

23rd
Sunday
in Ordinary Time

St. Veronica Parish, a publication of
St. Malachy & St. Margaret Churches
September 6, 2026



"For where two or three are gathered together in my name,
there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20

"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,

In the second half of today's Gospel Jesus gives us another clue as to how to pray. Elsewhere in the Gospels he teaches us to pray by saying, "Our Father..." This week Jesus teaches us **to pray with others**. "...if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Prayer partners are those who can agree and share the burden for the things for which you are praying. The Greek word for "agree" and "work together", is "sumphoneo." In English we would translate that into "symphony." One of the powerful aspects of a symphony orchestra is the way a large number of people work together to bring out the composer's work. Jesus is teaching us to work together and harmonize with other followers in our prayer lives. This gives great power to our prayers. There is also a humbling aspect to asking others to pray with you. Give it a try. Invite someone to come to Church with you next week and see what happens. God wants us to be a part of a larger family. There is a unifying aspect to it. This is one of the ways we live in the community God intended for us to enjoy.

With that in mind, here is a Prayer For My Parish that I have shared with you before. *"Almighty God, my parish of St. Veronica 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."*

Fr. Tom and I have been contacted many times recently by Lahey Hospital and by area hospices asking for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for people at the end of their life. All too often the calls come when the person has been sick for a very long time and they wait until the last minute to call the priest in an 'emergency' to get there as soon as possible. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, which used to be called Extreme Unction (last anointing) and/or Last Rites before Vatican II, is often times misunderstood. **For instance, there is**

the misconception that the Anointing of the Sick should only be done "at the 11th hour" before someone dies. Not so! In reality, the Anointing of the Sick is to offer prayers for possible recovery, with the more important intention to give strength to the soul of the sick person. Often, when people are sick, they get discouraged, depressed, angry, annoyed, and afraid. The Church believes that the sacrament offers a special grace to calm the spirit. If physical recovery is God's will, so be it. If not, then the person needs the grace, strength, and encouragement to bear the illness with dignity. Because many sick and injured people recover nowadays, or at least go into remission, Catholics are able to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick as many times as needed. The elderly, people with many ailments, and those with a deadly or serious disease, chronic pain and suffering, or recurring illness, can and should be anointed often. The introduction to the rite of anointing of the sick states: **"The priest should ensure that the abuse of delaying the reception of the sacrament does not occur, and that the celebration takes place while the sick person is capable of active participation" and "that those needing the sacrament should seek it at the beginning of a serious illness"**. This is important. If you are ill, getting ready for any type of Surgery (even routine surgery), elderly and becoming frail, etc., please ask the priest to be anointed. Do NOT wait until you get rushed to the hospital after a long and difficult illness, or in hospice and have an hour to live. With the shortage of priests, one may not be able to get there in time. The Anointing of the Sick is for spiritual and physical healing. The Sacrament for the dying is the Eucharist (Holy Communion) which we call Viaticum which means: Food for the Journey. And obviously, this needs to be given before someone becomes non-responsive. Hope this is helpful to 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, September 5

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Antoinette Surabian 3rd Anniversary
4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Elizabeth Sacco 1st Anniversary
4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
Joe Silva Month's Mind

Sunday, September 6

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Robert Joseph Sullivan 16th Anniversary
10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Elizabeth Davis Memorial
12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Bernard Vient Birthday Memorial

Monday, September 7

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
Marjorie Statz Month's Mind

Tuesday, September 8

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
The Putnicki Family Memorial

Wednesday, September 9

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
The Quinn Family
& Sr. Elizabeth Mary, SND
Memorial

Thursday, September 10

9:00 am **St. Margaret Church**
Maria Angelina Costa Memorial

Friday, September 11

9:00 am **St. Malachy Church**
Those who perished on September 11, 2001
Memorial

Saturday, September 12

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Mary Cullinane Birthday Memorial
4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Ellen Enos 4th Anniversary
4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
Donald & Polly Glasser Memorial

Sunday, September 13

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Anthony & Phyllis Caprio Memorial
10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Emanuel SaPonte Memorial
12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Gerardo & Jerry Caruso
John & Lillian Mossali
and Vito & Evelyn Lepore
Memorial

**IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY
OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7**



Funeral Masses were celebrated recently for
Jean Richards, John J. Maffioli
Mary Gallagher & Marie Lawrence
Kindly include them and their families
in your prayers.
Thank you.

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

SUNDAY Sep 6	Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
MONDAY Sep 7	Labor Day 1 Cor 5:1-8/Psalm 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
TUESDAY Sep 8	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
WEDNESDAY Sep 9	Saint Peter Claver, Priest 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26
THURSDAY Sep 10	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38
FRIDAY Sep 11	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42
SATURDAY Sep 12	The Most Holy Name of Mary 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49
SUNDAY Sep 13	Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Weekend of August 30, 2026

Envelopes & In Church: \$9,300

Online: \$3,267

TOTAL: \$12,567

Weekly Budget \$16,153

Income \$12,567

Deficit -\$3,586

Month to Date: \$64,565

Building Fund

Envelopes & In Church: \$380

Online: \$160

TOTAL: \$540

USCCB COMMITTEE ON PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

WASHINGTON - Aug. 18, 2026 - The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer and action to stop the spread of abortion pills. The initiative will take place August 18 through October 31, which includes the month-long commemoration of *Respect Life Month* observed each October by the Catholic Church in the United States.

"Every abortion involves the death of a child and harm to the mother," said Archbishop Paul S. Coakley, president of the USCCB, and Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities, in a joint invitation announcing the initiative. "Now with easier access to abortion pills, the abortion rate is tragically climbing, along with increased health risks."

In addition to invoking the intercession of *St. Joseph, Defender of Life* (respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph), participants can learn about the danger of abortion pills which have become accessible through telehealth appointments and at pharmacies, leading to increased risks to women, and the abortion rate tragically climbing. Participants of the initiative are encouraged to share information about the dangers of abortion pills, and sign up to send messages to pharmacies, distributors, and pharmaceutical companies at Respect Life Prayer and Action. (respectlife.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.

NEW TRAININGS SCHEDULED AT ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

All parish clergy, staff and volunteers are required to be trained. New volunteers in any ministry must complete the training before they begin their new ministry.

Tuesday, Sept 22 (6pm - 9pm)

Pizza dinner will be served

Sunday, Oct 18 (1pm - 4pm)

Light refreshments will be served

Location: St. Margaret School Building (Hall)

To register parishioners should visit www.VIRTUSonline.org and search for these programs by date. Call Carly Reidy with any questions at 781-272-3111.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Special Membership Opportunity for the men of
St. Veronica Parish!

Step 1 – sign up for FREE on line. Visit <https://www.kofc.org/get-involved/join-kofc/> Enter Council # 4978 and use promo code **BLESSEDMCGIVNEY**

Step 2 – confirm your info with the Council at council4978@gmail.com by September 9th

Step 3 – Join us on September 16th at 6:20 pm for an in-person Exemplification and earn all three Degrees of Knighthood

Be A Knight
Its as easy as 1-2-3!

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.



Mark your calendars for gatherings the remainder of 2026: **Thursdays: 9/17, 10/15, 11/19, and 12/17 at 6:30pm.** In August, we had a nice gathering and learned about various prayer practices including ACTS, PRAY, Lectio Divina and Ignatian prayer, opening our minds and hearts to less-known methods of prayer to help us grow in our faith. We'll meet again on **Thu, Sept. 17 at 6:30pm at St. Malachy's church hall** (enter through the Chapel, proceed downstairs via the stairs or elevator). In *October*, we'll welcome back guest speaker, *Kent Niebuhr*. More information to follow. All are welcomed - no sign-up is ever needed. Any questions, feel free to reach out to Laurie at 617-680-4448.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION SEPTEMBER 10th

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Thursday, September 10th 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.

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.

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)

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE Saturday, October 10th at 11 am

St. Michael Parish (90 Concord Rd, Bedford) will be hosting a Mass of Remembrance for parents and families who endured the tragic loss of a child due to miscarriage or stillbirth on Saturday, October 10 at 11 am. Anyone who has suffered such a loss—whether recently or years ago—is invited and encouraged to join us as we honor these little souls through the liturgy and pray for the moms, dads, siblings, and grandparents they left behind. A time of fellowship with light refreshments will be held immediately following the Mass at our Parish Hall. If you're able, please let us know if you plan on attending by emailing Michelle at thebedfordcolasantes@gmail.com with your first and last name, and number of family members joining us. Thank you.

45th Annual Lawn Party to Benefit Seminarians

Wednesday, September 23, 2026 | 6:00 PM

Mary Courtyard | Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary | Weston

Join us for an evening of fellowship featuring a cocktail reception, dinner, and music as we come together to support Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary and its unique mission of forming men who have answered God's call to the priesthood later in life.

Hosted by
Most Rev. Richard G. Henning
Archbishop of Boston

Chaired by
Michele and Chris Wickles

Presentation of the Pacem in Terris Award

Most Rev. Robert J. McManus
Gail and Terry Murphy

Help support the men preparing to serve the Church as priests.

Tickets & Sponsorship Information:
781-899-5500 | www.psjs.edu/lawn-party



QUIZ

Can you choose the correct endings?

- God appointed the prophet Ezekiel as:
(a) a watchman for Israel (b) the future king
(c) a bearer of good tidings?
- We are the people whom God:
(a) punishes (b) shepherds (c) seeks?
- He who loves his neighbor:
(a) has many friends (b) has fulfilled the law
(c) will prosper?
- If your brother should commit some wrong against you:
(a) ignore him (b) do the same to him
(c) point out his fault?
- Where two or three are gathered in Jesus' name:
(a) Jesus is there (b) they should be friends
(c) there is a community?

ANSWERS

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

WORDSEARCH

Can you find and circle the words listed below?

HOUSE SING WON
WARN PSALMS CHURCH
WICKED KNEEL PRAY
DIE LOVE LISTEN
GUILT WRONG WORD

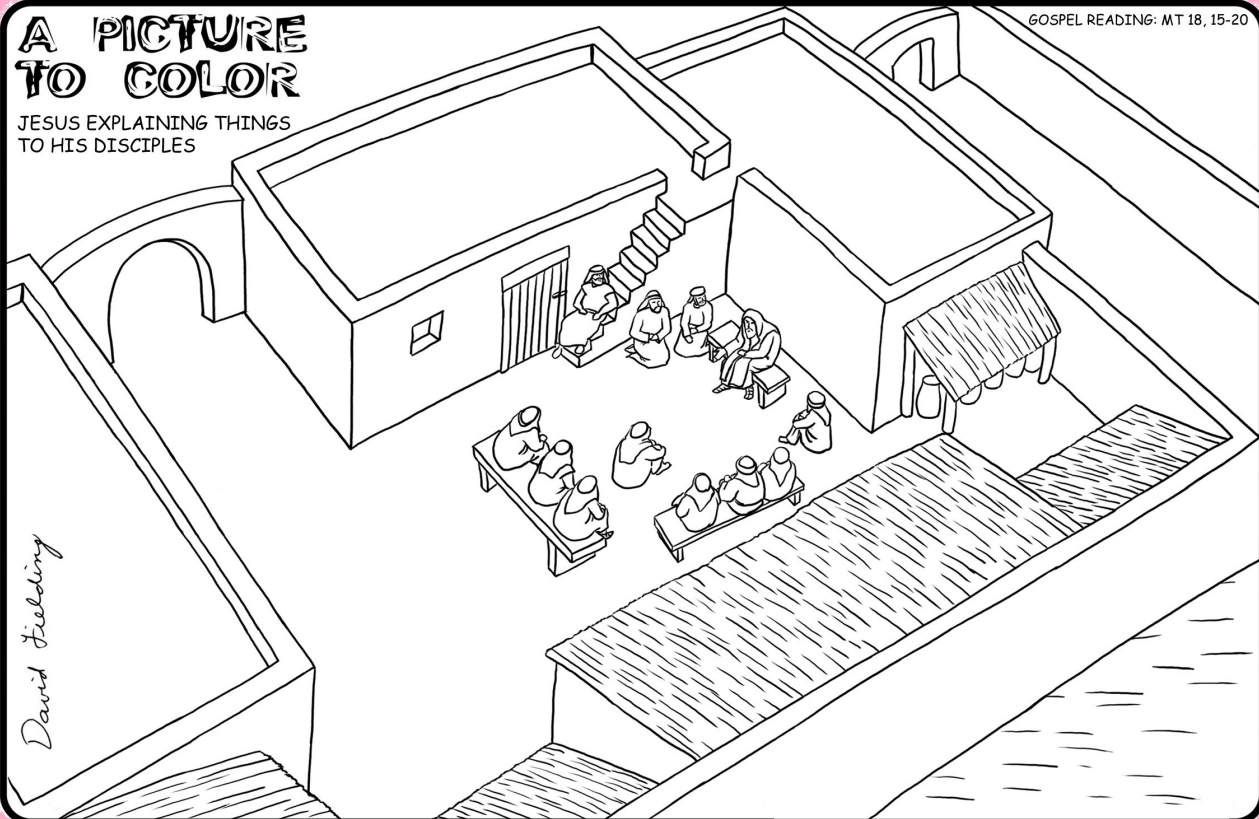
Solution to last week's crossword



A PICTURE TO COLOR

JESUS EXPLAINING THINGS TO HIS DISCIPLES

GOSPEL READING: MT 18, 15-20



Sunday Funday © Pilot Bulletins

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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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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)

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