

JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

LET US
GIVE THANKS
TO THE FATHER

COLOSSIANS 1:12

**St. Veronica Parish, a publication of
St. Malachy & St. Margaret Churches
November 23, 2025**

"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."

By Dr. Scott Hahn
Kingdom of the Son



**ST. PAUL CENTER
FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY**

Solemnity of Christ the King

Week by week the Liturgy has been preparing us for the revelation to be made on this, the last Sunday of the Church year.

Jesus, we have been shown, is truly the Chosen One, the Messiah of God, the King of Jews. Ironically, in today's Gospel we hear these names on the lips of those who don't believe in Him - Israel's rulers, the soldiers, a criminal dying alongside Him.

They can only see the scandal of a bloodied figure nailed to a cross. They scorn Him in words and gestures foretold in Israel's Scriptures (see Psalm 22:7-9; 69:21-22; Wisdom 2:18-20). If He is truly King, God will rescue Him, they taunt. But He did not come to save Himself, but to save them - and us.

The good thief shows us how we are to accept the salvation He offers us. He confesses his sins, acknowledges he deserves to die for them. And He calls on the name of Jesus, seeks His mercy and forgiveness.

By his faith he is saved. Jesus "remembers" him - as God has always remembered His people, visiting them with His saving deeds, numbering them among His chosen heirs (see Psalm 106:4-5).

By the blood of His cross, Jesus reveals His Kingship - not in saving His life, but in offering it as a ransom for ours. He transfers us to "the Kingdom of His beloved Son," as today's Epistle tells us.

His Kingdom is the Church, the new Jerusalem and House of David that we sing of in today's Psalm.

By their covenant with David in today's First Reading, Israel's tribes are made one "bone and flesh" with their king. By the new covenant made in His blood, Christ becomes one flesh with the people of His Kingdom - the head of His body, the Church (see Ephesians 5:23-32).

We celebrate and renew this covenant in every Eucharist, giving thanks for our redemption, hoping for the day when we too will be with Him in Paradise.



Thanksgiving Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation. We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities. We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes. We thank you, Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day. We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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THANKSGIVING MASS

Please join us at St. Margaret Church on November 27 at 9:00am for our annual St. Thanksgiving Day Mass. At this Mass we will be handing out and blessing bread for you and your family to share at the dinner table. It's a wonderful moment for all to give thanks and begin the holiday season.

FR. MAHONEY

For those wishing to send Fr. Mahoney a card, the address is: **Fr. James Mahoney, Guest House, 1601 Jocelyn Rd., Lake Orion, MI. 48360**

Please do not send any food to Fr. Mahoney due to food allergies of others.

"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, November 22

9:00 am **St Margaret**
MASS OF REMBERANCE

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Alma & George Desrosiers Memorial

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
Frank, Florence & William Lynch Memorial

Sunday, November 23

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Manuel & Auzenda Alberto Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Joseph & Paula Turco Memorial

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Richard Cahill Memorial

Monday, November 24

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
The Jankowski Family Memorial

Tuesday, November 25

9:00 am **St. Margaret, (Communion Service)**
Martin & Nora Kelly Memorial

Wednesday, November 26, (Communion Service)

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
Prayers for healing from surgery

Thursday, November 27 - Thanksgiving

9:00 am **St Margaret**
Mass for The People

Friday, November 28

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
The Cullinane Family Memorial

Saturday, November 29

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

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Michael & Diana Lavey Memorial

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
Joan Bennett 3rd Anniversary

Sunday, November 30

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Willard Wyman 2nd Anniversary

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Rocco Bumbaca Birthday Memorial

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Anna Miele 1st Anniversary



Funeral services were celebrated recently for
Kindly include them and their families
**Margaret Fitzgerald, Christine Fabrizio
& Arlene Boyson**
in your prayers.
Thank you.

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2025

SUNDAY Nov 23	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43
MONDAY Nov 24	Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4
TUESDAY Nov 25	Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11
WEDNESDAY Nov 26	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19
THURSDAY Nov 27	Thanksgiving Day Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/Lk 21:20-28
FRIDAY Nov 28	Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-3
SATURDAY Nov 29	Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36
SUNDAY Nov 30	First Sunday of Advent Is 2:1-5/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Weekend of November 16, 2025

Envelopes & In Church: \$8,119

Online: \$4,510

TOTAL: \$12,629

Weekly Budget \$16,153

Income \$12,629

Deficit -\$3,524

Month to Date: \$44,632

St. Veronica Building Fund

Envelopes & In Church: \$418

Online: \$750

TOTAL: \$1,168

Hurricane Relief

Envelopes & In Church: \$5,634

Online: \$1,084

TOTAL: \$6,718

COLLECTION FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS SISTERS

Today's second collection is for the retired Religious Sisters. Since 1988, the collection has provided needed financial support for religious communities who have served the Archdiocese of Boston as educators and health care and social service providers. Please give generously in recognition of the Sisters' years of dedicated service. Your contribution does make a difference. For more information, please contact the Delegate for Religious at 617-746-5637.

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)*

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

Campaign Statistics as of 11/20/2025

Total # Pledged: 319

Total # of Households: 2,649

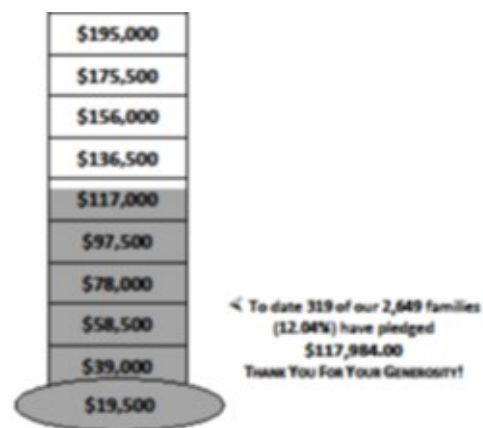
Total Amount Pledged \$117,984.00

Total Amount Paid: \$112,534.00

Average Pledge: \$369.86

% of Pledges Collected: 95.38%

% of Participation: 12.04%



Join the CHRISTMAS CHOIR

**LIFT YOUR VOICE AND SHARE THE
JOY OF THE SEASON.**

Open to all! No music-reading required—just a love of Christmas music and a joyful spirit! Either join the adult choir or the seasonal children's choir for Christmas! Just a few rehearsals and plan to sing at the 4:30pm Mass on Christmas Eve at St Margaret's Church.

If you or your child are interested, please contact:
Bill Donahue, Director of Music – St. Margaret Church
✉ wdonahue@stveronicaparish.org | 508-451-8083
Or simply speak with him after any Mass!

Religious Education Programs

All Students are expected to attend Mass every weekend. The Mass Schedule is as follows:

St. Margaret Church: Saturday 4:30pm, Sunday 8:00am and 12:00pm

St. Malachy Church: Saturday 4:00pm and Sunday 10:00am (Coffee and Donuts after Mass)

GRADES 1, 3-5 SCHEDULE

Lessons are completed at home or in a small family groups on a monthly basis. Below are dates for special events families will attend monthly: Family of Faith Gatherings.

12/14 - Christmas Nativity Play and cookie decorating after 10:00am Mass at St. Malachy Church hall.

1/25 & 2/8 - After 10:00am Mass at St. Malachy Church hall.

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

Grade 2 students will receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation in February and Holy Communion in May. Lessons are completed at home or in a small family group. Grade 2 students are invited to the same special events listed for the Grade 1, 3-5 students. In addition, there are some additional dates to keep in mind:

First Reconciliation Retreat: 1/25 1:30pm - 4:00pm at St. Margaret School Building

First Reconciliation Ceremonies:

1/31 - at 12:00 at St. Margaret Church

2/7 - at 12:00pm at St. Malachy Church

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 & 7)

will meet at St Margaret School building

MONDAY

7:00pm – 8:00pm

12/1 & 15

1/12 & 26

2/2 & 9

3/2

WEDNESDAY

2:00pm - 3:30pm

12/3 & 17

1/14 & 28

2/4 & 11

3/4

Christmas Festivities: 12/14 at 11:00am at St Malachy Church Hall

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

Grades 8 and 9 will both receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Classes will meet at St. Margaret School building either Monday (7 - 8pm) or Wednesday (2 - 2:30pm).

MONDAY

7:00pm – 8:00pm

12/1 & 15

1/12 & 26

2/2 & 9

3/2

WEDNESDAY

2:00pm - 3:30pm

12/3 & 17

1/14 & 28

2/4 & 11

3/4

**CONFIRMATION WILL BE MAY 19, 2026
AT ST. MARGARET CHURCH
GRADE 8 AT 5:00PM
GRADE 9 AT 7:00PM**

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR GRADES 10-12

12/7/2025	Holy Eucharist
12/14/2025	Christmas Carols – Senior Center 6PM
1/11/2026	Our Father/Nicene Creed
2/1/2026	Mary, Blessed Mother
3/8/2026	Lenten Mission - St. Malachy Church (7 PM)
4/12/2026	Marian Apparitions

Topics may change, but class dates won't. Class runs from 5-6 PM.



Christmas Giving Tree



For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. [Matthew 6:21](#)

For many years, our neighbors in need have enjoyed a happier holiday season due to the generosity of St. Veronica's parishioners. Both churches will combine efforts again this year for the Christmas Giving Tree program to support local charitable organizations. St Veronica's Parish is excited to support:

St. Veronica's Parishioners
Heartbeat

People Helping People of Burlington
Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Lynn

Lowell Shelter
Tewksbury Hospital

There are a couple of way to help support our effort:

Sign-Up Genius: We have over 300 specific gift requests to fill for both children and adults. These are special wish list items. This is a great opportunity to pick that special gift for someone. The link is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D48AEA823A1FC1-59879588-stveronica>

Christmas Trees located in each Church: The tags on these trees will contain requests for gift cards to local supermarkets, clothing stores, restaurants as well as basic needs for the Lowell Shelter (socks, t-shirts, toiletries)

If you sign up online or take a tag from the Giving Tree, please commit to following through.

Make note of the person you have chosen and, if applicable, the age, size and desired request.

Your gift should be a **newly purchased item that matches the request.**

Each request specifies whether a gift should be wrapped or unwrapped. It is important you follow these instructions.

The Gift code should be clearly marked on the gift and the tag properly secured.

Please do not include additional gifts in the same package as your purchased gift. If you wish to give additional gifts, please put them into a separate gift bag and indicate "additional gifts". We will distribute them to the children or other family members as needed. Due to allergies that a child may have, we request that you do not include any candy or other food items.

Gift Cards & Cash Donations – We are looking for Gift Cards to the following:

Market Basket, Shaw's, Stop & Shop, Wegmans, Target, Papa Gino's, DSW Shoes, Kohl's, Dunkin Donuts

Please clearly **mark the \$ amount on the gift card** and deposit them into the decorated box located at the entryway of St. Margaret's & St. Malachy's. Please do not wrap the gift cards.

If for any reason, you are not able to access online or physically get to the church, please call one of the names below to get a Giving Tree tag.

FINAL RETURN DATE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7th

Please bring in gifts early to avoid bad weather, forgetfulness, etc.

Place all gifts at the front of the church by the tree.

Any questions, contact:

Joanne Mackey: 978-439-0017
Kathleen Keady: 781-272-5111

Marcia Aulenback: 617-538-1970
Michelle Campbell: 781-272-3111

God Bless and Thank You!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION HELP NEEDED

We are badly in need of parishioners willing to join our Eucharistic Adoration ministry. Adoration takes place once per month between 2 pm to 8 pm at St. Malachy's chapel.

We are looking for people willing to spend an hour with the Lord during that time period. We especially need help in the 7 - 8 pm time slot, but can use help in other time slots as well. It's not necessary to sign up every month. We could use your help even if it's only occasionally. If interested, please contact either Deacon Dick (deaconbilotta@stveronicaparish.org) or Cathy Rais (wwjcathy@gmail.com).

2026 LECTOR WORKBOOKS NOW AVAILABLE

The new liturgical year begins with the first Sunday in Advent on November 30th. Lector workbooks are now available in the sacristy of both of our churches. Each lector has been assigned a workbook with their name on it. Please get your workbook from the church at which you normally serve. The books at St. Malachy are on a table in the sacristy next to the big safe. The Books at St. Margaret on a table located at the far side of the sacristy nearest the rectory. There should be a book for every lector. But, If you can't find a book with your name on it, please contact either Laurie Glasser (St. Margaret) or Christina Arokiaraj (St. Malachy).

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.



WISH TREE

People Helping People will once again be running the Wish Tree at the Burlington Mall this Christmas Season. St Veronica's Parish will

be providing coverage on **Thursday, 12/4/2025, Friday, 12/5/2025, Thursday 12/6/2025 and Sunday 12/7/2025.**

This activity is a nice opportunity for a Parent or Grandparent to spend time volunteering alongside their teen. The parent or grandparent must be always seated at the table.

Please reach out to Marcia Aulenback at mjaulenback91@gmail.com to volunteer.

In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday the rectories will be closed on November 27th and 28th. Have a safe and happy time with your family and friends.

DISCOVER THE IMPERIAL CITIES!



Looking for some exciting travel plans to undertake next year? Consider setting out on a grand cultural adventure through the **Imperial Cities of Central Europe**. Father Frank Silva, a faculty member at St. John's Seminary in Brighton and who previously served as pastor in Burlington, invites you to join him on a **tour of Prague, Vienna, and Budapest from June 1-11, 2026**. For information about the trip, go to: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1362952> or call Father Silva at 617-746-5425.

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Deacon Jack Minch Deacon
Deacon John Ippolito Transitional Deacon
(from Pope St. John XXIII Seminary)
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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)

Saint Margaret Church

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Tel: 781-272-3111

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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)

THE PRAYER HOPE LINE:
781-273-HOPE (4673)



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EMAIL LIST

If would like to receive St. Veronica emails please
 send your name and email address to:
stveronica@stveronicaparish.org