

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 basket or mailed to the Parish Office.*



Alleluia!

He Is Risen!

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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: 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.

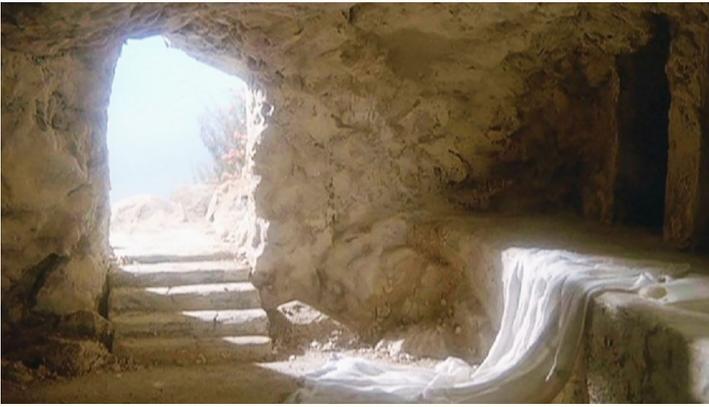
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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday morning.

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

**MONDAY, APRIL 5**

6:45 AM Mary and John Crahan (Memorial)

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

6:45 AM George Wall (Memorial)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

6:45 AM Anthony Hao (Memorial)

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

6:45 AM Rev. Clyde Chetwynde (Memorial)

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

6:45 AM Vincent Tran (Memorial)

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

4:00 PM Paul Hastings (Birthday Memorial)

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

7:00 AM Mary C. Mulvey (Birthday Memorial)

10:00 AM Olive Lai Choy (3rd Anniversary)

5:00 PM James J. Smith (1st Anniversary)

The Holy Father's Intention for April: We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Please keep in your prayers

Please pray for all those who have died recently that they may rest in God's peace. Please also remember their families and friends that they might know the gift of God's loving consolation.

2021 Catholic Appeal Update

The 2021 Catholic Appeal campaign is well underway. Together, we have raised \$16,145 toward our parish goal of \$30,035. Our heartfelt thanks to all who have participated, especially during this difficult year. Your generosity will benefit hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs at work within the Archdiocese of Boston, and here at St. Gregory Parish.

We recognize that many of you may be navigating your own financial challenges but ask for your prayerful consideration of a gift to the 2021 Catholic Appeal at whatever level is comfortable for you. Every gift, regardless of the size, is meaningful and can make an impact. If you have not received a Catholic Appeal letter or email request and would like to make a donation, please go on line at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org Your participation in our Parish Appeal is very much appreciated by our parish and the thousands that are served through the Archdiocesan Central Ministries.

**The Resurrection of the Lord**

Our readings remind us that the message of Easter is one of joy and good news. It is a message that we cannot keep to ourselves. St. Peter makes clear in today's first reading that we are "commissioned" to preach and bear witness.

While limitations on gatherings still need observing, how will you bear witness to Christ's saving love this Easter? Who are the people in your life that need to hear this good news? The message is clear - Christ our hope is risen. Go – tell the good News!

Covid Precautions

With the arrival of Spring and its beautiful weather and with more and more individuals receiving their vaccinations, I am seeing more life and energy in our neighborhood and in the Church. That is a good thing but let us continue to exercise caution and remember that for many it is still too early to be venturing out to Mass. Please remember that the dispensation from the obligation for Sunday Mass continues and that the Cardinal and I encourage people to be safe. I look forward to the day where all of us can again gather, but now is not the right time for many.



Easter Collection—Support our Priests

Today's collection will benefit Clergy Trust which provides programs and support to care for the health and well-being of all active and senior diocesan priests in good standing. By supporting this collection, you are helping to ensure that our active priests receive the care they need to continue their important work and our senior priests, like Monsignor Paul Ryan, have support and access to quality care.

This collection is a critical source of funding for the Trust and your generosity is greatly appreciated. On behalf of myself and all my brother priests who benefit from the support of Clergy Trust, thank you so much for your continued support and generosity.

Hate Crimes

Although it is not new, over the past several weeks we have seen several stories in the newspaper and on TV concerning the rise in violence against Asian Americans. We also were taken back by the Duxbury Football Team using anti-Semitic terms when calling audibles. Hate crimes of any kind are intolerable. "We pray for all who suffer racist violence and hate speech. There can be no place for either in our society, and it is incumbent on all of us to resist language, culture and acts that denigrate anyone because of race, language, ethnicity or way of life — because they have deadly consequences. When people make hateful comments or jokes, it normalizes bigotry, reinforces racism and risks encouraging those who would commit hate crimes.

Thank You for Helping Our Neighbors in Need at Easter and throughout the Year

Thank you to the many donors who have so generously provided Stop & Shop and Star Market food cards as well as cash that have been given out to local families in need, ensuring that they can have an Easter dinner and mark this most holy feast. We are always so moved by the generosity of our parishioners!

ACCESS TODAY'S READINGS FROM YOUR SMARTPHONE WHILE AT MASS

We are no longer allowed to have missalettes in the pews because of the pandemic, but you may follow along by accessing our website on your smartphone.

Go to: www.stgregoryparish.com

Click on: [Daily Bible Readings](#)



A Reflection for the Easter Season



"Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy" (John 16:20)

Remember the times you thought you couldn't endure the pain or the loss any longer? It seemed too much to bear. Maybe you are in a situation like that now.

At such time it's difficult to believe that grief and suffering will be turned into joy. Others can assure us that the pain will pass with time, but usually everything in us doubts this. That's why we need to celebrate Easter continually. We need to recall and welcome the Easter story much more than just once a year. We celebrate Easter every time we look closely at the little surprises of joy in our lives. Each time we announce these joys to ourselves or to others, we are like the angels at the empty tomb announcing resurrection.

I know a woman who is never without the pain of four metal rods pressing into her back. Yet she has found joy beyond her daily pain. She relishes happiness in her relationship with her spouse, delights in her grandchildren, enjoys the beauty of the passing seasons. She is an Easter person who daily chooses to believe that she does not have to stay in the tomb of pain and discouragement.

Risen Christ, lead me to my own Easter moments. Clear my mind and open my heart so I can see the surprising little joys that are waiting to greet me today.

From Inviting God In: Scriptural Reflections and Prayers Throughout the Year by Joyce Rupp

Adoration

of the

Blessed Sacrament



Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on **Saturday, April 10th** from 12 (noon) to 1:00 pm, and every First Saturday of the Month at Noon for Adoration. Confessions will also be heard at that time.