

# SAINT GREGORY PARISH

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**WELCOME, WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!** We extend a warm welcome to all guests and parishioners. We are delighted that you have come to worship with us, and we very much hope that you feel at home here! Newcomers are encouraged to register as members of the Parish. Registration forms are available in the entryways of the Church and in the Parish Office and can be placed in the offertory receptacle or mailed to the Parish Office.



**PASTOR:** Fr. Jack Ahern

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**IN RESIDENCE:** Fr. Brian F. McMahon

**BUSINESS MANAGER:** Julie A. Hayes

**MUSIC DIRECTOR:** James Busby

**SUNDAY MASSES:** Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM

**DAILY MASSES:** Monday - Friday: 6:45 AM

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Second Sunday of every month at 11:00 AM, in the upper Church. Please call rectory in advance to register.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturday: Noon—1:00 pm on Saturdays to allow both the celebration of the Sacrament weekly and to schedule funerals.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Couples planning to be married should contact Fr. Jack at least six months prior to the date requested.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** First full weekend of the month after Mass, or anytime by request.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** First Saturday of the month from Noon—1:00 pm.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Classes begin in October each year. Please contact the rectory for more information.

**ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC ACADEMY - LOWER MILLS**

Lisa Warshafsky, Principal

Tel: 617-265-0019, Website:www.sjp2ca.org

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Monday morning.

*Please turn off cell phones and pagers  
upon entering the church.*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

4:00 PM Paul Leary (3rd Anniversary) and  
Joan & F. Beirne Lovely (50th Wedding  
Anniversary/Memorial)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

7:00 AM Anne Thu Huong (23rd Anniversary)  
10:00 AM Matthew Roper (2nd Anniversary) and  
Jimmy Donovan (4th Anniversary)  
5:00 PM John Dooley (3rd Anniversary) and  
John R. Dooley (1st Anniversary)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

6:45 AM Dr. Peter Leahy (2nd Anniversary)

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

6:45 AM Parishioners of St. Gregory Parish

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

6:45 AM Fr. Vin Doolan (1st Anniversary)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

4:00 PM Francis Walsh (1st Anniversary)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

7:00 AM John J. Mulvey, Sr. (Memorial)  
10:00 AM Kevin O'Halloran (1st Anniversary)  
5:00 PM Joseph Campisi (Month's Mind)

**Please keep in your prayers**

Please pray for Rev. John Lavin, C.Ss.R. and all those who have died recently, that they may rest in God's peace. Please also remember their families and friends.

**Offertory Collection—Sunday, February 13, 2022**

**\$6,267.00 (includes online and mailed in giving)**

**Utilities Collection: \$6,707.00 (includes online & mailed)**

**Grand Annual to date: 49,205.00 (Goal: \$60,000.00)**

To give online go to [stgregoryparish.com](http://stgregoryparish.com) and click on the green button "Get Started". For help, call Julie at the rectory.

**Utility Collection**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Utility Collection last week. As all of you know the cost of all things, including utilities, has skyrocketed beyond what you or we expected as we prepared our Household and Parish Budgets. Any and all assistance is appreciated, but I also know that many of you are hard pressed, and family comes first.

*Fr. Jack*

**Pope Francis Offers 6 New Beatitudes to Practice**

In offering these new beatitudes, Pope Francis described the new situations that require energy and faith for today's Christians. Of those who practice them he said: "Surely they will receive from Him their merited reward."

The list of new beatitudes are:

1. "Blessed are those who remain faithful while enduring evils inflicted on them by others and forgive them from their heart.
2. "Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalized and show them their closeness.
3. "Blessed are those who see God in every person and strive to make others also discover him.
4. "Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home.
5. "Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others.
6. "Blessed are those who pray and work for full communion between Christians."

**The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February:**

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.



### Saint Josephine Bakhita

For many years, Josephine Bakhita was a slave but her spirit was always free and eventually that spirit prevailed.

Born in Olgossa in the Darfur region of southern Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped at the age of 7, sold into slavery and given the name Bakhita, which means *fortunate*. She was resold several times, finally in 1883 to Callisto Legnani, Italian consul in Khartoum, Sudan.

Two years later, he took Josephine to Italy and gave her to his friend Augusto Michieli. Bakhita became babysitter to Mimmina Michieli, whom she accompanied to Venice's Institute of the Catechumens, run by the Canossian Sisters. While Mimmina was being instructed, Josephine felt drawn to the Catholic Church. She was baptized and confirmed in 1890, taking the name Josephine.

When the Michielis returned from Africa and wanted to take Mimmina and Josephine back with them, the future saint refused to go. During the ensuing court case, the Canossian Sisters and the patriarch of Venice intervened on Josephine's behalf. The judge concluded that since slavery was illegal in Italy, she had actually been free since 1885.

Josephine entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later. In 1902, she was transferred to the city of Schio (northeast of Verona), where she assisted her religious community through cooking, sewing, embroidery, and welcoming visitors at the door. She soon became well loved by the children attending the sisters' school and the local citizens. She once said, "Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know Him. What a great grace it is to know God!"

*(Franciscan Media)*



### Hearing Loss? Will you hear your smoke alarm?

The Boston Fire Department will install a free bed shaker alarm with smoke and CO detectors to ensure you will be able to respond in the event of an emergency. For installation and additional information, please call 617-343-3337 or email

Michelle.mccourt@boston.gov



### The Season of Lent is Almost Here

*Ash Wednesday is ten days away  
March 2nd*

Ashes will be distributed after (*not during as is the norm*) the 6:45 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Masses.

Ashes will also be distributed between  
4:00 and 4:30 p.m.  
in the Upper Church

It is also possible that if you bring a small envelope that you can bring the ashes home for yourself, families, and others.

### Covid Concerns

Last week Governor Baker did away with the statewide mandate for wearing masks in school starting February 28<sup>th</sup>. He then gave each municipality the flexibility to make a mandate in their given area.

In January Cardinal Sean mandated the use of masks for all Church Services. This mandate will end on February 28<sup>th</sup>. The City of Boston does not have a mask mandate for Worship sites.

Also, anyone is free to wear masks and we will still provide them at the entrance of the Church.

As we move forward, please continue to pray for all touched by Covid.

Lastly, as before, if you have concerns for your health and well-being and believe it is not safe nor prudent to attend Mass, by all means stay home and be safe. God understands!

*Fr. Jack*

*"The "true gold medal" at the Olympic and Paralympic Games goes to everything that helps the global community be more welcoming and accepting of all people."*

*-Pope Francis*