

PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

Dorchester—Mattapan—Milton

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19th
Sunday
in Ordinary Time



VIGILANT AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS

"You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." *Luke 12:40*

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



Entrance Hymn: BB# 551 Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

Closing Hymn: BB# 569 How Can I Keep From Singing



SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

4:00 PM Montreuil Chrispin & Immacula Seme (Mem)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

7:00 AM Philip Thua Do (Anniversary)

10:00 AM Isolina Dimagiba (9th Anniversary)

5:00 PM Joanne Lobaccaro (Memorial)

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

6:45 AM Dorothy Karpowich (Memorial)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

6:45 AM Dorothy Boyle (L) Spec. Intention

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

6:45 AM Kay McCarthy (10th Anniversary)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

6:45 AM Bob and Jean Golka (Memorial)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

4:00 PM Charles Carroll (Birthday Memorial)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

7:00 AM Frank "Danny" Gaston, Sr. (Birthday Mem)

10:00 AM Catherine Ryan & Pauline Donovan (Mem)

5:00 PM Souls in Purgatory

Please keep in your prayers

Please pray for Helen Hamilton, Mary and Edward Coyle, 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.

Pope Leo's Intention for August

That societies avoid internal conflicts due to ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons and seek paths of dialogue and respond to conflict with gestures of fraternity.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Offertory for 8/03/25: \$7,926.00

(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.

Remember our Homebound

If you or someone you know cannot make it to Mass due to recovery from surgery, an illness or can simply no longer attend Mass Please let us know. Call Julie in the parish office, 617-298-2460 and we will make arrangements to have communion brought to you. Please make the call, we are here for you.



The Catholic Appeal

St. Gregory Parish is now at 83% of our goal. Our heartfelt thanks to all who have helped make our campaign a success so far. 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.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Are You Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the communal process through which non-baptized men and women become members of the Catholic Church. It is also suitable for those baptized in different faith traditions who are interested in becoming Catholic, or, for those who were baptized Catholic, but have yet to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and confirmation. If you are interested in having a conversation about this process, feel free to contact Fr. Jack by calling him at the rectory.

Supermarket Gift Cards are Always Needed

Thanks to all who have donated cards to help those in need. Any assistance you can provide is appreciated. New people come to our door each week for assistance. Thank you for your continued generosity.



Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe Feast Day—August 14th

"I prayed very hard to Our Lady to tell me what would happen to me. She appeared, holding in her hands two crowns, one white, one red. She asked if I would like to have them—one was for purity, the other for martyrdom. I said, 'I choose both.' She smiled and disappeared." After that he was not the same. He entered the minor seminary of the Conventual Franciscans in Lviv—then Poland, now Ukraine—near his birthplace, and at 16 became a novice. Though Maximilian later achieved doctorates in philosophy and theology, he was deeply interested in science, even drawing plans for rocket ships.

Ordained at 24, Maximilian saw religious indifference as the deadliest poison of the day. His mission was to combat it. He had already founded the Militia of the Immaculata, whose aim was to fight evil with the witness of the good life, prayer, work, and suffering. He dreamed of and then founded *Knight of the Immaculata*, a religious magazine under Mary's protection to preach the Good News to all nations. For the work of publication he established a "City of the Immaculata"—Niepokalanow—which housed 700 of his Franciscan brothers. He later founded another one in Nagasaki, Japan. Both the Militia and the magazine ultimately reached the one-million mark in members and subscribers. His love of God was daily filtered through devotion to Mary.

In 1939, the Nazi panzers overran Poland with deadly speed. Niepokalanow was severely bombed. Kolbe and his friars were arrested, then released in less than three months, on the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

In 1941, Fr. Kolbe was arrested again. The Nazis' purpose was to liquidate the select ones, the leaders. The end came quickly, three months later in Auschwitz, after terrible beatings and humiliations. A prisoner had escaped. The commandant announced that 10 men would die. He relished walking along the ranks. "This one. That one." As they were being marched away to the starvation bunkers, Number 16670 dared to step from the line. "I would like to take that man's place. He has a wife and children." "Who are you?" "A priest."

No name, no mention of fame. Silence. The commandant, dumbfounded, perhaps with a fleeting thought of history, kicked Sergeant Francis Gajowniczek out of line and ordered Fr. Kolbe to go with the nine. In the "block of death" they were ordered to strip naked, and their slow starvation began in darkness. But there was no screaming—the prisoners sang. By the eve of the Assumption, four were left alive. The jailer came to finish Kolbe off as he sat in a corner praying. He lifted his fleshless arm to receive the bite of the hypodermic needle. It was filled with carbolic acid. They burned his body with all the others. Fr. Kolbe was beatified in 1971 and canonized in 1982.



August 15

The Solemnity
of the Assumption
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

Friday, August 15th is a
Holy Day of Obligation

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Masses for the Holy Day are:

Friday, August 15th

6:45 a.m. (Lower Church)

9:00 a.m. (Upper Church)

M.A.M.L.E.O.

**Massachusetts Association for Minority
Law Enforcement Officers**

Back to School

BBQ Backpack &

School Supply Event

Wednesday, August 27th

3:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Dorchester Park

1007 Dorchester Avenue

(Baseball Fields on Adams Street Side)

This is open to everyone!

Giving Thanks for Summer

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!

Thank you for the warmth of the sun and
the increased daylight.

Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the
opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my
friends and family, and for the more casual
pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to You this summer.

Teach me how I can pray no matter where
I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of Your
presence and light my path with Your
Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me
a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.

- Author Unknown