

PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

Dorchester—Mattapan—Milton

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Exaltation of the Cross

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. John 3:16

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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.

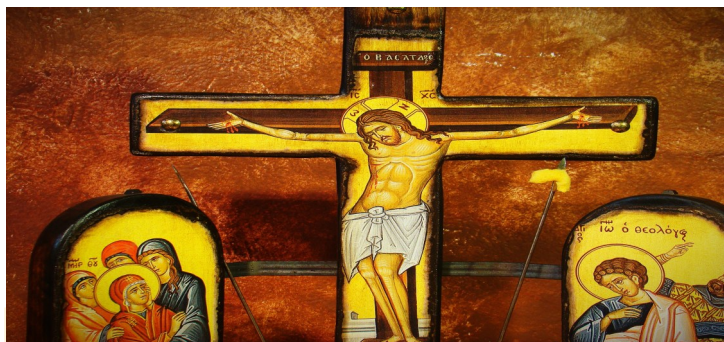
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: First Saturday of the month from Noon—1:00 p.m.

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# 705 Lift High the Cross

Closing Hymn: BB# 556 Praise to the Holiest in the Height

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Nancie O'Meara (1st Anniversary)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

7:00 AM Helen & Henry Lunny (Memorial)
 10:00 AM Bridget Williams (10th Anniversary)
 5:00 PM Paul Lewis (Memorial)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

6:45 AM Parishioners, Benefactors and Friends of
 St. Gregory Parish

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Claire Kotas (Memorial)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

7:00 AM The Gaffey Family (Memorial)
 10:00 AM Jessica Andrea (L) in Thanksgiving
 5:00 PM Rev. Anthony Nguyen (Anniversary)

Please keep in your prayers

Please pray for Sheila Deery, John Sweeney, Adude Almeida, 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 September

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



Our Lady of Sorrows Feast Day Masses

In response to Pope Francis' call to console the sorrowing on **September 15th**, we will celebrate Our Lady of Sorrows Feast Day Masses all over the Archdiocese for the intention of "those who need consoling." For an updated list of Mass locations, see bit.ly/OLSorrowsMass. This event is hosted by the Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Offertory for 9/7/25: \$7,437.00

Offertory for 8/31/25: \$5,306.00

SMA Fathers Collection: \$907.00

(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.



Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

What does Pope Leo have to say about this Jubilee of Hope?

"How important it is that each and every baptized person feel himself or herself to be called by God to be a sign of hope in the world today. It is our faith that gives us strength. It is our faith that enables us to see the light of Jesus Christ in our lives and to understand how important it is to live our faith. Not only on Sundays, not only during a pilgrimage, but each and every day so that we will be filled with the hope that only Jesus Christ can give us and that all of us together will continue to walk united as brothers and sisters to praise our God; to recognize that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God, and to place those gifts at the service of others."

Pope Leo—May 26, 2025



Dorchester Lower Mills Civic Association

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 16th at 7:00 pm

St. Gregory's Auditorium

- Area B/C Community Police Officers
- Merchant Assoc—Calli McPherson, William James Gifts
- Kerry Conlon—Harbor Heath, Elder Service Plan
- Dues for new year are due by September 30th

Our teachers spend too much of their own money for classroom supplies. Please help us help them. Please bring new crayons, colored pencils, #2 pencils, glue sticks, construction paper to the meeting. Thank you!



The Catholic Appeal—St. Gregory Parish is now at 87% of our goal. 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 if you would rather make an on-line donation, please visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org.



For All Young Families

Parent Tips Week Three

Tip of the week:

Explain what is going on at the Altar

Today we move to the final two parts: the Liturgy of the Eucharist and the Concluding Rites. There is a lot going on during the Liturgy of the Eucharist and it may be helpful to sit where your children are able to see the altar if that is comfortable for your family. Point out to your child that as we move into this part of the Mass the “action” will shift from the ambo to the altar, so our attention should focus on the altar. It can be helpful to quietly talk children through this part of the Mass.

Ask your child to watch to see the gifts being brought to, or placed by the priest, on the altar. What do they see? Sometimes it may be difficult to see, but the chalice (which will receive the wine) as well as the paten (which holds the host) will be placed on the altar. They may also see the vessels for the water and wine. The priest will then pray the Eucharistic Prayer. Older children may be able to follow along in the missal, but this may be a longer prayer for little ones. However, even young children will become familiar and will be able to join in the prayers as they learn (more on this next week). If you are at a Mass where the bells are rung as the priest elevates the host and chalice, this is a wonderful auditory cue for children to focus their attention on the altar during this time of Consecration. It is at this time, using Jesus’ own words that the bread and wine are miraculously changed into the Body and Blood of Christ Jesus! It is here that we reach the high point of the Mass. By reading Matthew 26:17-30 at home, your child will be familiar with the story of the Last Supper and the words of Consecration. You can ask them to listen for those same words during Mass. We are soon brought to Communion. This is obviously an opportunity for our children to get out of the pew and walk toward the altar. Many don’t understand why their parents “get” something when they cannot. Assure them that they too will be able to receive the gift of Jesus in this way when they are a little older and learn more! In the meantime, we can help them learn to approach the altar reverently and although they may not receive Communion yet, they can cross their arms over their chest “like a pretzel” and receive a special blessing from the priest (or the Eucharistic Minister will ask God’s blessing for them). After Communion we have the final part of the Mass, the Concluding Rites. It is at this time that we receive the final blessing and dismissal.

Feel free to borrow any of the Missals for Children or other books at the back of the Church to help your children learn more about the Mass!



Second Collection Next Weekend: Clergy Trust

Each September, the Clergy Trust allows us an opportunity to “Give Thanks for our Priests” in various ways. You may already be a part of their Prayer Challenge that is happening right now. Another way to give thanks for priests is to participate in next week’s special collection that benefits the Clergy Trust so that they can continue to provide health and wellness programs and support for all of our active and senior priests in good standing. If you want to learn more about the prayer challenge or if you want to make your gift to the collection today, visit clergytrust.org.



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 or ninth 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 contact us through our website: www.stgregoryparish.com

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Today’s feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is celebrated in Catholic and Orthodox Churches alike, with the cross being the universal image of our Christian belief. It is not the cruelty of the Cross that is exalted, but the Love that God manifested for all people by accepting death on the Cross. Our Gospel reminds us that God wants to enter a relationship of love with us, a love that is offered in His Son Jesus, lifted up on the Cross. As we gaze upon the cross today, may it be an invitation to accept the love that is given and remain in His love.

We adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, here, and in all your churches throughout the whole world, and we bless you, for by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

-Saint Francis of Assisi