

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID

MATTHEW 21:9



**St. Veronica Parish, a publication of
St. Malachy & St. Margaret Churches
March 29, 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,

Today we begin Holy Week, the days when we journey with Jesus on his way to the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter next Sunday. Jesus acts in obedience to the Father to his death so that our sins may be forgiven. In the people found in Matthew's Gospel today we find ourselves and the ways we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. Sometimes we are like Peter, who denies him. Sometimes we are like the disciples who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour. Sometimes we are like Simon who is forced into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven. During this Holy Week, let us meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for each of us.

Please join the St. Veronica Middle School and Confirmation students in prayer through their presentation of the Stations of the Cross this Friday, Good Friday, at St. Malachy Church at 3:30pm. This journey with Jesus to the Cross will be a great opportunity for children and adults alike to enter into Christ's Passion and death and reflect on its meaning in our own lives.

As announced last weekend, no Confessions will be heard this week. Our regular Friday and Saturday Confession will not be offered because **no Sacraments are allowed during the Sacred Triduum** (i.e. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday). The only exception to this is the Sacrament of the Sick for those in danger of death.

Also as advertised, no 9:00 a.m. daily Mass is allowed on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. The evening Liturgies with Holy Communion are the only Liturgies allowed during the Sacred three days.

This Friday, GOOD FRIDAY, is a day of Fast and 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, 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 this day 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.

Please continue to keep Fr. Tom Stanton in your prayers! Fr. Tom is recovering well after his Total Hip Replacement. He has returned to the Rectory and continues to rehab here in Burlington. If all goes well, he might have a "Fr. Tom Sighting" around Easter.

2026 Catholic Appeal

I am pleased to share that St. Veronica Parish has raised \$40,895 toward our 2026 Catholic Appeal goal of \$96,000. Our heartfelt thanks to all who have helped make our campaign a success so far. The Catholic Appeal is a primary means by which we enfold our brothers and sisters into Christ's circle of care. If you have not had the opportunity to support the Catholic Appeal yet, I invite you to make your gift today to help us reach our goal. Pick up an envelope in your pew, or at the back of the church or make an on-line donation at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. Your participation in our Catholic Appeal campaign is appreciated by our parish and all those who are served by the ministries funded by the Appeal which support all of our parishes, schools, and communities. 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, March 28

- 9:00 am **St Margaret, (Communion Service)**
Marie & Frederic George
and Freddie George Memorial
- 4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Joseph Fischenich Birthday Memorial
- 4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
John & Mary Conti Memorial

Sunday, March 29

- 8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Al Hodgin 6th Anniversary
- 10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Maureen Butler Maranian 4th Anniversary
- 12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Joseph Nacinovich Memorial

Monday, March 30, (Communion Service)

- 9:00 am **St. Malachy**
Larry Porter & Donna Wickson Memorial

Tuesday, March 31, (Communion Service)

- 9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Joseph Lefebvre 12th Anniversary

Wednesday, April 1

- 9:00 am **St Malachy**
Vareeth Vareeth Memorial

Thursday, April 2 - Holy Thursday

- 7:00 pm **St Malachy Church**
(Mass of The Lord’s Supper)

Friday, April 3 - Good Friday

- 3:30pm **St. Malachy Church**
(Live Stations of The Cross)

- 7:00 pm **St. Malachy Church**
(Commemoration of The Lord’s Passion)

Saturday, April 4 - Easter Vigil

- 7:30 pm **St. Malachy Church**
(Easter Vigil)

Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday

- 8:00 am **St. Margaret**
- 10:00 am **St. Malachy**
- 12:00 pm **St. Margaret**

There will be no morning Mass on April 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026	
SUNDAY Mar 29	<i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i> Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/ Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54
MONDAY Mar 30	Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
TUESDAY Mar 31	Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15+17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
WEDNESDAY Apr 1	Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31+33-34/Mt 26:14-25
THURSDAY Apr 2	<i>Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord’s Supper</i> Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18/ 1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
FRIDAY Apr 3	<i>Good Friday—The Passion of the Lord</i> Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
SATURDAY Apr 4	<i>Easter Vigil</i> (1) Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a, (2) Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18, (3) Ex 14:15—15:1, (4) Is 54:5-14, (5) Is 55:1-11, (6) Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4, (7) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ (1) Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10+12, 13-14, 24+35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20+22, (2) Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11, (3) Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18, (4) Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13, (5) Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6, (6) Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11, (7) Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or or Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 /Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10
SUNDAY Apr 5	<i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i> Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10



A funeral service was celebrated recently for **John Annese**. Kindly include him and his family in your prayers. Thank you.

**ST VERONICA PARISH
FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Weekend of March 22, 2026

Envelopes & In Church: \$10,357
Online: \$4,508
TOTAL: \$14,865

Weekly Budget \$16,153
Income \$14,865
Deficit -\$1,288

Month to Date: \$60,414

St. Veronica Building Fund
Envelopes & In Church: \$380
Online: \$560
TOTAL: \$940

Easter Flowers
Envelopes & In Church: \$210
Online: \$0
TOTAL: \$210

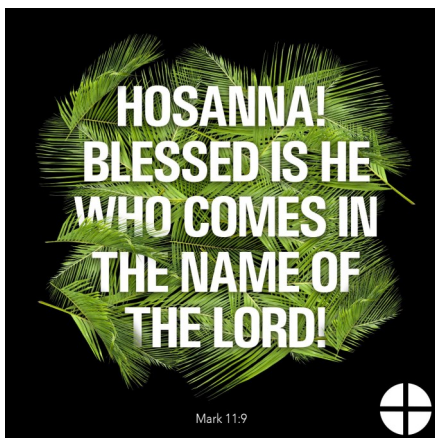
Grand Annual Total Amount Pledged
\$186,470



St. William's Parish in Tewksbury, MA. St. William's is hosting a praise and worship concert called Praise Out Loud on April 10th from 7-9pm. Praise Out Loud is a faith-filled and fun praise and worship concert featuring live music, a guest speaker, Eucharistic adoration, and opportunities for confession. This will be our third concert, and each one of the previous concerts were moving and beautiful to witness.

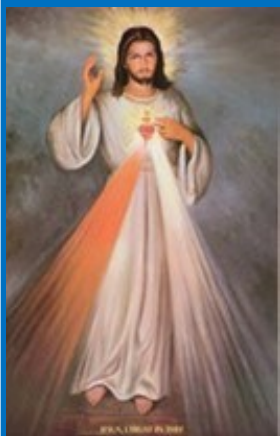
EASTER COLLECTION

Next week, at all our Easter Masses, our only collection will be to support the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit www.clergytrust.org



GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Good Friday's collection for the Holy Land is, in the words of Paul VI, "not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities."



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions will be observed in St. Margaret's lower church on SUNDAY, APRIL 12 AT 2:00 Our Lord promises complete forgiveness of sins and punishment on the Feast of Mercy to those who will go to

Confession and receive Holy Communion on that day. Jesus wishes us to Ask For His Mercy to Be Merciful to Others and to have Complete Trust in His Mercy.

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)



MEET ME IN THE DESERT

Lord of Lent, Lord of Easter,
As you went into the desert
So do I follow

Putting aside that which distracts me
Grabs at me Falsely claims me.
To search inside To confront myself
My best, my worst My good works and my sins.

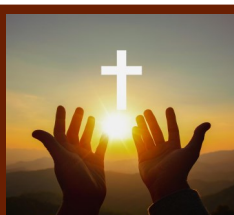
And each time, I find you there
To call to me again
With words of challenge and words of mercy.

And as I fall to my knees, in prayer, in fasting
In sacrifice and penitence
Somehow, you have it in yourself
to reach out and gently lift me
To renew me
To claim me as nothing of this world can claim me.

Meet me in the desert, Lord.
Claim me anew.

Amen.

"Meet Me in the Desert" is a Lenten prayer published by Catholic Relief Services in 2014.

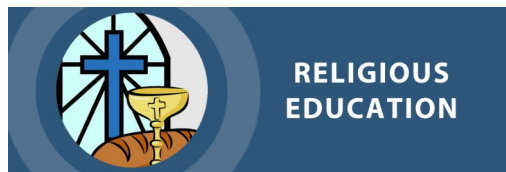


O God, by whose wonderous grace we are enriched with every blessing, grant us so to pass from former ways to newness of life, that we may be made ready for the glory of the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen



HELP NEEDED FOR DECORATING AT ST MARGARET CHURCH

Help is needed at St. Margaret church to decorate for Easter. This would be a great opportunity for service hours. Please come bring your family and friends on Saturday, April 4th from 10am to Noon.



GRADES 1, 3-5 SCHEDULE

Family of Faith Gatherings.

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

Live Stations of The Cross: Good Friday, 4/3 at 3:30pm at St. Malachy Church

CONFIRMATION: GRADES 8 & 9

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.

4/12/2026 Marian Apparitions

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION APRIL 9TH

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Thursday, April 9th 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.

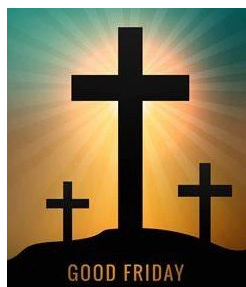


Holy Thursday ~ April 2

No 9:00 am Mass
7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Malachy Church

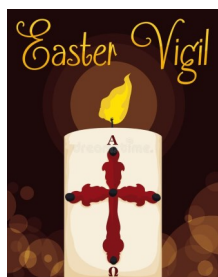
Good Friday ~ April 3

No 9:00 am Mass
3:30 pm Live Stations of The Cross at St. Malachy Church
{NOTE: There are NO confessions 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}

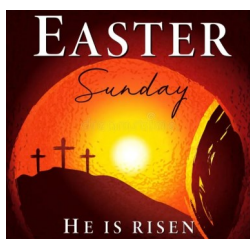
NO 4:00 pm or 4:30 pm Vigil Masses

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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST MALACHY CHURCH APRIL 3RD

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".

April 3rd St Malachy Church
Good Friday Live Stations of the Cross

Passing from one divine feast to another,
from palms and branches, let us now make haste,
O faithful, to the solemn and saving celebration
of Christ's passion. Let us sing to him with thanksgiving
a fitting hymn: Fountain of tender mercy
and haven of salvation, O Lord, glory to you!
~ Byzantine Vespers



Women of Faith

Women and Men of Faith... Everyone (all ages) is invited to our next gathering on **Thursday, April 16 at 6:30pm** in the church hall at St. Malachy's. Our guest speaker will be our very own **Deacon John Ippolito**. He will soon be ordained as a priest! We are blessed to have him join us. We hope many of you are able to come support Deacon John - bring the whole family! No sign-up is needed - just show up. Any questions, please contact Laurie at 617-680-4448.

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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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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:
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