

# 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

**Veronica Parish, a publication of  
St. Malachy  
& St. Margaret Churches  
January 11, 2026**

*"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

### Saturday, January 10

9:00 am	<b>St Margaret, (Communion Service)</b>	
	Ed Delaney	Birthday Memorial
4:00 pm	<b>St. Malachy</b>	
	Suzy & Jose Sa Ponte	Memorial
4:30 pm	<b>St. Margaret</b>	
	Nancy Parker	Memorial

### Sunday, January 11

8:00 am	<b>St. Margaret</b>	
	Jim Curtin	Memorial
10:00 am	<b>St. Malachy</b>	
	Eleanor & Robert Mitchell	Memorial
12:00 pm	<b>St. Margaret</b>	
	Michael Kelly	Memorial

### Monday, January 12

9:00 am	<b>St. Malachy</b>	
	Ondreje Buchtely	Memorial

### Tuesday, January 13, (Communion Service)

9:00 am	<b>St. Margaret</b>	
	Natalina Presti	26th Anniversary

### Wednesday, January 14, (Communion Service)

9:00 am	<b>St Malachy Church</b>	
	Ryan James Gilligan	14th Anniversary

### Thursday, January 15

9:00am	<b>St Margaret Church</b>	
	Paul O'Meara	Memorial

### Friday, January 16

9:00 am	<b>St. Malachy</b>	
	Mariano Dantignana	Memorial

### Saturday, January 17

9:00 am	<b>St Margaret, (Communion Service)</b>	
	Denise Bates Guarino	Mass for The Living
4:00 pm	<b>St. Malachy</b>	
	Joseph & Arlene Lefebvre	Memorial
4:30 pm	<b>St. Margaret</b>	
	Donald & Polly Glasser	Memorial

### Sunday, January 18

8:00 am	<b>St. Margaret</b>	
	Julie Ann and David Price, Jr. & Adeline Price	Memorial
10:00 am	<b>St. Malachy</b>	
	Cindy Sullivan	Memorial
12:00 pm	<b>St. Margaret</b>	
	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

<b>SUNDAY</b> Jan 11	<i>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</i> Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/ Mt 3:13-17
<b>MONDAY</b> Jan 12	1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
<b>TUESDAY</b> 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
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Jan 14	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2+5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
<b>THURSDAY</b> Jan 15	1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
<b>FRIDAY</b> Jan 16	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
<b>SATURDAY</b> Jan 17	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
<b>SUNDAY</b> Jan 18	<i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 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>
<b>Deficit</b>	<b><u>-\$3,481</u></b>

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>
<b>Deficit</b>	<b><u>-\$147</u></b>

Month to Date: \$16,006

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

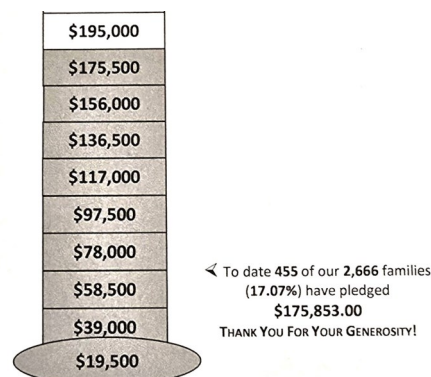
## GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

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](http://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



### 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](mailto:stveronica@stveronicaparish.org) and we will mail one to you.

### BUILDING FUND COLLECTION

This weekend, **January 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>**, 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](http://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.)



St. Veronica's annual Holy Hour for Life will take place on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> 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.



*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 gift cards will be much  
appreciated by many families now and throughout  
2026.*

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

*Sincerely,*

*Norma Burnett*

## IT'S TIME FOR BINGO!!

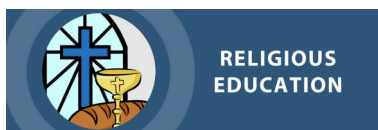
On January 18th St. Vincent de Paul of Woburn is hosting BINGO at The Moose Lodge, 4 Federal Street, Woburn. Doors open at 12:30pm.

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**

**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 &amp; 9

3/2

**WEDNESDAY**

2:00pm - 3:30pm

1/28

2/4 &amp; 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 &amp; 9

3/2

**WEDNESDAY**

2:00pm - 3:30pm

1/28

2/4 &amp; 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>

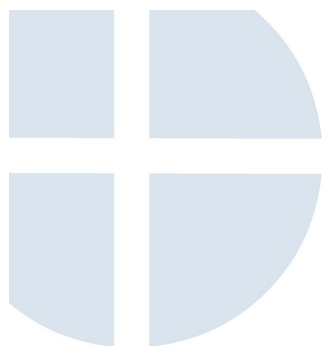
**PROCEDURE FOR RECEIVING  
LOW GLUTEN EUCHARIST**

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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Monday - Thursday 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 am

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION  
(CONFESSIONS)**

Friday: 6:00 - 7:00 pm (chapel)

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Saturday: 2:30 - 3:30 pm (lower church)

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