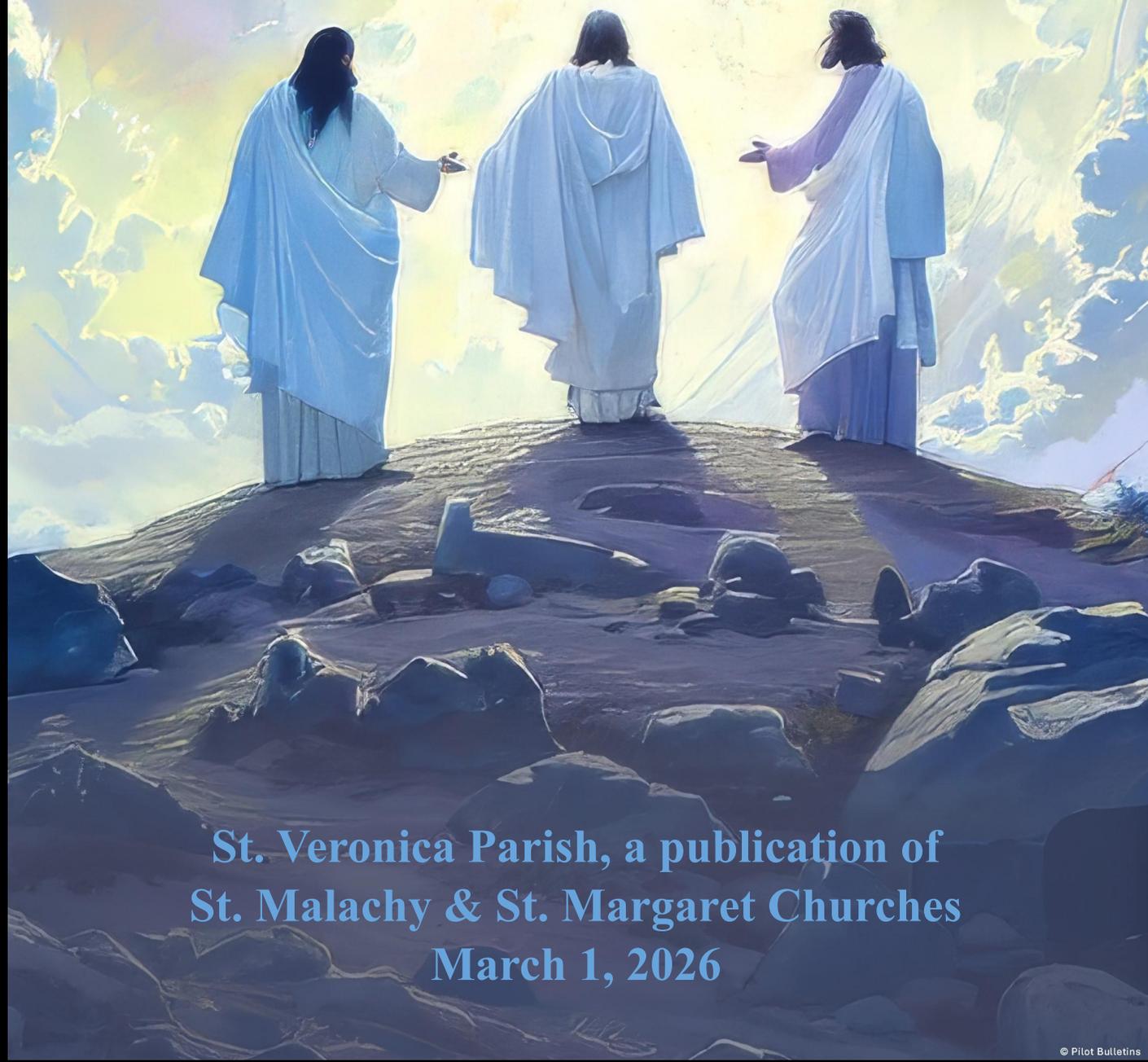


SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON LISTEN TO HIM

MATTHEW 17:5



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March 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."

Dear Saint Veronica Parishioners,

We are now well into our Season of Lent. Happy Lent. I hope and pray your Fasting, Abstinence and Alms Giving are going well and strengthening your relationship with Christ. These practices are meant to bring us closer to God. In today's Gospel, Jesus is Transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John. The Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection. The words spoken at the Transfiguration by God were: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Remember those same words at His Baptism? Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word. Jesus' Transfiguration must have been an event that gave Peter, James, and John courage when they faced the difficult events of Jesus' Passion. I look to this event when I experience difficult times to find comfort and courage. I pray the same for you. There is always hope when we place our total trust in God.

Last Sunday Fr. Tom and I and a few staff members had the opportunity to attend the 13th Annual Wine Tasting, Raffle & Charity Auction to benefit People Helping People at the Café Escadrille. It was a great event. All tickets were sold. It was a full house. I was pleased to see so many familiar faces from St. Veronica Parish at the venue. THIS weekend is a Food Drive for People Helping People. Volunteers will be available before and after each of the weekend Masses this weekend to collect food items for the needy here in Burlington. Please be generous.

Please keep Fr. Tom Stanton in your prayers this week! Fr. Tom is scheduled for a Total Hip Replacement this Thursday, March 5th. It has been a long time coming. It looks like he will be out recovering for up to 6 weeks or longer. He is planning to rehab for one to two weeks at Regina Cleri in Boston which our retirement home for Boston Priests. He will be a hallway neighbor to Fr. Conroy while he is there.

Lent is a Penitential Season. We will continue to offer Confessions on Friday evenings from 6:00 – 7:00 at St. Malachy and on Saturday afternoons from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at St. Margaret. You have heard me say it in the past: We have a lot of good sinners here in Burlington. Open yourself to God's loving forgiveness.

During the Fridays of Lent, at 3:30 p.m. we celebrate Stations of the Cross. We alternate churches each week. This Friday will be at St. Malachy.

A gentle reminder: Daylight Savings Time begins NEXT Weekend! Spring Forward one hour next Saturday, March 7th before going to bed. You don't want to forget and arrive to Church as everyone is leaving. Daylight Savings changes the time, Jesus changes our lives!!!

We call your attention to our Lenten Parish Mission advertised in the bulletin being held NEXT Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, March 8 through March 10 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sister Lisa Valentini is our Leader. She is a dynamic speaker and wishes each of us to experience God's love in a new way this Lent. Bring your family and friends.



2026 Catholic Appeal

This year's *Catholic Appeal* theme, ***Together We Are One***, is a reminder of our communion in the Lord Jesus Christ and our call to be united as the Body of Christ. Our diverse and complex Archdiocese is a family of faith with a shared mission to spread the Gospel. One of the most meaningful ways that we deepen the impact of our Archdiocese's schools, parishes, and ministries is by supporting the Catholic Appeal. Your partnership and participation carry Christ's love into our communities and spread hope. Many of you may have received a letter from Archbishop Richard Henning requesting your support of the 2026 Catholic Appeal. We hope that you will respond to his invitation with a generous gift, knowing that each contribution makes a difference. Your early support will help launch our parish campaign in a positive way.

The Appeal is a primary means by which we enfold our brothers and sisters into Christ's circle of care. To make an online pledge, please visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. **Please see the Color Flyer in this weekend's bulletin.** On behalf of Archbishop Henning and all who benefit from your generosity, Thank you.

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

“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 28

9:00 am **St Margaret, (Communion Service)**
Ed MacPhail Birthday Memorial

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
James & Paul Callahan Memorial

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
Anna, Peter, Don & Joan DiRienzo and Bill & Jon Glynn Memorial

Sunday, March 1

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Charlie & Rose Hanafin Memorial and Lorna Damon Birthday Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Alyce Bertolami 1st Anniversary

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Carmella Dardeno 1st Anniversary & Jeanne Jones 1st Anniversary

Monday, March 2

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

Tuesday, March 3

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Patrick John Sweeney Anniversary

Wednesday, March 4

9:00 am **St Malachy**
Ed & Edna Turner Memorial

Thursday, March 5

9:00am **St Margaret Church**
Michael & Tina Simeone Memorial

Friday, March 6

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
For All of The Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, March 7

9:00 am **St Margaret, (Communion Service)**

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
William Perry 18th Anniversary
A.L. Rosy Muthu 3rd Anniversary
Don Roberts 1st Anniversary

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
Girard Fortin 1st Anniversary
Rita Bonugli Birthday Memorial
Florence Gullotti 4th Anniversary
James Cahill Memorial

Sunday, March 8

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Jim Curtin Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Coleman & Joseph Viglione Memorial

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Richard Abreau & all deceased members of the Abreau Family Memorial

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

SUNDAY Mar 1	2nd Sunday of Lent Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/ Mt 17:1-9
MONDAY Mar 2	Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11+13/Lk 6:36-38
TUESDAY Mar 3	<i>Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin</i> Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21+23/Mt 23:1-12
WEDNESDAY Mar 4	<i>Saint Casimir</i> Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28
THURSDAY Mar 5	Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4+6/Lk 16:19-31
FRIDAY Mar 6	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
SATURDAY Mar 7	<i>Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs</i> Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
SUNDAY Mar 8	3rd Sunday of Lent Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



Funeral services were celebrated recently for **Valerie Weldon & Bob Gallagher**. Kindly include them and their families in your prayers. Thank you.

ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Weekend of February 22, 2026
Envelopes & In Church: \$9,137
Online: \$4,482
TOTAL: \$13,619

Weekly Budget	\$16,153
Income	<u>\$13,619</u>
Deficit	<u>-\$2,543</u>

Month to Date: \$59,614

St. Veronica Building Fund
Envelopes & In Church: \$585
Online: \$490
TOTAL: \$1,075

Support of Church Around the World
Envelopes & In Church: \$3,957
Online: \$134
TOTAL: \$4,091

Ash Wednesday
Envelopes & In Church: \$4,204
Online: \$173
TOTAL: \$4,377

Grand Annual Total Amount Pledged
\$180,513

A Message from Archbishop Henning:

Greetings, Friends.

It is good to be with you.

*This year’s Catholic Appeal theme is **Together We Are One**. It is a reminder of our communion in the Lord Jesus Christ and our call to be united as the Body of Christ. Our diverse and complex Archdiocese is a family of faith with a shared mission to spread the Gospel.*

Here in the Archdiocese of Boston, people are deepening their faith, rediscovering prayer, and returning to the sacraments with curiosity and hope. This quiet but unmistakable renewal is both encouraging and exciting.

Your support of the Catholic Appeal sustains parish life: fosters vocations, forms the faith in our young people and adults, supports our Catholic schools, provides outreach to the most vulnerable, and more. With your prayers, your generosity, and your partnership, the Catholic Appeal empowers your parish and so many others to flourish in faith. Your generosity continues to humble and inspire me, and it is a great blessing to minister here. Together, we are co-workers with the Lord, participating in His work of healing and reconciliation for the world.

Together We Are One.

In Christ,

Archbishop Richard G. Henning
 Archbishop of Boston

EASTER CHOIR



If you are interested in joining either the choir at St. Veronica Parish, Lent or Easter would be a good time to begin. Perhaps considering joining for the Sacred Triduum, the evenings of April 2nd, 3rd, or 4th. All singers from middle school and older are always welcome.

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.



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

We are blessed and excited to announce the return of Sr. Lisa Valentini of The Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus to our parish. Many of you will likely remember when Sr. Lisa spoke at our parish several years ago in support of her missionary work. Her talk was infectious, alive with the love of Christ, and her charismatic spirit was contagious. Please see the announcement below.



You are UNCONDITIONALLY and INFINITELY LOVED!

(Always have been and always will be. . .)

Father Mahoney and all of St. Veronica Parish invite you to come and reflect together on God's Love with Sister Lisa Valentini, MSC during our Lenten Parish Mission:
Sunday, March 8, Monday, March 9 and Tuesday, March 10
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

***WE WILL HAVE BASKETS FOR YOUR SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

*There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
and Adoration each evening from 6:30 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings we will begin with a half-hour of Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 6:30 p.m. – for those who are able to join us – then, from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., we will pray, (sing a hymn or two) – together – as we listen to and reflect on the Word of God, and His great LOVE for us. We'll also talk about how to pray, and how to live our faith in today's world. We will talk about Jesus, Mary, the Saints, Grace, the Sacraments – particularly Reconciliation and the great Sacrament of Sacraments
The Holy Eucharist.

Please know that you are encouraged and are most welcome to participate in the Mission, even if you are unable to come all three evenings. Also, if you can only come for the time of Adoration, that's OK, too.

Sister feels that whatever Jesus has to say is infinitely more valuable than anything she'll be sharing.

EVERYONE IS ASKED TO MAKE A COMMITMENT TO PRAY FOR OUR PARISH DURING THESE DAYS OF PARISH MISSION. WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE ABLE TO ATTEND – IT IS STILL A "PARISH MISSION" – AND THE SPECIAL GRACES AND BENEFITS WILL EXTEND TO THE ENTIRE PARISH – BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT...

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR
OUR LENTEN PARISH MISSION
MARCH 8th, 9th and 10th 2026**

6:30 p.m. Adoration ~ 7:00 p.m. Talk
AT ST. MALACHY CHURCH.
Come, be renewed in the Lord's Love for you!



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 our website.

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

Holy Thursday ~ April 2

No 9:00 am Mass

7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Malachy Church

Good Friday ~ April 3

No 9:00 am Mass

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

{NOTE: There are NO confessions of Friday evening at St. Malachy Church}

7:00 pm - Commemoration of The Lord's Passion at St. Malachy Church

Holy Saturday ~ April 4

No 9:00 am Mass

{NOTE: There are NO confessions Saturday afternoon at St. Margaret Church}

7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass at St. Malachy Church

EASTER ~ April 5
Sunday Masses

St. Margaret Church
8:00 am & 12:00 pm

St. Malachy Church
10:00 am

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)



Lenten Food Drive supporting People Helping People

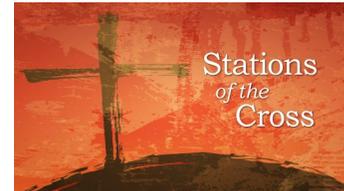
**Saturday, February 28th &
Sunday, March 1st**

Volunteers will be in the parking lot during
All Masses to accept donations

Our shelves are particularly low on the
following items:

- ✦ Canned Diced Tomatoes
- ✦ Canned Chicken
- ✦ Cooking Oils
- ✦ Coffee (Ground or K-Cups), Tea, Cocoa
- ✦ Kid's Snack Foods

Please continue to help our neighbors in need.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST MALACHY CHURCH MARCH 6

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".

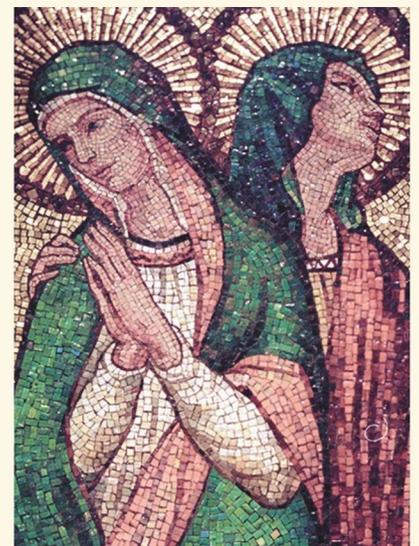
March 13th St Margaret Church
March 20th St Malachy Church
March 27th St Margaret Church
April 3rd St Malachy Church
Good Friday Live Stations of the Cross

Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

3RD CENTURY | FEAST DAY — MARCH 7

One of the proofs of a really close friendship is when you can't say one person's name without thinking of the other. This shows up in history, with names like Lewis and Clark. It's in story books, with names like Hansel and Gretel, or Jack and Jill. When it comes to saints, there are many examples, but one of the most prominent duos is Perpetua and Felicity.

Perpetua was a young Christian noblewoman and Felicity was a young Christian slave. The two were arrested for their belief in Christ, during the persecution of Emperor Septimius Severus: at this time, Perpetua was a new mother, and Felicity was eight months pregnant. Together, the two women helped each other through the heat, darkness, and brutality of the guards in the prison. Two days before their scheduled death, Felicity gave birth to her daughter in the prison, and the child was adopted by a Christian woman. Perpetua and Felicity were sent out to face the arena together, and after being exposed to the beasts, were killed by having their throats cut. These last days of the women were recorded by Perpetua, whose diary became one of the most famous accounts in the early Church of the suffering of the martyrs.



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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)

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