

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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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 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)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

6:45 AM Mass of Thanksgiving (Peg Mulvey)

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

6:45 AM Rev. Gregory Staab, OMV (4th Anniv)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

6:45 AM Mary R. Johnston (Memorial)
 9:00 AM Hugh T. McGowan (1st Anniversary)

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

6:45 AM Parishioners of St. Gregory Parish

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

6:45 AM Julia Ernesti (Anniversary)

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

6:45 AM Francis Niederberger (19th Anniversary)
 4:00 PM Michael Joyce (4th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

7:00 AM Elizabeth Burke (15th Anniversary)
 10:00 AM Helen McCarthy (1st Anniversary) and
 Finn McCarthy (Birthday Memorial)
 5:00 PM Helen and Clifford Johnson (Memorial)

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 20, 2022**\$6,723.00 (includes online and mailed in giving)****Grand Annual to date: 49,205.00 (Goal: \$60,000.00)**

To give online go to stgregoryparish.com and click on the green button "Get Started". For help, call Julie at the rectory.

Covid Concerns

Two weeks ago Governor Baker did away with the statewide mandate for wearing masks in school starting February 28th. 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 28th. 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

Next weekend, the 2022 Catholic Appeal will be officially announced here in our parish and across the Archdiocese. In addition to supporting the programs and operations of our parish, the Appeal also puts faith into action in our schools and in our broader communities. We invite you to prayerfully consider making a generous gift to this year's appeal.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for March

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Be Kind This Lent

Fr. James Martin, S.J.

What are you giving up for Lent? Well, instead of giving something up how about doing something positive. How about this: Be kind. And let me suggest.

First: Give people the benefit of the doubt. After all, why not? Everyone is carrying around some sort of burden. Usually, one that you don't even know about. So, give them a break.

Second: Honor the absent. When you're talking about people who aren't there, be kind. Spiritually speaking, it's essential. It's part of charity. Practically speaking, it makes sense too. Why? Because you'll feel crummy about yourself afterwards. Because the person you're complaining to will probably see you as negative. Finally, because it will probably get back to them. More to the point, it's mean.

Finally: Don't be a jerk. There is no need to be. Just because you're having a rotten day doesn't mean you have to pass along your misery to someone else. It's important to share your struggles with friends. But being in a bad mood is no excuse for being unpleasant. If you feel your moving into that territory, ask yourself a simple question, "Am I being a jerk?" If you're somehow unable to discern that, the look on other people's faces will tell you.

So, for Lent, some advice: Be nice!

**A few wise words echoing through
Ash Wednesday urge me to deeper things:**

**renewed dedication
constant compassion
and mindful awareness**

**leave marveling at how simple and sublime is
this envelope of the soul, which one
day return to dust, dust, only dust."**

Joyce Rupp



Ash Wednesday Services at St. Gregory's

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 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. in the Upper Church.



Daily Mass

6:45 a.m. Monday—Saturday in the Lower Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Noon to 1:00 p.m.

In the Upper Church

Stations of the Cross

Friday Evenings 7:00 PM in the Upper Church

Lenten Disciplines of

Fast and Abstinence

**Lenten Fast and Abstinence: Ash Wednesday
and Good Friday are days of fasting
and abstinence for Catholics**

In addition, Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. The norms on fasting are for individuals from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are for Catholics from age 14 onwards. As you embrace this discipline, please pray for those who go to bed hungry each night. One in nine people in Eastern Massachusetts do not know where their next meal is coming from.