

St. Veronica Parish, a publication of
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July 5, 2026

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him. Matthew 11:27

"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's reading from Matthew's Gospel comes immediately after Jesus reproaches Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum who saw his mighty deeds but did not believe. Jesus praises God who has made himself known to the "little ones" and not to the "wise and learned" of those three towns. A contrast is made here between the unbelieving Pharisees (who are wise) and the faithful disciples, tax collectors, and sinners with whom Jesus keeps company. In the concluding sentences of today's Gospel, Jesus' teaching is contrasted to the teaching of the Pharisees. The careful observance of the Mosaic law taught by the Pharisees was difficult and burdensome. Jesus' way of holiness is presented as uncomplicated and even restful. Being a Disciple in Mission need not be complicated. It is a privilege to simply live our faith honestly and with sincerity.

Happy 4th of July long Weekend. On behalf of all the priests, deacons and staff of St. Veronica, I wish to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Joy-filled and Happy Independence Day Holiday weekend!!!! We are all so blessed to be called citizens of the United States of America.

The Summer Vacation Season is upon us. All of us at St. Veronica Parish hope that you have a restful and enjoyable summer vacation wherever you may find yourself. As you head off from Burlington and the surrounding towns, please be sure to remember St. Veronica Parish during the summer months. We sincerely thank our parishioners who mail or deliver your weekly envelopes to the Parish Offices while you are out-of-town on vacation. As many of you understand, our Parish expenses and obligations do not take a vacation when you do, so it is very helpful to be able to rely on your continued support even when you cannot personally attend Mass here. Thank you for remembering our parishes while you are away! This may be the perfect time for you to sign up for on-line giving.

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

Last week two significant events occurred where the Archbishop issued public statements. They are listed here.

With regard to Venezuela being hit by a devastating earthquake a week ago, Archbishop Henning issued the following statement last week.

"Today, our hearts and prayers are with the people of Venezuela following yesterday's devastating earthquakes. We especially hold close our Venezuelan brothers and sisters here in Boston who may be anxiously awaiting news of family and friends back home. May all affected by the earthquake's aftermath find comfort in knowing that the local Church stands with them in prayer and solidarity. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Coromoto, Patroness of Venezuela, may God grant strength, comfort, healing, peace and hope to all during this difficult time."

A Second Collection to assist our brothers and sisters in Venezuela will be taken here at St. Veronica on the weekend of July 18/19

With regard to the Supreme Court issuing a decision that terminates the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) program, which has provided Haitians and Syrians protections to live and work legally in the United States, Archbishop Henning issued the following statement.

"Haitian Catholics are an important part of the family of the Archdiocese of Boston. Many of them benefit from Temporary Protected Status, a program established by Congress to give refuge to those who are fleeing natural disasters or violence. The Administration has decided to terminate that protected status for more than 6,100 Syrians and more than 300,000 Haitians in the United States despite the ongoing instability and dangerous conditions facing many in their home countries. Here in the Boston region, Haitian immigrants have made lives, raised families, and have taken critical roles in health care and in other industries. I respectfully ask that we urge the administration and Congress to prevent this disaster by providing a secure and lasting basis for these refugees. Please see the link below where you can learn more about this matter and consider raising your voice on behalf of the vulnerable. Please visit the Catholic Charities website where additional information can be found,

<https://www.ccab.org/refugee-immigrant-services/immigrant-legal-services/>

"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, July 4

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Claire Boyd Month's Mind

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Zoila Baez Castro Anniversary
Robert Lochiatto Memorial
Jo-Anne Gorrasi Memorial

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
For All of Those Who Served Our Country

Sunday, July 5

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Arlene Lefebvre Anniversary

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Jo-Ann Gorrasi Birthday Memorial

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Donald Glasser 28th Anniversary
& Polly Glasser 11th Anniversary

Monday, July 6

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
Joey Velardi Birthday Memorial

Tuesday, July 7

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Rose Hanafin 7th Anniversary

Wednesday, July 8

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
Anthony Dalelio 55th Anniversary

Thursday, July 9

9:00 am **St. Margaret Church**
William & Irene Daly Memorial

Friday, July 10

9:00 am **St. Malachy Church**
Giovanni Bonugli Birthday Memorial

Saturday, July 11

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Ed MacPhail Memorial

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
James Doyle 5th Anniversary

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
Kathryn Gulla Anniversary

Sunday, July 12

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Dorothy, Maryellen & Henry Gorman
and Brady Ellis Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Robert & Mary Ackerman
and Eleanor Laffin Memorial

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Bernard J. Eldridge Memorial



A Funeral Mass was celebrated recently for
Edward Francis, III
Kindly include him and his family
in your prayers.
Thank you.

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

SUNDAY July 5	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
MONDAY July 6	Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26
TUESDAY July 7	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38
WEDNESDAY July 8	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7
THURSDAY July 9	Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15
FRIDAY July 10	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14, 17/Mt 10:16-23
SATURDAY July 11	Saint Benedict, Abbot Is 6:1-8/Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33
SUNDAY July 12	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Weekend of June 28, 2026
Envelopes & In Church: \$8,236
Online: \$3,094
TOTAL: \$11,330

Weekly Budget \$16,153
Income \$11,330
Deficit -\$4,823

Month to Date: \$45,067

Building Fund
Envelopes & In Church: \$145
Online: \$281
TOTAL: \$426

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING



All adult volunteers are required to complete Protecting God's Children (PGC), the child protection training program utilized by the Archdiocese of Boston. The training consists of videos and discussions about how to recognize indicators

of abuse or grooming, how to create safe spaces for children and youth, and how to address concerns. It is a three-hour training session held in person at various locations throughout the Archdiocese. Sessions are run by trained facilitators and take place on various days and times throughout the year, including evenings and weekends. Most weeks there are between 5 and 15 sessions scheduled around the Archdiocese. With minor exceptions, sessions are open to everyone.

Go to www.VIRTUSonline.org. On the left of the page click on "First Time Registrant." Click on "Begin Registration." Select "Boston, MA (Archdiocese)" when asked to select your diocese. When asked if you have ever registered before, click "no". (If you have previously registered, call 617-746-5985 for help.) Complete the registration process. When asked for your specific location, select your specific parish or school. You can enter more than one. Once you have completed the registration process the system will guide you to a list of all the upcoming training sessions. Select the one that works for you. If the training is in a language other than English, it will be noted. Be careful not to select a training session that is in a language you cannot understand. All training sessions are 3 hours long, even if the registration website states otherwise.

St. Veronica Parish will be having a training on Sunday, July 26 at 1:30. Please go to www.VIRTUSonline.org to register.

Women of Faith

In June, we had a great and interactive discussion on *The Seven Deadly Sins and their corresponding Virtues*. Thanks to all who joined us. We will be taking the month of July off, but will return in August. Mark your calendars for **Thursday, August 20**. Have a safe and happy summer. Women of Faith group contact: Laurie (617-680-4448)

TASTE AND SEE PROGRAM



This weekend marks the beginning of our Taste and See Summer Raffle program. Kids in Grades 1-8 can fill out a bright raffle card and put it in the white box (located near the scanners) for a chance to win a \$20 School House Ice Cream gift card. In this raffle everyone truly is a winner, because those at Mass have received the *sweetest* gift of all: Our Lord in the Eucharist.

2026-2027 Religious Education Registration

Religious Education Registration is now open for the 2026-2027 Academic Year. Please see our website to register.

www.stveronicama.org

FATHER STAN

Please join us in welcoming Father Stan as a Resident Priest at St. Veronica! Father Stanislaus Ogu, fondly known as Father Stan, is a priest of the Catholic Diocese of Okigwe in Imo State, Nigeria. He was ordained on September 22, 2012, and began his ministry in education, first serving as Vice Principal at Sancta Crux Academy. He later became Principal of Sacred Heart Secondary Technical College, Obowo, where he led the school from 2016 until January 2024. In that same year, he moved to the United States to pursue graduate studies at Boston College, completing his Master's degree in Mental Health Counseling in May 2026.

Since his ordination, Father Stan has dedicated himself to working with young people, both in school settings in Nigeria and in community-based mental health services in the United States. During his training, he served as an IHT Intern with Wayside Youth & Family Network in Lowell, supporting youths and families through intensive home-based therapy. He previously lived at St. Joseph Parish in Malden and now St. Margaret Rectory in Burlington. Please understand that Fr.. Stan, while living here in Burlington, has his full time ministry as a Mental Health professional outside of our parish. He may occasionally assist here when able.



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To sign up for online giving please go to our website www.stveronicama.org and click on the St. Veronica Online Giving button. If you receive envelopes and decide to give on line please contact either rectory and we can cancel your envelopes, which is a cost savings for us. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Have a safe and wonderful summer.



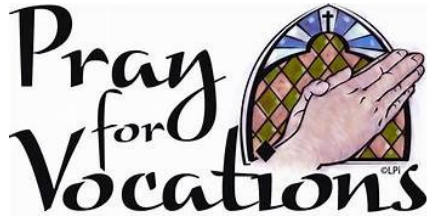
2026 Catholic Appeal

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. I am pleased to share that **our parish has raised 83% of our goal.** (\$79,633 toward our 2026 Catholic Appeal goal of \$96,000). Our heartfelt thanks to all who have helped make our campaign a success so far. If you have not had the opportunity to support the Appeal yet, I invite you to make your gift today to help us reach our goal. Pick up an envelope in your pew or make an on-line donation at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. Your participation in our Appeal is appreciated by our parish and all those who are served by the ministries funded by the Appeal that put faith into action to support all .

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION

Next weekend, **July 11th/12th**, 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.**



VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME AT OUR HOSPICE HOUSE

Sawtelle Family Hospice House provides compassionate care and support in a warm, comfortable residential setting for individuals at the end of life. Volunteers play an invaluable role by assisting our staff and offering a comforting presence to patients and their families during a deeply meaningful time.

From the moment loved ones arrive, volunteers help create a welcoming environment by greeting visitors, offering refreshments, and providing a listening ear or friendly conversation. Behind the scenes, volunteers also support the home by baking, stocking groceries, watering plants, and helping with other tasks that make the house feel warm and inviting.

Whether offering a kind smile, a helping hand, or simply your presence, you can make a lasting difference in the lives of others.

Join our volunteer team and help make a difference! Please call or email Maureen Burge at (781)901-6561 or maureen.burge@athome.bilh.org for more information.

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)

The Hope Line team is in need of more helpers. Your commitment would about 1/2 hour per day for 1 week per month and could be done from your home. If you are interested please call 781-272-3111.

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.)

Due to the popularity of our prayer shawls, we are looking for more people to knit and crochet.

If you are interested in helping please call 781-272-3111.



QUIZ

Can you choose the correct endings?

- Jerusalem's savior would come:
(a) resplendent in glory (b) riding on an ass
(c) in secret?
- He would proclaim:
(a) war (b) himself king (c) peace to the nations?
- The Spirit of God brings:
(a) fear of God (b) searching judgment
(c) life?
- Everything has been given over to Jesus:
(a) by his Father (b) by his own command
(c) for a while?
- Jesus promised to refresh:
(a) the weary (b) the warrior (c) the clever?

ANSWERS

The correct answers are: 1(b); 2(c); 3(c); 4(a); 5(a)

WORDSEARCH

Can you find and circle the words listed below?

KING FLESH HEAVEN
SAVIOR SPIRIT EARTH
ASS BELONG CLEVER
BANISH MORTAL TRUE
HORSE LIVE HUMBLE

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G	B	V	H	I	P	J	N	L	M	K	E
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A PICTURE TO COLOR

GOSPEL READING: MT 11:25-30



David Fielding

Sunday Funday © Pilot Bulletins

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Deacon Jack Minch	Deacon
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Rev. John Rowan	Weekend Assistant
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Father Stanislaus Ogu	Priest in Residence

(The Catholic Diocese of Okigwe in Imo State, Nigeria)

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