

PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

Dorchester—Mattapan—Milton

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Then Jesus said to
her in reply, "O
woman, great
is your faith!"

Matthew
15:28



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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
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# 578 Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

Closing Hymn: BB# 559 Thanks Be to God



SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

4:00 PM The Clancy Family of Duxbury

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

7:00 AM Edward W., Margaret & Mary Holmes (Mem)

10:00 AM George and Barbara Roper (Memorial)

5:00 PM Bob and Jean Golka (Memorial)

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

6:45 AM Kara McDonald (For Healing)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

6:45 AM Nancy White (Birthday Memorial)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

6:45 AM Charlaine Anderson (For Healing)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

6:45 AM Mark Lombardi (Memorial)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

4:00 PM John M. Falvey (22nd Anniversary)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

7:00 AM

10:00 AM Genevieve Saniuk Heinig (5th Anniversary)

5:00 PM Armando & Florence Dizio (Memorial)

Please keep in your prayers

Please pray for 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 all the sick and suffering.

Pope Leo's Intention for August

Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Supermarket Gift Cards are Always Needed

All donations are welcome and appreciated more than you know. Thank you for your continued generosity and care for our neighbors in need of a little assistance. Thank you also to the many neighbors who stock the Lower Mills Community Pantry hosted here on the Parish grounds next to the Church on Mother Julia Road.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Offertory 8/9/26: \$8,071.00

(includes online donations)

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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Take a moment and look around you at Mass today. Are there people present whom you have never met or who may come from a different culture? In what way might you be a welcoming presence to the stranger or immigrant or the seeker who is in your midst? Today's scripture makes clear that the message of God's love is not meant to be kept to ourselves. It is not only for those longtime parishioners or certain groups – it is for everyone! Ask God for the grace to do your part to make people feel welcome. Your smile, or word of welcome will help make your parish a place where all feel welcome and at home!

God Needs Priests. Is He Calling You?

If you are 30-60 years old, you may be surprised

First Friday Visits 2026: Friday, September 4th, October 2nd, November 6th and December 4th

We begin at 5:00 p.m. Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary, Holy Hour and Evening Prayer. In-person visit includes dinner with seminarians and tour of seminary. Virtual Visit: Live stream Holy Hour followed by a Zoom visit. To register, contact Monsignor William Fay at 781-899-5500 x134 or firstfriday@psjs.edu



LOWER MILLS COMMUNITY PANTRY

HOSTED BY ST. GREGORY PARISH

All are Welcome!

Please feel free to take what you need and give what you can. In our community, we take care of each other! Pick-up & Drop Off Location: St. Gregory Church, Under side stairs facing Mother Julia Road, Dorchester Ave in Lower Mills. Please leave shelf stable foods like rice, canned goods and hygiene products in the cupboard. Please do not leave anything outside the cupboard. If full, check back tomorrow and see if there is room.

"The Almighty will not be outdone in generosity to those who serve the people most in need: the greater the love for the poor, the greater the reward from God."

Pope Leo XIV



Saint Bernard of Clairvaux
Feast Day: August 20

In the year 1111, at the age of 20, Bernard left his home to join the monastic community of Citeaux. His five brothers, two uncles, and some 30 young friends followed him into the monastery. Within four years, a dying community had recovered enough vitality to establish a new house in the nearby valley of Wormwoods, with Bernard as abbot. The zealous young man was quite demanding, though more on himself than others. A slight breakdown of health taught him to be more patient and understanding. The valley was soon renamed Clairvaux, the valley of light.

His ability as arbitrator and counselor became widely known. More and more he was lured away from the monastery to settle long-standing disputes. On several of these occasions, he apparently stepped on some sensitive toes in Rome. Bernard was completely dedicated to the primacy of the Roman See. But to a letter of warning from Rome, he replied that the good fathers in Rome had enough to do to keep the Church in one piece. If any matters arose that warranted their interest, he would be the first to let them know.

Shortly thereafter it was Bernard of Clairvaux who intervened in a full-blown schism and settled it in favor of the Roman pontiff against the antipope.

The Holy See prevailed on Bernard of Clairvaux to preach the Second Crusade throughout Europe. His eloquence was so overwhelming that a great army was assembled and the success of the crusade seemed assured. The ideals of the men and their leaders, however, were not those of Abbot Bernard, and the project ended as a complete military and moral disaster.

Bernard of Clairvaux felt responsible in some way for the degenerative effects of the crusade. This heavy burden possibly hastened his death, which came August 20, 1153. Bernard was canonized just 21 years after his death by Pope Alexander III. In 1830 Pope Pius VIII declared him a Doctor of the Church.

Reflection

Bernard's life in the Church was more active than we can imagine possible today. His efforts produced far-reaching results. But he knew that they would have availed little without the many hours of prayer and contemplation that brought him strength and heavenly direction. His life was characterized by a deep devotion to the Blessed Mother. His sermons and books about Mary are still the standard of Marian theology.



If you have a child entering the **second grade or third grade** this September and wish them to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist in May, or if you have a child in the **Eighth grade** and wish them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in March, please reach out to Julie Hayes in the Office 617-298-2460 or email: stgregoryparish@gmail.com



LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

Please search in your heart to become a Lector and/or a Eucharistic Minister. Take advantage of this wonderful privilege to serve the Lord. All of us are equally worthy in His presence! All Mass times have a need. Young adults and High School students are welcome! If interested, please call the rectory at 617-298-2460 or contact us through the website: www.stgregoryparish.com



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)
Are You Interested in
Becoming a Catholic?

The Order 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 for Jack at bowdoin9043@gmail.com or by calling him at the rectory.