

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHOEVER BOASTS, SHOULD BOAST IN THE LORD

— 1 CORINTHIANS 1:31 —



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February 1, 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 Sunday we have the Beatitudes to ponder. As a priest often times this Gospel fits well into a funeral because the deceased was one, or maybe more than one of the Beatitudes. You see they are about being rather than doing. Being a peacemaker means all time not just when others are being peaceful. Poor is spirit? Don't see to many ads that focus on being poor in spirit. Most advertising relates to self inflation rather than selflessness that we are called to. The poor in spirit are promised the kingdom of heaven. Not at the end of life but now. In the Lords prayer we say thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is heaven. YOU are the one who decides whether you bring the kingdom of God here to earth if you are humble- poor in spirit. The late Pope Francis visited Sweden in 2016 and on the fest of All Saints day, when the Gospel of the beatitudes is also used in addition to this 4th Sunday, he offered 6 beatitudes for our Reflection. Sweden is 1% Catholic. They say 20-22% of Americans are Catholic. Hopefully they are able to live out the Beatitudes of Jesus and the following as well.

"Blessed are those who remain faithful while enduring evils inflicted on them by others and forgive them from their heart."

"Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalized and show them their closeness."

"Blessed are those who see God in every person and strive to make others also discover him."

"Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home."

"Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others."

"Blessed are those who pray and work for full communion between Christians."

May God continue to Bless our Saint Veronica Community, I am writing this during a snowstorm, Father Francis Conroy will hopefully be back at Regina Cleri by the time you read this bulletin. And hopefully by the next bulletin our Shepherd Father Mahoney will have returned.

Peace,
Father Tom

CRUCIFIX ON THE HILL

As you have most likely noticed the crucifix on the hill outside St. Margaret Church has not been illuminated at night. The wiring of the lighting has corroded under the ground. We are working with an electrician to come up with the best way to update the electrical system safely. We have tried to implemented a few temporary solutions which were not successful. Unfortunately, it is unlikely that we will not be able repair the wiring until the ground thaws in the spring. We will update you when a solution is reached. We know how important the crucifix is to our community and we continue to be diligent in working to fix it.

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.)

"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 31

9:00 am	St Margaret, (Communion Service)	
4:00 pm	St. Malachy Norma & Edward Alfano	Memorial
4:30 pm	St. Margaret Judy Murphy & Jack Murphy	1st Anniversary Memorial

Sunday, February 1

8:00 am	St. Margaret Terri Natale	1st Anniversary
10:00 am	St. Malachy David Alden	1st Anniversary
12:00 pm	St. Margaret Frank Presti	Birthday Memorial

Monday, February 2

9:00 am	St. Malachy Biagio & Josephine Merlin	Memorial
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Tuesday, February 3

9:00 am	St. Margaret Joseph & Arlene Lefebvre	Memorial
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Wednesday, February 4, (Communion Service)

9:00 am	St Malachy Church Debbie Dew	Birthday Memorial
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Funeral services were celebrated recently for
Tayna Frieden, Stephen Preston
Mary Sherma & William MacDonald
 Kindly include them and their families
 in your prayers.
 Thank you.

Thursday, February 5, (Communion Service)

9:00am	St Margaret Church	Mary Dozier	Birthday Memorial
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Friday, February 6

9:00 am	St. Malachy	For All of The Souls in Purgatory
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Saturday, February 7

9:00 am	St Margaret, (Communion Service)	
4:00 pm	St. Malachy	Mary, Clarence, Dick & Christine Westberg and Grace & Santo Patti
		Memorial
		Dick & Lois Jackson
		Memorial
		Barbara Godinho
		7th Anniversary
4:30 pm	St. Margaret	Priscillia & William Thornton
		Memorial
		Ofelia Difonte
		2nd Anniversary
		JoAnn Gorraso
		Memorial

Sunday, February 8

8:00 am	St. Margaret	Connie & Margaret Hanafin and Sons
		Memorial
10:00 am	St. Malachy	Robert Goodwin
		Anniversary
12:00 pm	St. Margaret	Paul O'Meara
		7th Anniversary

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

SUNDAY	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Feb 1	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a
MONDAY	The Presentation of the Lord
Feb 2	Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
TUESDAY	Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop
Feb 3	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
WEDNESDAY	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6
THURSDAY	Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Feb 5	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chron 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
FRIDAY	Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Feb 6	Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29
SATURDAY	1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
SUNDAY	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Feb 8	Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Pilot Bulletins

ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Weekend of January 25, 2026
Envelopes & In Church: \$6,781
Online: \$3,876
TOTAL: \$10,657

Weekly Budget	\$16,153
Income	\$10,657
Deficit	-\$5,496

Month to Date: \$53,867

St. Veronica Building Fund
Envelopes & In Church: \$90
Online: \$456
TOTAL: \$546

Church in Latin America
Envelopes & In Church: \$2,915
Online: \$156
TOTAL: \$3,071

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.



If school is delayed, canceled or if road conditions are dangerous, there will be no morning Mass.



The January gathering brought in a handful of new people... Praise God! Our February gathering (weather permitting) will be on **Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 6:30pm at St. Malachy's Parish Hall**. Please always enter through the back door, via the Chapel, as all other doors will be locked. All are always welcomed... please come and join us! Our primary goal? To help each other get to Heaven. Any questions, feel free to text or call Laurie at 617-680-4448.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE FEBRUARY 2

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.

Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

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VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT
RETREAT WITH THE
Daughters of St. Paul
SPRING 2026

February 12-16, 2026

Boston, Massachusetts

Retreat includes: Attending a First Profession Mass, Daily Mass, community prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, talks by the Sisters, experiences of the Pauline mission, silent retreat time, community recreation, and more.

(Novice Catherine, will be making her First Vows this weekend!)



For single Catholic women ages 18-30

For more information and to register:
vocations@paulinemedia.com
connect.pauline.org/vocation-events/



BUILDING FUND COLLECTION

Next weekend, **February 7th/8th**, 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.**

CAFE ESCADRILLE
February 22 | 2:00-5:00 PM
PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE
BURLINGTON FOOD PANTRY

13th Annual Wine Tasting & Charity Auction

Sunday February 22, 2PM - 5 PM
Café Escadrille
26 Cambridge St, Burlington MA

Scan for Tickets!

Tickets: \$75 Per Person
Limited tables of 12 available



BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

BLESSED ARE THEY WHO MOURN FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED

BLESSED ARE THE MEEK FOR THEY WILL INHERIT THE LAND

BLESSED ARE THEY WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR THEY WILL BE SATISFIED

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL FOR THEY WILL BE SHOWN MERCY

BLESSED ARE THE CLEAN OF HEART FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD

BLESSED ARE THEY WHO ARE PERSECUTED FOR THE SAKE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN THEY INSULT YOU AND PERSECUTE YOU AND UTTER EVERY KIND OF EVIL AGAINST YOU BECAUSE OF ME. REJOICE AND BE GLAD FOR YOUR REWARD WILL BE GREAT IN HEAVEN. THUS THEY PERSECUTED THE PROPHETS WHO WERE BEFORE YOU



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BLACK HISTORY MONTH FEBRUARY

"For a nation to be just, it must be a society that recognizes and respects the legitimate rights of individuals and peoples. These rights precede any society because they flow from the dignity granted to each person as created by God." (Open Wide Our Hearts, The Enduring Call to Love – A Pastoral Letter Against Racism)

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 Ceremonies:**

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

WEDNESDAY

2:00pm - 3:30pm

2/2 & 9

3/2

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

WEDNESDAY

2:00pm - 3:30pm

2/2 & 9

3/2

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**

Grade 12 please see scholarship applications on next page.

2/1/2026 Mary, Blessed Mother
 3/8/2026 Lenten Mission - St. Malachy Church 7PM
 4/12/2026 Marian Apparitions
 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)

ST. VERONICA – SCHOOL OF RELIGION Application for Scholarship

Scholarship to be awarded to students who best fulfill the following requirements:

Student must have overall and consistent Religious Education attendance

Student's service to St. Veronica Parish and community will be considered

Complete application and attach a copy of Transcript.

Submit essay on **How does your faith influence your academic and career aspirations?**

Deadline: April 18, 2026, return to either rectory or email to
11-12reled@stveronicaparish.org

Scholarship money will be available in February after receipt of first semester completion along with a second semester tuition bill. See Kathy Keady at St. Malachy Rectory, (781-272-5111) for funds.

ST. VERONICA – General Application Scholarship

Scholarship to be awarded to students who best fulfill the following requirements:

Student must be a member of St. Veronica Parish

Student's service to St. Veronica Parish and community will be considered

Complete application and attach a copy of Transcript.

Submit essay on **How have your experiences in the Catholic Church shaped your understanding of service and leadership?**

Deadline: April 18, 2026, return to either rectory or email to
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am; and 12:00 pm

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 9:00 am

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(CONFESSIONS)**

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

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