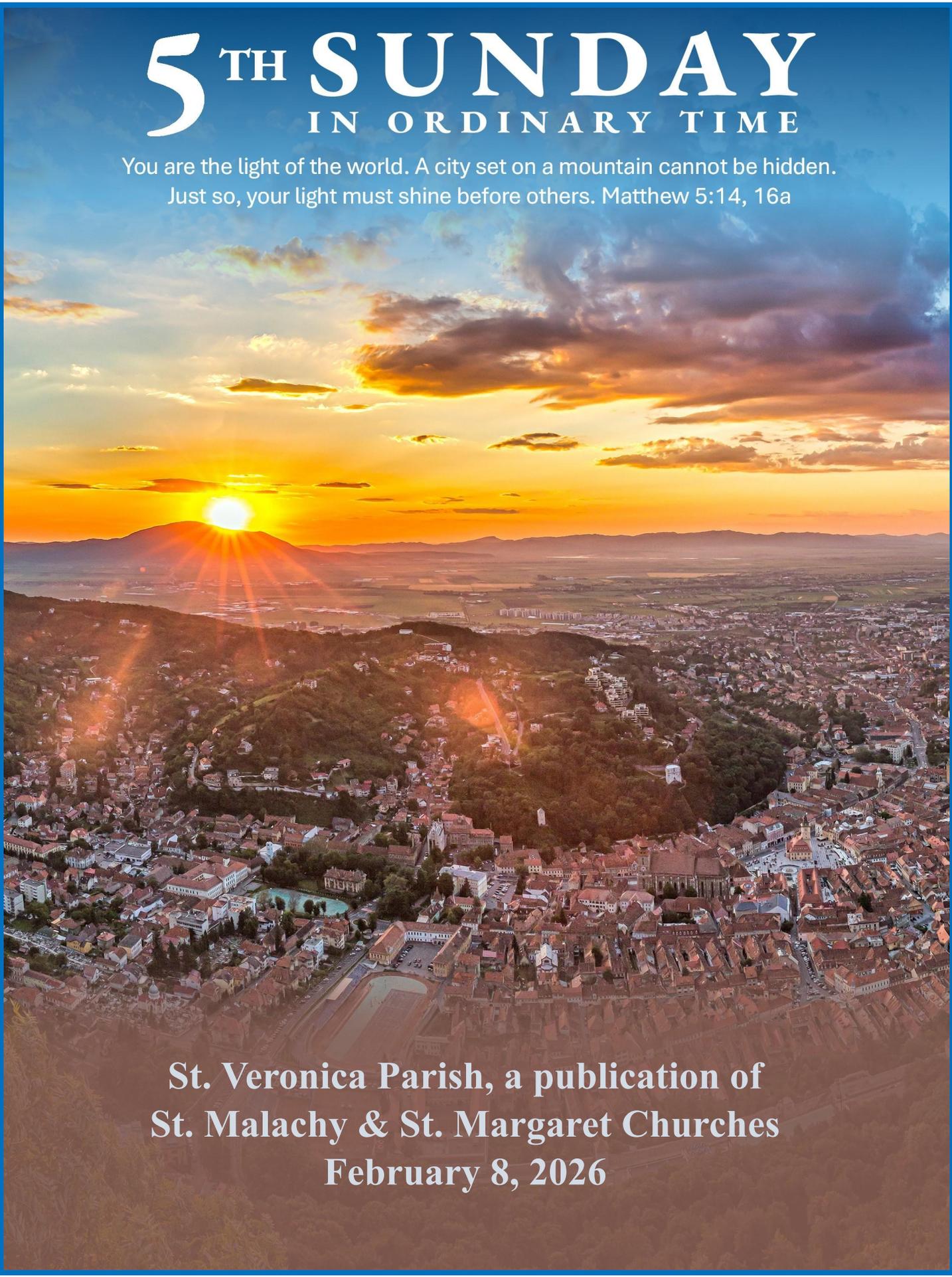


# 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.  
Just so, your light must shine before others. Matthew 5:14, 16a

An aerial photograph of a city, likely in Italy, taken from a high vantage point. The sun is setting behind a mountain range in the distance, creating a dramatic orange and yellow glow across the sky and casting long shadows over the city. The city features a mix of traditional European architecture with red-tiled roofs and modern buildings. A large stadium is visible in the foreground. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

**St. Veronica Parish, a publication of  
St. Malachy & St. Margaret Churches  
February 8, 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."*

Dear Saint Veronica Parishioners,

It is good to be back! I was home from Guest House for just over a week at the end of January for what is called "Therapeutic Leave." That is the opportunity for the priest to set up doctors' appointments, meet with support folks and the like. While I was back we had that huge snow storm the first weekend which left me at the Rectory for a number of days – which was excellent. I was able to catch up with many things and see most of the staff. Thanks to all of you for your unwavering support during my time away from the parish. Your cards and notes were incredibly uplifting. The mail person at Guest House confided in me that I was "A Rock Star" because I had received the largest number of cards and letters in recent history. So thank you again for your support, it meant the world to me. I returned to Guest House from last Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> to this Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Thanks also to Deacons Dick and John for leading Communion Services during my absence. That will continue for the foreseeable future when Fr. Tom leaves to have this Hip Replaced in 3 ½ weeks. A few months after his rehab, I will be having my right knee replaced. It must be the water in Burlington! Please pray for healing. Thank you.

Right after Jesus taught his followers the Beatitudes he teaches that his disciples are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. In other parts of the Gospels, Jesus said of himself, "I am the light of the world." In today's Gospel, Jesus points to his disciples, to you and to me, and says: "You are the light of the world." Can you imagine that! He says the same thing about us that he says about himself. When Jesus rose from the dead, he breathed his own Spirit upon his disciples, and he continues to do that today in Baptism, Confirmation, in all the sacraments, and in so many other ways. We have the life and light of Jesus within us - the light that overcomes darkness. We are called to do what Jesus came to do. The work of Jesus is still going on, and it's happening through us. Are we willing to be part of this? Are we willing to let the "light" of God shine through us in our words and actions - in everything we do? Let your light shine!

**We have just finished First Penance for our Second Grade Students.** I was grateful to be here for both Saturdays to assist with the Confessions. People often ask "What is it like to hear the Confessions of 2<sup>nd</sup> graders?" I often say it is like being pelted with marshmallows. In total, just under 50 Students have received God's loving forgiveness. We have really good sinners here in Burlington! Please keep our Second Graders in your prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus in the Eucharist at their First Holy Communion this spring. Pray also for their families. Pray that the Lord inspire them to fully participate in the life of the Church and be the best example of faith to their children.

**Congratulations and Best Wishes to Fr. Francis Conroy.** This past Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> was his 62nd Anniversary to the Priesthood. Ad Multos Annos Fr. Conroy! (English: "For many more years" is a Latin acclamation for celebrations). Thank you for your priesthood. Thank you for being such a great example of living a life of faith. You have been a blessing to us.

Let us pray for each other, God bless,  
Father Mahoney

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Thursday, February 12th in the chapel at St. Malachy's Church from 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm. No advance sign up will be necessary; spend as little or as much time as you want. Please park in the back parking lot and access the chapel by the rear door of the church.

### Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Led by Cantor Chuck Carnell, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung at 3:00 pm.

### Benediction

The evening will close with Benediction.

### What to do during Eucharistic Adoration

The primary purpose of Adoration is right there in the name of the act: to adore the One present to us in the Eucharist. Remember that you don't actually have to *do* anything. The greatest gift God gives us is himself, and Adoration is another way for us to recognize that gift outside of receiving the Eucharist at Mass. So, don't overthink it. Just receive the gift.

Here are a few suggestions:

- Small prayer booklets which can be used to help during your meditation will be available. These may be picked up as you enter the chapel.
- Pray in any way that's meaningful to you.
- Pray the rosary. To contemplate the mysteries of Jesus' life in the rosary is to contemplate the mystery of the Eucharist given to us and the Blessed Sacrament we praise in Adoration. So, pairing these prayers is a great habit to get into.
- Read from Holy Scripture.
- Just sit there - receive the gift of Christ in the Eucharist and be at peace in the presence of Our Lord.

### Guidelines for Adoration

- Adoration is a time for quiet meditation and prayer. Please remain silent while in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.
- Genuflect when entering or leaving a pew and if crossing in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

We plan to have Adoration on the second Thursday of every month, although, in some cases, it may be on a different day.

Please join us in this most important devotion to Our Lord. Rest for a while in the presence of Jesus. Let him fill you with his peace, grace, and love.

*“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, February 7**

9:00 am **St Margaret, (Communion Service)**  
 4:00 pm **St. Malachy**  
 Dick & Lois Jackson Memorial  
 Priscilla & William Thornton Memorial  
 Ofelia DiFonte 2nd Anniversary  
 Joanne Gorrasi Memorial  
 James Sweeney Month’s Mind  
 4:30 pm **St. Margaret**  
 Mary, Clarence, Dick & Christine Westberg  
 and Grace & Santo Patti Memorial  
 Barbara Godinho 7th Anniversary

**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

**Monday, February 9**

9:00 am **St. Malachy**  
 Eve Burkart & Mary Sarno Memorial

**Tuesday, February 10**

9:00 am **St. Margaret**  
 Donald & Polly Glasser Memorial

**Wednesday, February 11, (Communion Service)**

9:00 am **St Malachy Church**  
 Jim Curtin Memorial

**Thursday, February 12, (Communion Service)**

9:00am **St Margaret Church**  
 Special Intention

**Friday, February 13**

9:00 am **St. Malachy**  
 Robert & Mary Laffin  
 and Eleanor Ackerman Memorial

**Saturday, February 14**

9:00 am **St Margaret, (Communion Service)**  
 Fr. Conroy Prayers for Healing  
 4:00 pm **St. Malachy**  
 Jim D’Alessandro 2nd Anniversary  
 4:30 pm **St. Margaret**  
 Karen & Gregory Vick Memorial

**Sunday, February 15**

8:00 am **St. Margaret**  
 Ed MacPhail Memorial  
 10:00 am **St. Malachy**  
 Mary Bresette, Meredith Brunner  
 & Pauline Alberghini Memorial  
 12:00 pm **St. Margaret**  
 John “Jake” Keady, III Memorial

**READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Feb 8	Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
<b>MONDAY</b>	
Feb 9	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<i>Saint Scholastica, Virgin</i>
Feb 10	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5+10, 11/Mk 7:1-13
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>
Feb 11	1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23
<b>THURSDAY</b>	
Feb 12	1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37+40/Mk 7:24-30
<b>FRIDAY</b>	
Feb 13	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/ Mk 7:31-37
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<i>Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop</i>
Feb 14	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/ Mk 8:1-10
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Feb 15	Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6 -10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37



Funeral services were celebrated recently for  
**Ann Marie Kadilac, Christine McFadden  
 & Peter Driscoll**  
 Kindly include them and their families  
 in your prayers.  
 Thank you.

**ST VERONICA PARISH  
FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

**Weekend of February 1, 2026**

**Envelopes & In Church: \$12,022**  
**Online: \$5,135**  
**TOTAL: \$17,157**

<b>Income</b>	<b>\$17,157</b>
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b><u>\$16,153</u></b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$1,004</b>

**Month to Date: \$17,157**

**St. Veronica Building Fund**  
**Envelopes & In Church: \$1,076**  
**Online: \$245**  
**TOTAL: \$1,321**



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.

**BUILDING FUND COLLECTION**

This weekend, **February 7<sup>th</sup>/8<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.**

**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.

**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.)



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

*They shine  
through the darkness, a light for the upright;  
they are gracious, merciful, and just. - Psalm 112:4*

# 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@paulinmedia.com  
connect.pauline.org/vocation-events/



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## VALENTINE'S DAY

FEBRUARY 14

"But what do we mean by 'love?' Is it only a feeling, a psychophysical state? Certainly, if that is it, then we cannot build on anything solid. But if, instead, love is a relationship, then it is a reality that grows, and we can also say by way of example that it is built up like a home. And a home is built together, not alone!"

- Pope Francis' address to married couples, Valentine's Day 2014.

*Whoever bids other folks to do right, but gives an evil example by acting the opposite way, is like a foolish weaver who weaves quickly with one hand and unravels the cloth just as quickly with the other.*

~ St. Thomas More

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

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



## Ministries

Interested in helping out? Please look to our Ministry page on our website:

**www.stveronicama.org.**

We have plenty of ways for you to get involved, meet new friends and help build a better and stronger parish community.

## OCIA CLASSES

If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming a Catholic or receiving missed sacraments, please contact Deacon Dick Bilotta at: [deaconbilotta@stveronicaparish.org](mailto:deaconbilotta@stveronicaparish.org)



**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 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**

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>
7:00pm – 8:00pm	2:00pm - 3:30pm
2/9 & 3/2	2/11 & 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**

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>
7:00pm – 8:00pm	2:00pm - 3:30pm
2/9 & 3/2	2/11 & 3/4

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT: MAY 9th 9am - 5pm AT ST. MARGARET SCHOOL**

**CONFIRMATION WILL BE MAY 19th AT ST. MARGARET CHURCH**  
**GRADE 8 AT 5:00pm**  
**GRADE 9 AT 7:00pm**

**HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR GRADES 10-12**

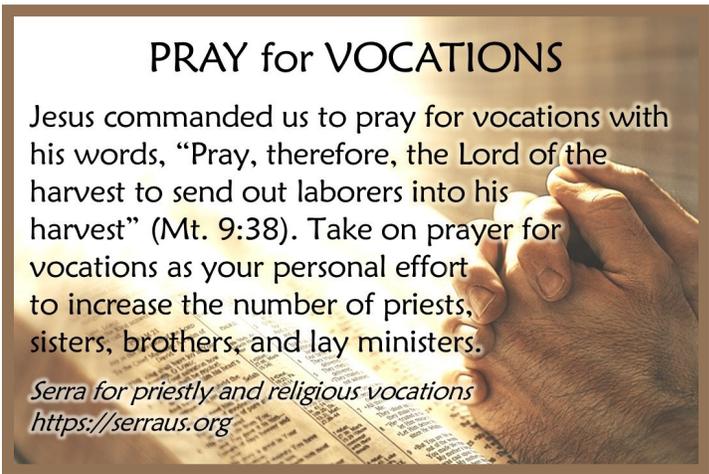
Grade 12 please see scholarship applications on next page.

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.

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## **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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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)

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

**EMAIL LIST**

If would like to receive St. Veronica emails please  
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