

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

And a voice came from the heavens, saying,
“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Matthew 3:17



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"As a Roman Catholic faith community, we seek to follow the example of St. Veronica who carried the image of Christ always with her. Through fellowship, service and acts of mercy we walk as disciples in Christ's mission together seeking an ever-deeper relationship with God through prayer, education, sacraments, and the celebration of the Eucharist."

This feast of the Baptism of the Lord brings to a close the celebration of Christmas, but the meaning of Christ's coming is something we bring with us to each new day as we strive to be good followers of Jesus.

From the readings today we find the Prophet Isaiah saying "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit" in receiving the Eucharist we receive Jesus, one God in three persons so we really receive the other two entities of God as well including the Holy Spirit. Today we remember he was born and that he leaves the Spirit present in the hearts of all believers to carry on his work in the world. We can use the beatitudes as a yardstick for our progress. They are 8 blessings we have already received and we are invited to put them into practice.

THE EIGHT BEATITUDES & THEIR MEANINGS

#1 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Be satisfied with what you have. Share the good things we have with others because God wants us to.) **#2** Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. (Comfort those who are suffering. Help others feel better about themselves after a loss.) **#3** Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. (Humility-a true sense of who you are. Get the ego out of the way.) **#4** Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. (Do what is fair for everyone. Think WWJD) **#5** Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. (We forgive those who are unkind to us. Look for ways to show kindness to others.) **#6** Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. (We do what is right just because we know it is the right thing to do.) **#7** Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. (We try to bring God's peace to the world. We control our behavior so people can see Jesus in us.) **#8** Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (We are willing to stand up for God's laws even if we are teased or insulted.)

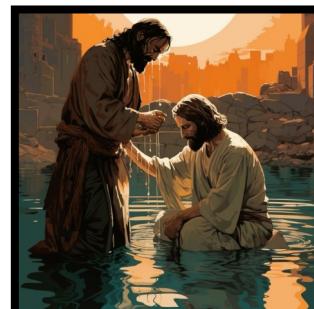
I am always amazed when Jesus is born the shepherds in the field are told by an angel and they go and find the Christ child and are some of the first to see and be in presence of God made flesh. At the end of his life Jesus uses the image of a shepherd. The shepherd who separates the sheep from the goats. "Whenever you did this to one of the least of these," providing food for the hungry, drink to the thirsty, clothes to the naked, visits to the ill and those imprisoned. This is discipleship. When we do these things we are welcomed to the kingdom and when we don't we aren't. If you have ever done volunteer work and think your helping people, you usually find out they have helped you on the path of life. This is what humility is and no one in the world will tell you it's of value, Jesus will remind you it is all that matters. Think of the ashes we receive in about 4 weeks; "turn away from sin, be faithful to the gospel. At the end of the gospel we heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." This is why at the end of an active Catholic life, someone who has lived the faith, we believe they will hear "well done good and faithful servant."

The company that prints these bulletins has a very tight schedule and cut off dates, which prevented some of the collection amounts being reported, I am grateful to Deacon Dick for writing reflections in the bulletin. Something to keep in mind as the Archdiocese of Boston continues to have fewer parishes and fewer priests, when there is only one priest in a parish it gets very busy and the priest is usually not able to accomplish all that he would like. And it's almost never enough for parishioners.

May God Bless us all the days of our lives.

Peace,

Father Tom



"Welcome to St Veronica Parish. Here we are all invited to grow in our relationship with God and to know God's presence through faith, hope, love and ministry."

MASS Intentions

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Saturday, January 10

9:00 am	St Margaret, (Communion Service)	
	Ed Delaney	Birthday Memorial
4:00 pm	St. Malachy	
	Suzy & Jose Sa Ponte	Memorial

Sunday, January 11

8:00 am	St. Margaret	
	Jim Curtin	Memorial
10:00 am	St. Malachy	
	Eleanor & Robert Mitchell	Memorial

Monday, January 12

9:00 am	St. Malachy	
	Ondreje Buchtely	Memorial

Tuesday, January 13, (Communion Service)

9:00 am	St. Margaret	
	Natalina Presti	26th Anniversary

Wednesday, January 14, (Communion Service)

9:00 am	St Malachy Church	
	Ryan James Gilligan	14th Anniversary

Thursday, January 15

9:00am	St Margaret Church	
	Paul O'Meara	Memorial

Friday, January 16

9:00 am	St. Malachy	
	Mariano Dantignana	Memorial

Saturday, January 17

9:00 am	St Margaret, (Communion Service)	
	Denise Bates Guarino	Mass for The Living
4:00 pm	St. Malachy	
	Joseph & Arlene Lefebvre	Memorial

Sunday, January 18

8:00 am	St. Margaret	
	Julie Ann and David Price, Jr. & Adeline Price	Memorial
10:00 am	St. Malachy	
	Cindy Sullivan	Memorial

12:00 pm	St. Margaret	
	Larry McQuilkin	1st Anniversary



Funeral services were celebrated recently for
Natalie Ryan, Susan Robitaille

Maria Lottatore & Eleanor Boudreau

Kindly include them and their families
in your prayers.
Thank you.

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

SUNDAY Jan 11	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/ Mt 3:13-17
MONDAY Jan 12	1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
TUESDAY Jan 13	<i>Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
WEDNESDAY Jan 14	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2+5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
THURSDAY Jan 15	1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
FRIDAY Jan 16	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
SATURDAY Jan 17	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
SUNDAY Jan 18	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

CLERGY BENEFIT TRUST December 24/25, 2025

Envelopes & In Church: \$18,194
Online: \$1,099
TOTAL: \$19,293

Weekend of December 28, 2025

Envelopes & In Church: \$8,949
Online: \$3,723
TOTAL: \$12,672

Weekly Budget	\$16,153
Income	<u>\$12,672</u>
Deficit	-\$3,481

Month to Date: \$59,288

St. Veronica Building Fund
Envelopes & In Church: \$290
Online: \$281
TOTAL: \$571

SOLEMNITY OF MARY
Weekend of January 1, 2026
Envelopes & In Church: \$1,265

Weekend of January 4, 2026
Envelopes & In Church: \$9,852
Online: \$6,154
TOTAL: \$16,006

Weekly Budget	\$16,153
Income	<u>\$16,006</u>
Deficit	-\$147

Month to Date: \$16,006

St. Veronica Building Fund
Envelopes & In Church: \$110
Online: \$624
TOTAL: \$734

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

If you have not contributed to our Grand Annual collection there is still time. Please make your checks out to St. Veronica Parish or go on our website to donate online.

www.stveronicama.org

Campaign Statistics as of 1/6/26

Total # of Households:	2,666
Total # Pledged:	455
Total Amount Pledged	\$175,853.00
Total Amount Paid:	\$172,518.00
Average Pledge:	\$386.49
% of Pledges Collected:	98.10%
% of Participation:	17.07



↳ To date 455 of our 2,666 families
(17.07%) have pledged
\$175,853.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

TAX STATEMENT

If you are an envelope recipient and would like to request a donation summary for your tax statement please call 781-272-3111 or email us at stveronica@stveronicaparish.org and we will mail one to you.

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION

This weekend, **January 10th/11th**, there will be a second collection for the Building Fund. This fund is vital in keeping our buildings and surrounding grounds clean and up to date. Please consider either donating in church or go to our web site www.stveronicama.org and donate online. Thank you in advance.

**Please make your checks out to
St Veronica Parish.**

PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE

Is there someone special you've been holding in prayer? Perhaps a friend facing illness or surgery, a parishioner who has lost a loved one, or a neighbor who is going through a difficult time or is home bound?

Our ministry knits and crochets beautiful shawls to be given to *anyone* who could use a special reminder of the warmth and comfort of God's love. Every shawl is unique and colorful, stitched with prayers and blessings for the future recipient with following prayer enclosed.

***“May the one who receives this shawl be
cradled in hope, kept in joy,
graced with peace, and wrapped in love.”***

Please call either rectory if you have someone you would like to receive this beautiful gift.

(Donations appreciated.)



*The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Sacred Heart Conference
571 Boston St.
Lynn, MA 01905*

*Dear Father Mahoney & Parishioners
of St. Veronica Parish,*

*Thank you for your very generous donation of
\$4,2300.00 in grocery gift cards to our St. Vincent de
Paul Society conference. All our members are
impressed by your generosity in support of our
mission to help those in need.*

*So Many families are struggling and our number one
request is for food so these git cards will be much
appreciated by man families now and throughout
2026.*

*Wishing you God's blessing during the Christmas
season and the new year.*

Sincerely,

Norma Burnett



St. Veronica's annual Holy Hour for Life will take place on Wednesday, January 21st at 7:00 pm at St. Malachy's Church. This Holy Hour will be held at parishes throughout the Archdiocese in solidarity with those who travel to Washington DC for the annual March for Life. We will pray together for those who have been wounded by abortion, for respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death, and that those who govern us may be guided by justice, truth, and a love for the gift of life. The Holy Hour for Life is organized by Boston Deacons for Life in collaboration with the Pro Life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston. Please join us; all are welcome. We are also planning to live-stream the service for those unable to attend.

IT'S TIME FOR BINGO!!

On January 18th St. Vincent de Paul of Woburn is hosting BINGO at The Moose Lodge, 4 Federal Street, Woburn. Doors open at 12:30pm.

For those wishing to send **Fr. Mahoney** a card, the address is:

**Rev. James Mahoney
Guest House
1601 Jocelyn Rd.
Lake Orion, MI. 48360**

Cards for **Fr. Conroy** can be sent to:

**Rev. Francis Conroy
Regina Cleri
60 William Cardinal O'Connell Way
Boston, MA 02114**

RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**GRADES 1, 3-5 SCHEDULE**

Family of Faith Gatherings.

3/22 - Penance Service at 6:00pm at St. Malachy Church

4/3 - Live Stations of The Cross at 3:30pm at St. Malachy Church

GRADE 2**First Reconciliation Retreat:** 1/25 1:30pm - 4:00pm at St. Margaret School Building**First Reconciliation Ceremonies:**

1/31 - at 12:00 at St. Margaret Church

2/7 - at 12:00pm at St. Malachy Church

First Communion Retreat: 4/12 - 1:30pm - 4:00pm at St. Margaret School Building**First Holy Communion Rehearsal:** 5/1 - 7:00pm at St. Margaret Church**First Holy Communion Mass:** 5/2 - 12:00pm at St. Margaret Church**First Holy Communion Rehearsal:** 5/15 - 7:00pm at St. Malachy Church**First Holy Communion Mass:** 5/16 - 12:00pm at St. Malachy Church**GRADES 6 & 7****MONDAY**

7:00pm – 8:00pm
1/26
2/2 & 9
3/2

WEDNESDAY

2:00pm - 3:30pm
1/28
2/4 & 11
3/4

Lenten Penance Service: 3/22 at 6:00pm at St. Malachy Church**Live Stations of The Cross:** Good Friday, 4/3 at 3:30pm at St. Malachy Church**CONFIRMATION: GRADES 8 & 9**
MONDAY

7:00pm – 8:00pm
1/26
2/2 & 9
3/2

WEDNESDAY

2:00pm - 3:30pm
1/28
2/4 & 11
3/4

CONFIRMATION WILL BE MAY 19, 2026
AT ST. MARGARET CHURCH**GRADE 8 AT 5:00PM****GRADE 9 AT 7:00PM****HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR**
GRADES 10-12

1/11/2026 Our Father/Nicene Creed
2/1/2026 Mary, Blessed Mother
3/8/2026 Lenten Mission - St. Malachy Church 7PM
4/12/2026 Marian Apparitions

Topics may change, but class dates won't. Class runs from 5-6 PM.

PRAY for VOCATIONS

Jesus commanded us to pray for vocations with his words, "Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Mt. 9:38). Take on prayer for vocations as your personal effort to increase the number of priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers.

Serra for priestly and religious vocations
<https://serraus.org>

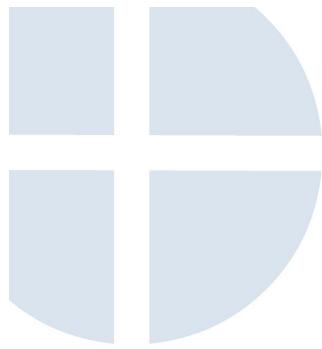
**PROCEDURE FOR RECEIVING
LOW GLUTEN EUCHARIST**

Congregants requesting low gluten hosts are NO LONGER required to stop into the Sacristy before Mass. Instead, you are invited to come to the altar during the Lamb of God and are asked to stand on the opposite side of the altar from the Eucharistic Ministers to receive the low gluten eucharist before common distribution begins.

THE PRAYER HOPE LINE:
781-273-HOPE (4673)

Are you or someone you know in need of a prayer? Do you know someone who is ill or perhaps suffering with an emotional problem? Give a call to the **Prayer Hope Line at 781-273-4673**. When you call, listen to the prayer and then state your personal request, for example: 'Kindly pray for John who has cancer' or 'Pray for Mary who is having surgery', etc. Please do not leave full names or phone numbers on the Prayer Hope Line. Members of the Catholic parish communities in Burlington will be honored to include your intentions in their prayers.

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. (Colossians 4:2)



The Origin and Foundation of Christian Baptism is Jesus

The Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist—are the foundations of the Christian life. “Baptism, the Eucharist, and the sacrament of Confirmation together constitute the ‘sacraments of Christian initiation,’ whose unity must be safeguarded” (CCC, no. 1285). We begin with our study of Baptism in this chapter and will treat the other two Sacraments in the following ones.

Baptism is birth into the new life in Christ. In accordance with the Lord’s will, it is necessary for salvation, as is the Church herself, which we enter by Baptism. —

CCC, no. 1277

In his dialogue with Nicodemus, Jesus taught that Baptism was necessary for salvation. “No one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit” (Jn 3:5). After his Resurrection, Jesus met with the eleven Apostles and gave them the commission to preach the Gospel and baptize, telling them, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved” (Mk 16:16). The word *baptism* in its origins is Greek and means “immersion” and “bath.” Immersion in water is a sign of death, and emersion out of the water means new life. To bathe in water is also to undergo cleansing. St. Paul sums up this truth when he says, “You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead” (Col 2:12).



The origin and foundation of Christian Baptism is Jesus. Before starting his public ministry, Jesus submitted himself to the baptism given by John the Baptist. The waters did not purify him; he cleansed the waters. “He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake . . . to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water” (St. Gregory Nazianzen, *Liturgy of the Hours*, I, 634). Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will. Jesus did not need to be baptized because he was totally faithful to the will of his Father and free from sin. However, he wanted to show his solidarity with human beings in order to reconcile them to the Father. By commanding his disciples to baptize all nations, he established the means by which people would die to sin—Original and actual—and begin to live a new life with God.



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