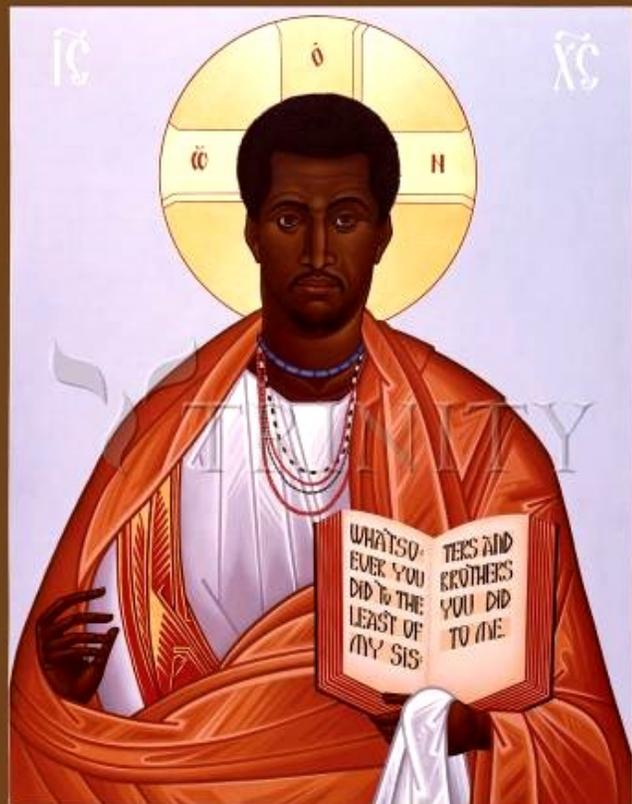


# St. Gregory's Parish



JESUS CHRIST LIBERATOR

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## **SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday: 4:00 PM

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

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Monday - Friday - 6:45 AM

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## **WELCOME**

### **WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!**

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all guests and parishioners of Saint Gregory Parish. 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.

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

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Confessions will be heard from Noon to 1:00 pm on Saturdays to allow both the celebration of the Sacrament weekly, and also 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.

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

Lisa Warshafsky, Principal

For more information call 617-265-0019 or visit

[www.sjp2ca.org](http://www.sjp2ca.org)

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Monday morning.

*Please visit our website often for news and information.*

[www.stgregoryparish.com](http://www.stgregoryparish.com)

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



**SATURDAY, JUNE 13**

4:00 PM William Bulger (2nd Anniversary)

**SUNDAY, JUNE 14**

7:00 AM Fr. Jack and Classmates  
(40th Anniversary of Priesthood)  
10:00 AM James & Marie Gurley  
(50th Wedding Anniversary)  
5:00 PM Bob Norris (5th Anniversary)

**MONDAY, JUNE 15**

6:45 AM Rev. Celsus Repole, OFM, Cap. (Anniv.)

**TUESDAY, JUNE 16**

6:45 AM Erik & Marie Higgins (Special Intention)

**THURSDAY, JUNE 18**

6:45 AM Ivan Bereznicki (Seriously ill)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20**

4:00 PM Catherine Ann Gouzoule, Kimberly and John Johnson and Florence Quinn (Mem.)

**SUNDAY, JUNE 21**

7:00 AM Adelson, Degraff & Girault Families  
(in Thanksgiving)  
10:00 AM Mary and Helen Moran (Memorial)  
5:00 PM Marie Andre (in Thanksgiving)

**Please keep in your prayers**

Joseph Corcoran, Margaret Doherty, John Viera and F. Beirne Lovely who passed to the Lord recently. May they rest in God's peace. Please also pray that their family and friends might know the gift of God's loving consolation.

**OFFERTORY**

**Sunday, June 7, 2020**

**\$ 4,211.00 (includes online and mailed in giving)**



**WELCOME HOME!!!**

Last weekend we continued to limp along as we welcomed a few more to Mass. It was good to see them, but I continue to stress how good and necessary it is for many within the Parish to stay home and be safe. Although we are in a better place with the pandemic it is still risky to gather in Church even with keeping all the necessary directives from the Commonwealth, the City, and the Archdiocese.

If you have any questions, concerns or observations please feel free to call or email me anytime.

*Fr. Jack*

617-686-0290



**Year of the Eucharist**

***"And behold I am with you always, until the end of the age." Matthew 28:20***

As we gather this weekend on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) we begin a **Year of the Eucharist**. Cardinal Seán O'Malley has invited us to reflect on the great gift of the Eucharist. The Year of the Eucharist is meant to be a time set aside to bolster the faith of those who already believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and to encourage those who struggle with this belief. To assist us on this journey the Archdiocese has set up a website that offers differing resources and links. The website is: [yearoftheeucharist@rcab.org](http://yearoftheeucharist@rcab.org).

In addition to learning more about the Eucharist, if you have some time drop by the Church to spend more time before the Eucharistic Lord, asking Him to reveal Himself to you. The Church is open Monday through Friday 6:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 6:30 a.m. to Noon and 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

***In light of the murder of George Floyd and the protests that followed, I preached last weekend on our need to deal with the sin of racism. (Fr. Jack)***

Last week at an Interfaith Prayer Service at City Hall on the occasion of the death of George Floyd I said:

The horrific murder of George Floyd has left so many us angry as the words: "I can't breathe" continue to ring in our ears and hearts.

As we ever so slowly move toward a new normal brought about by the pandemic we need to remember that for many Americans, especially our black brothers, the promise of America -- liberty and justice for all -- is not a promise that is experienced.

For them racism and its many dire effects are tragically and painfully their normal.

I continued: as a city (and I would like to add as a Church) we need to do better. We want to do better. We (and I mean me and others who are white) need to commit ourselves to listening more and with greater intensity to the often-unheard cries of our black and brown brothers and sisters.

Congressman and Civil Rights Icon John Lewis in a new documentary *John Lewis: Good Trouble* talked about fighting for the soul of America. He said "When I was growing up in Alabama in the 1950s, I heard my mother say over and over again, "Don't get in trouble." But I was inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Mohandas Gandhi to get in what I call good trouble. When you see something that is not right, not fair, not just, it's my philosophy that you have a moral obligation to get in trouble, to make some noise, to point people in a different direction."

"We have overcome so much in America. But we have not arrived at the end of the journey. We are involved in an ongoing struggle, an ongoing fight. I like to say that democracy is not a state; it is an act, and each generation must act. They must stand up and contribute to our society to make things better for all humankind. We can do it, and we must do it. We will do it.

This week hundreds of thousands of mostly peaceful protestors --- men and women, young and old, rich and poor, black, white, yellow and brown, from every ethnic group ... literally the width and breath of the United States heard the words of Congressman Lewis and got into "good trouble".

I applaud them .... for in their raised voices and bended knee ... they reminded us of the truth we need to face that racism is at the root of so much pain, ugliness, and violence in our society.

It has never been easy to be black in America.

This sin of racism, rooted in the original sin of slavery, then nurtured by Jim Crowe, still festers in our institutional policies and practices and more so in the lived experiences of our black neighbors and friends. Discrimination, inequality, violence, and other injustices are visited on communities of color every day.

Enough is enough.

As a Catholic Community we must join together with other faith communities and other people of goodwill including protestors on bended knee to work for a more just society.

As John Lewis reminds us" "we have overcome so much in America, but we have not arrived at the end of the journey." We are at a pivotal time in our society and in our Church. Our work will not be done until black men, women and children are treated equally in every aspect of life in the United States.

Let us get to work.



**Cardinal Sean's speaks on *The Disease of Racism***

Last weekend, Cardinal Sean prepared a written statement and a video dealing with the issue of racism. You may access both on the Parish website: [www.stgregoryparish.com](http://www.stgregoryparish.com) or by visiting Cardinal Sean's Blog .