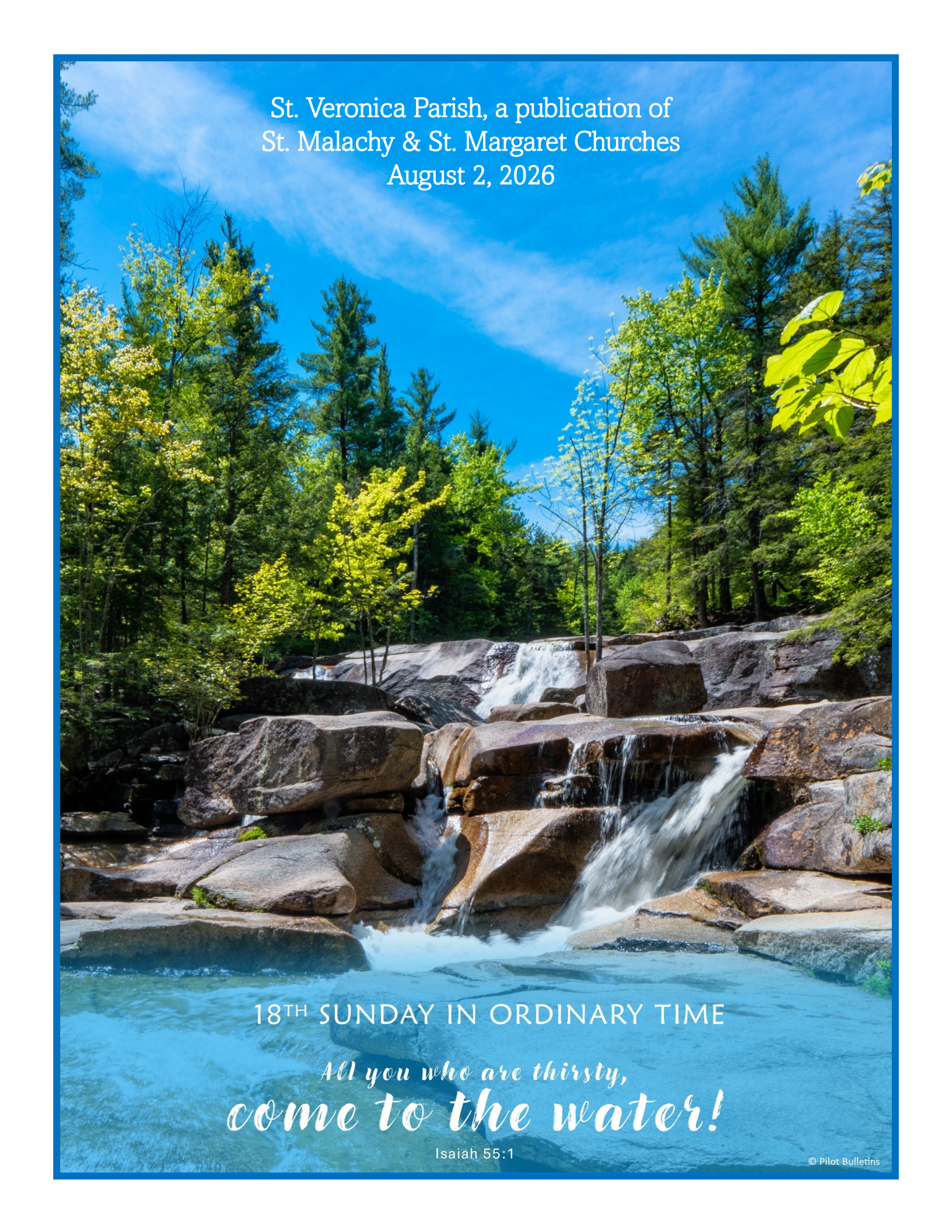




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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*All you who are thirsty,
come to the water!*

Isaiah 55:1

© Pilot Bulletins

"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 we heard Jesus conclude all his parables about the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus then leaves the crowds and returns to Nazareth, where he is rejected. When Jesus hears of the death of John the Baptist, he seeks to withdraw, but the crowds follow him. Jesus reaches out to them in compassion and heals the sick. At the end of a long day, the disciples encourage Jesus to send the crowds away so that they might find food for themselves. Jesus again responds with compassion for the crowd. Jesus tells his disciples to provide for the crowd. The disciples don't have much - just five loaves and two fish. What happens next is the very familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. Matthew's Gospel tells us that 5,000 men were fed, and this number does not even include the women and children. Jesus' blessing brought abundance from the little they had. By doing this, Jesus offers us a sign of the Kingdom of Heaven that he has been teaching about in the parables. A feast results from the smallest of portions—remember the mustard seed and the yeast? In this miracle we witness an example for Christian life and ministry for us today. Even the smallest of offerings can produce abundant results when placed in the service of God and our Parish.

Child Protection Training was held last Sunday at St. Veronica. 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 consisted 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. Thank you to all who participated last Sunday. It was a very good crowd. For those who could not attend the training session, please look to the bulletin to register at another location.

Farewell and God bless Seminarian James Silva. James was with us for a short 6 weeks this summer to experience the rhythm of living in a Rectory and Parish during his time off from the Seminary College. He is about ready to enter his third year at

Our Lady of Providence College Seminary in Providence, Rhode Island. Please wish him well as you leave church today.

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. Thank you for remembering our parish 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

**"Your love for God
is only as great as
the love you have
for the person you
love the least."**

Dorothy Day

"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, August 1

- 9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Susan Therese Diffley Memorial
- 4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Barbara Meehan Memorial
Marie Gallivan 1st Anniversary
Francesco & Paul Viola & Angela Gulino Memorial
- 4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
James, Dorothy
& Jacquelin Marchese Memorial
Frank & Helen Zieba Memorial
George & Marian MacDonald Anniversary

Sunday, August 2

- 8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Vita Reagan 3rd Anniversary
- 10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Fernando Silva Birthday Memorial
- 12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Howard & Mary Ellen Strachan
and Frank & Lillian Larson Memorial

Monday, August 3

- 9:00 am **St. Malachy**
William Robinson Memorial

Tuesday, August 4

- 9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Thanksgiving to St. Therese of Lisieux

Wednesday, August 5

- 9:00 am **St. Malachy**
Diann Bren
and Lois & Jack Cunningham Memorial

Thursday, August 6

- 9:00 am **St. Margaret Church**
The Hojlo Family

Friday, August 7

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

Saturday, August 8

- 9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Jake McCauley Memorial
- 4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Walter Prince 16th Anniversary
Jennie & Joseph Defina
and The Defina & Cincotta Families Memorial
- 4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
Anna Miele Birthday Memorial
& Tobio Miele Birthday Memorial

Sunday, August 9

- 8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Rose & Charlie Hanafin
and Pat & Roy Farrow Memorial
- 10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Alyce Bertolami 1st Anniversary
- 12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
William McGarry 5th Anniversary

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

SUNDAY Aug 2	<i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/ Mt 14:13-21
MONDAY Aug 3	Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:22-36
TUESDAY Aug 4	<i>St. John Vianney, priest</i> Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
WEDNESDAY Aug 5	<i>The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome</i> Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28
THURSDAY Aug 6	<i>Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord</i> Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
FRIDAY Aug 7	<i>St. Sixtus II, pope and martyr, and companions, martyrs</i> <i>St. Cajetan, priest</i> Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Deut 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28
SATURDAY Aug 8	<i>St. Dominic, priest</i> Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 17:14-20
SUNDAY Aug 9	<i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Pilot Bulletins



A Funeral Mass was celebrated recently for
Lois Shramek
Kindly include her and her family
in your prayers.
Thank you.

ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Weekend of July 26, 2026

Envelopes & In Church: \$9,177.07

Online: \$3,221

TOTAL: \$12,398.07

Weekly Budget \$16,153.00

Income \$12,398.07

Deficit -\$3,754.93

Month to Date: \$50,381.07

Building Fund

Envelopes & In Church: \$503

Online: \$426

TOTAL: \$929

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 87% of our goal**. (\$83,218 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AUGUST 13TH

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Thursday, August 13th in the chapel at St. Malachy 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.

THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS GAVE THE FOLLOWING PASTORAL REFLECTION ON MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026.

In light of several recent immigration enforcement encounters resulting in the loss of life, Bishop Daniel E. Garcia, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee for the Promotion of Racial Justice and Reconciliation, and Bishop Brendan J. Cahill, chairman of the Committee on Migration, issued the following pastoral reflection:

"As Catholics, we believe that all persons are created in the image and likeness of God and, therefore, grieve all situations where human life is brought to an unnatural end. This is a core teaching of our faith and one we can never grow weary of proclaiming as disciples of Our Lord Jesus Christ."

"As the bishops of the United States affirmed last November, 'We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement.' Racial profiling in particular not only violates God-given dignity (Open Wide Our Hearts, p. 4) but also inflicts profound harm on individuals, families, and communities by fostering fear, eroding trust, and increasing the risk of unjust and even tragic outcomes. Our pastoral concerns are distinct from what the civil law itself may permit."

"Acts that diminish or disregard the dignity of any person or group of people should never be normalized in our society. The dehumanization of immigrants, regardless of their legal status, is one such example of this; the vilification of law enforcement officers is yet another."

"We continue to affirm the legitimate role of civil authorities to implement the law in a humane manner and with respect for fundamental human rights, including the rights to life and due process. The power of the state must always be exercised within the limits of the moral law. To that end, we call for accountability, transparency, and justice, which require that meaningful reforms be made to our immigration system."

"We join in praying for the souls of those killed and for their families, for our nation, and for all those entrusted with the duties of public service. We pray for an end to dehumanizing rhetoric, racial prejudice, and violence and for a renewed commitment to recognizing the inherent dignity of every person as a child of God. We plead for the intercession of Mary, Our Mother, who is the model of perfect faith in times of grief, hardship, and uncertainty."



QUIZ

Can you choose the correct endings?

- Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have:
(a) learning (b) life (c) wealth?
- The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers:
(a) all our needs (b) our questions (c) us?
- Who will separate us from:
(a) our fellow Jews (b) our salvation (c) the love of Christ?
- When Jesus heard of the death of John he:
(a) withdrew by boat (b) wept (c) spoke to the people?
- The fragments which remained, when gathered up:
(a) were saved for later (b) were many (c) filled eight baskets?

ANSWERS

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

WORDSEARCH

Can you find and circle the words listed below the wordsearch grid?

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L	N	V	K	D	A	N	G	E	L	S	K
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THIRSTY
WATER
MONEY
GRAIN
EAT

TRIAL
LOVE
ANGELS
HEIGHT
DEPTH

BOAT
PLACE
CROWDS
PITY
SICK

A PICTURE TO COLOR

GOSPEL READING: MT 14, 13-21





TASTE AND SEE 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



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.

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.

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.



Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts Statement Against Late-term Abortion Bill

On July 22, 2026, the Massachusetts House of Representatives passed legislation which removed all remaining legal limits on late-term abortions in the Commonwealth. In these final days of the legislative session the Massachusetts Senate is considering the same question of late-term abortions. Late-term in this case means abortion after 24 weeks of pregnancy and up until the birth of the child.

As Catholic bishops we have a moral responsibility to present and uphold Catholic teaching and the sacred God-given dignity of every human life from conception to the natural death.

The proposed elimination of any legal restraint on late-term abortion is, in our judgement, a radical measure which is gravely immoral. Our hope is that the state Senate will not follow the House on this measure.

Life is beautiful! We invite the Catholic community to pray for a renewal of reverence for all human life. We reaffirm the Church's call to its own community and to civil society to provide the resources to welcome and cherish the gift of life, as well as to accompany women and families who have known the tragedy of abortion. Let there be room in our hearts for the most vulnerable among us. May we recall and live the Lord's own word "whatsoever you do to the least of these you do to me."

We join Pope Leo in his prayer intentions for the month of July as he implored the Lord Jesus to help us love life as He does, "with tenderness, fidelity, and self-giving." We uphold his call, "May we proclaim, in words and action, that every human life is worth the total gift of ourselves."

+Most Reverend Richard G. Henning
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+ Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
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+Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha
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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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Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
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Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 9:00 am

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(CONFESSIONS)**

Saturday: 2:30 - 3:30 pm (lower church)

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