glory of God".

Ignatius believed that God desires to draw us into a personal friendship, an ever-deepening relationship, to ongoing conversion. In our embrace of this invitation, we embrace our God who calls us to act in new, bold ways that reconcile our world, bringing about justice, peace and compassion.

In the vision of St. Ignatius, we seek to "**find God in all things.**" We dedicate ourselves to the "**greater glory of God**" and the good of all humanity.

I hope you enjoy the following poem which highlights for me that faith brings with it a Falling in love with God.

Fr. Jack

Fall in Love

Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, whom you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in Love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.

Joseph Whelan, S.J.



Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

What does hope mean?

Hope is a virtue, meaning a good habit where we become used to acting hopefully in a balanced manner, not foolishly optimistic but rooted in trust in Jesus. It is a theological virtue, meaning we need God's grace to allow us live hope in the manner of children of God.

"Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1817). virtue of hope.



The Catholic Appeal

I am pleased to share that St. Gregory Parish is at 80% of our goal. Our heartfelt thanks to all who have helped make our campaign a success so far. The Appeal is a primary means by which we enfold our brothers and sisters into Christ's circle of care. If you have not had the opportunity to support the Appeal yet, I invite you to make your gift today to help us reach our goal. Pick up an envelope at the back of the church or make an on-line donation at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. Your participation in our Appeal is appreciated by our parish and all those who are served by the ministries funded by the Appeal which support all of our parishes, schools, and communities. On behalf of Archbishop Henning and all who benefit from your generosity, thank you.



Boston Globe's

Best of the Best Dorchester Winners

Best Ice Cream – The Ice Creamsmith

'Summer nights in the Lower Mills neighborhood wouldn't be complete without the smell of The Ice Creamsmith's sweet treats wafting in the air. Featuring store-baked cookies, ice cream cakes and pies, and of course delicious scoops and sundaes, it's no wonder the lines can get long at this nearly 50-year-old neighborhood spot. Locals return for flavors such as banana, which include banana chunks, and the classic maple walnut."

(Congratulations and thanks for being a great neighbor!)

Emergency Church Repairs

Lower Church Side Entrance on Mother Julia Side

The torrential rain of July 10th came rushing into the church side entrance. Several weeks ago we had requested a quote from our roofer to replace the roof. It cannot be fixed at present because "***the whole structure is rotted and unstable - it needs significant carpentry work before any roof work is done***". I have reached out to Ridgemont construction to do the necessary repairs.

Air Conditioning in the Upper Church

The Air Handling Unit in the rear of the main altar in the upper church which sprung a leak with the water cascading from the unit into the ceiling in the lower Church sanctuary has been repaired.

Over the next few years, we will need to consider replacing the Chiller Unit which is 25+ years old. It is in working order but nearing an end to its life. The cost will be approximately \$125,000.00.

Fr. Jack



Eucharistic Adoration

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on **Saturday, August 2nd from 12 (noon) until 1:00 p.m.** Confessions will be heard during this time.



Anointing of the Sick

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

A Summer Prayer

Long warm days...

The pace of life slows...

A time for picnics and rest in the shade...

Lord, help me to rest awhile

in the cooling shade of your presence.

Slow down my restless heart and

fill me with

gentle compassion for all your people.

- Author Unknown