

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MAKE GOOD TO THE LORD ALL  
**THAT YOU VOW**

————— MATTHEW 5:33 —————



**St. Veronica Parish, a publication of  
St. Malachy & St. Margaret Churches  
February 15, 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,

Last week Jesus taught that his disciples are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We are to let our light shine. This week Jesus gives us a much deeper meaning of the Commandments. He said that I have not come to abolish the law and the prophets but to fulfill them. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires. In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus points out that the Law requires people to do the minimum. He has come to teach us how to go beyond the minimum requirements of the Law and to respond to others with love.

I have shared this prayer before. It is worth repeating – especially as we begin Lent this week. **“Prayer For My Parish.”** “Almighty God, my parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly if I am. It will be holy if I am. Its pews will be filled if I help fill them. It will do great work if I work. It will be prayerful if I pray. It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship if I invite and bring them. It will be a parish family of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity and mercy if I—who make it what it is—am filled with these same qualities. Therefore, with the help of God, I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be. Bless my journey, Lord God that I might follow Jesus and build the Church for your glory, Amen.” May this be a prayer many of us will use during Lent.

Lent begins this Wednesday, February 18. I share with you the 2026 Lenten Guidelines. You may want to hang this on your refrigerator!

## REGULATIONS FOR FASTING AND ABSTINENCE:

ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY are days of fast and abstinence. FRIDAYS OF LENT are also days of abstinence.

**FASTING** is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, (Only 2 days a year: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday) one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

**ABSTINENCE** is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. **Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer** are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

**Ash Wednesday Schedule.** We will celebrate Ash Wednesday MASS on Wednesday at 9 a.m. at St. Malachy. Ash Wednesday Liturgy of the Word with distribution of ashes at 2:30 p.m. at St. Margaret, and Ash Wednesday MASS at 7:00 p.m. at St. Margaret.

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



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



Our offices will be closed on Monday, February 17th in observance of President's Day. Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

*“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 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 Bruner  
& Pauline Alberghini Memorial  
12:00 pm **St. Margaret**  
John “Jake” Keady, III Memorial

**Monday, February 16**

9:00 am **St. Malachy**  
Auzenda Alberto Anniversary

**Tuesday, February 17**

9:00 am **St. Margaret**  
Charlie & Rose Hanafin Memorial

**Wednesday, February 18**

**Ash Wednesday**  
9:00 am **St Malachy**  
2:30pm **St Margaret, (prayer service)**  
7:00pm **St. Margaret**

**Thursday, February 19**

9:00am **St Margaret Church**

**Friday, February 20**

9:00 am **St. Malachy**  
James R. Harrington, Sr.  
Birthday Memorial

**Saturday, February 21**

9:00 am **St Margaret, (Communion Service)**  
4:00 pm **St. Malachy**  
Harry Romano Memorial  
4:30 pm **St. Margaret**  
Eleanor Castellano Birthday Memorial  
& Michael Castellano Memorial

**Sunday, February 22**

8:00 am **St. Margaret**  
Francis Smith Birthday Memorial  
10:00 am **St. Malachy**  
Sean McGarry 2nd Anniversary  
12:00 pm **St. Margaret**  
Richard, Noreen & Kevin Hanafin  
and John & Helen Ferren  
Memorial

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

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

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026	
<b>SUNDAY</b> Feb 15	<b>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 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
<b>MONDAY</b> Feb 16	<b>Presidents’ Day</b> Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13
<b>TUESDAY</b> Feb 17	<b>The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</b> Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Feb 18	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14+17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
<b>THURSDAY</b> Feb 19	Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
<b>FRIDAY</b> Feb 20	Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
<b>SATURDAY</b> Feb 21	<b>Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
<b>SUNDAY</b> Feb 22	<b>1st Sunday of Lent</b> Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12- 19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Pilot Bulletins

Funeral services were celebrated recently for  
**Daniel LaFreniere & Brenda M Miccio**  
Kindly include them and their families  
in your prayers.  
Thank you.

## ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

**Weekend of February 8, 2026**  
**Envelopes & In Church: \$7,902**  
**Online: \$5,242**  
**TOTAL: \$13,144**

**Weekly Budget \$16,153**  
**Income \$13,144**  
**Deficit -\$3,009**

**Month to Date: \$30,301**

**St. Veronica Building Fund**  
**Envelopes & In Church: \$4,030**  
**Online: \$451**  
**TOTAL: \$4,481**

**Grand Annual Total Amount Pledged**  
**\$180,513**

## SUPPORT FOR CHURCH AROUND THE WORLD

Next week's second collection will support the Church in those underdeveloped areas of the world. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe and three important national Catholic missions: The Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, and the Black and Indian Missions.

Your generosity will help fund the spiritual, educational and humanitarian needs of the Church around the world. For more information about each of these organizations go to their websites:

1. CRS: [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief)
2. Church in Africa: [www.usccb.org/africa](http://www.usccb.org/africa)
3. Church in Central and Eastern Europe: [www.usccb.org/ceee](http://www.usccb.org/ceee)
4. Military Archdiocese: [www.milarch.org](http://www.milarch.org)
5. Catholic Home Missions: [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions)
6. Black and Indian Missions <https://blackandindianmission.org>

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECKS  
OUT TO ST VERONICA PARISH**

## Women of Faith

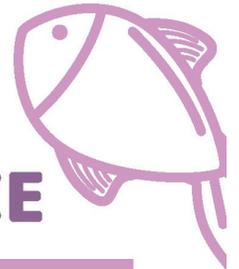
The January gathering brought in a handful of new people... Praise God! Our February gathering (weather permitting) will be on **Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 6:30pm at St. Malachy's Parish Hall**. Please always enter through the back door, via the Chapel, as all other doors will be locked. All are 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.

### LOWELL TRANSITIONAL CENTER



On Wednesday, **February 18th** we will be supplying meals at the Lowell Transitional Center. Bakers are needed to bring homemade desserts to St. Malachy Church by 12:00pm. on Wednesday.

## LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



### Fasting

Ash Wednesday  
Good Friday

Ages 18-59

### Abstinence

Every Friday  
during Lent

Ages 14+

### How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

### Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).



Over the last few weekends, a wonderful group of young parishioners received God's mercy, forgiveness, and unconditional love as they received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time. We, as a parish community, had the chance to extend our prayers and blessings over them as they made their final preparations for the sacrament, and then the students created their own sheep to display on the banners in our churches. When we sin, we are like a lost sheep. However, through God's eternal mercy and grace He will always come find us and welcome us back to Him. What a beautiful blessing and gift that is!





**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
3/2	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
3/2	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**  
**Class runs from 5-6 PM.**

Grade 12 please see scholarship applications on next page.

3/8/2026 Lenten Mission - St. Malachy Church 7PM  
 4/12/2026 Marian Apparitions

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST MALACHY CHURCH FEBRUARY 20TH**

During the season of Lent we will celebrate the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 3:30pm. For those wishing to pray the stations on Friday evenings go to our website and click on the link for “Stations of The Cross”.

February 27th St Margaret Church  
 March 6th St Malachy Church  
 March 13th St Margaret Church  
 March 20th St Malachy Church  
 March 27th St Margaret Church  
 April 3rd St Malachy Church  
 Good Friday Live Stations of the Cross

**ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18TH**



9:00am Mass at St. Malachy Church  
 2:30pm Prayer Service at St. Margaret Church  
 7:00pm Mass at St. Margaret Church

**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*

## **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  
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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**Rev Thomas J. Stanton** Parochial Vicar  
**Deacon Dick Bilotta** Senior Deacon  
**Deacon Jack Minch** Deacon  
**Deacon John Ippolito** Transitional Deacon  
 (from Pope St. John XXIII Seminary )

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**stveronica@stveronicaparish.org**

**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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Monday - Friday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

**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  
 send your name and email address to:  
[stveronica@stveronicaparish.org](mailto:stveronica@stveronicaparish.org)



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