

SAINT THERESA OF AVILA PARISH

MARCH 10, 2024

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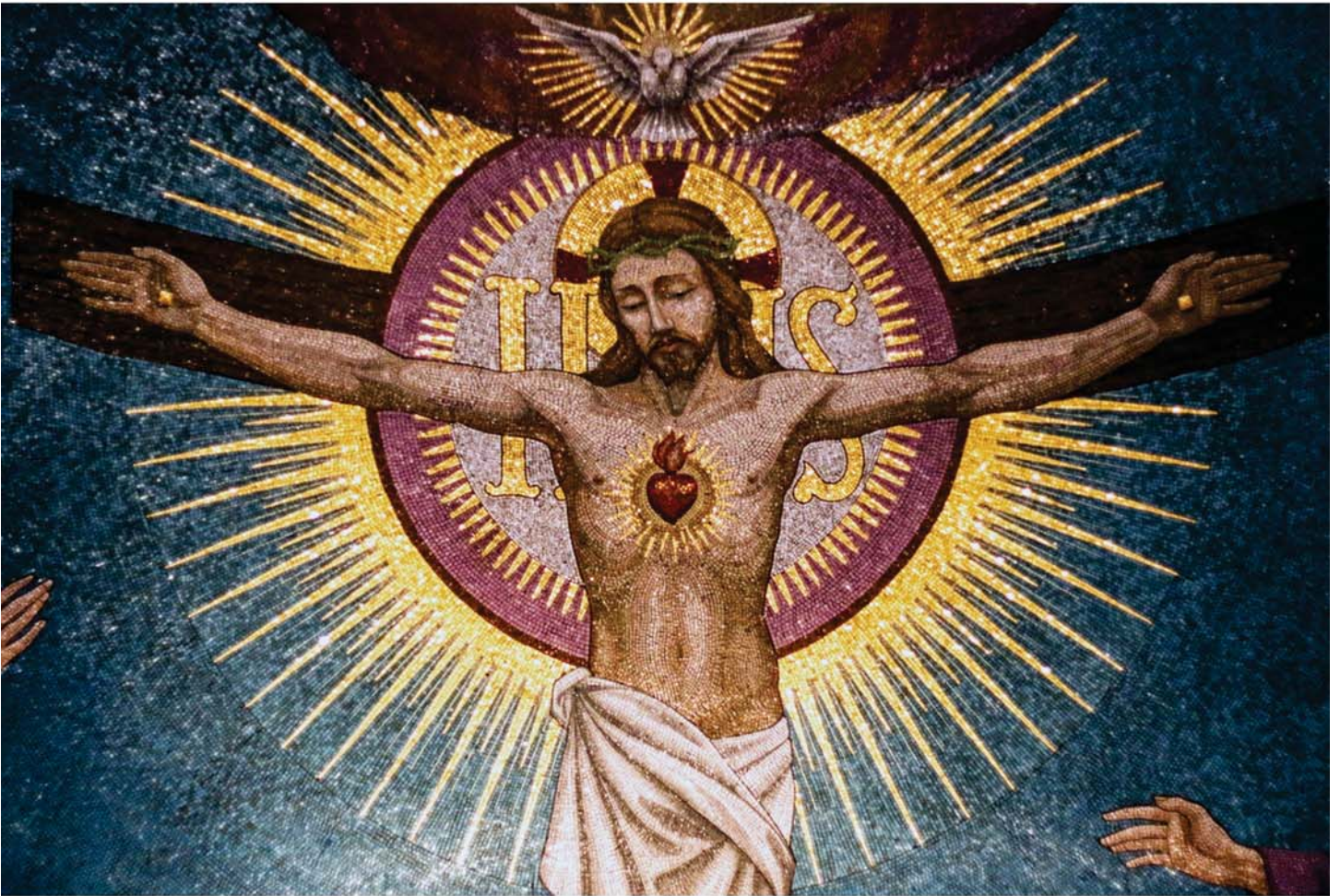


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SUNDAY
OF LENT

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

John 3:16

SAINT THERESA OF AVILA PARISH

IN COLLABORATIVE WITH SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM PARISH

SAINT THERESA OF AVILA

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm in Main Church
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am in Main Church
Daily: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 am
Holy Days: As announced
Confessions: Thursday 6:30 –7:00 pm in the Chapel.

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday morning following 8:30 A.M. Mass

SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am
Daily: Tuesday, Thursday 4:30pm, Saturday 8:30am
Holy Days: As announced
Confessions: Saturday morning 9:15-9:45 A.M.
Exposition of Blessed Sacrament: Saturday morning



MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF MARCH 10, 2024

Sunday, March 10

8:00 A.M. Special Intention Mass
10:00 A.M. Lucia Jayme—Anniversary Mass
Philip Kane—Anniversary Mass
Linda O'Brien—Anniversary Mass

Monday, March 11

8:30 A.M. No Intention

Wednesday, March 13

8:30 A.M. Mary Jane Zucca—Memorial Mass

Friday, March 15

8:30 A.M. Jean and George Ward; Barbara Benway
Memorial Mass

Saturday, March 16

4:30 P.M. Robert McDonald—Anniversary Mass

Sunday, March 17

8:00 A.M. No Intention
10:00 A.M. Giovanna Cuccoli—Memorial Mass

CLERGY

Reverend John J. Connolly, Jr. — Pastor
Reverend Charles J. Higgins
Deacon Brian Kean

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MISSION STATEMENT

PRAYER OF SAINT THERESA OF AVILA

*Christ has no body now on earth but yours;
yours are the only hands with which He can do His
work,
yours are the only feet with which He can go about the
world,
Yours are the only eyes through which His compassion
can shine forth.
Christ has no body on earth now but yours.*



**COMMITMENT WEEKEND
2024 CATHOLIC APPEAL**

This weekend is Commitment Weekend. Envelopes are available in the pews. The second collection will be for the 202 Catholic Appeal. One of the most meaningful ways that we witness the presence of Christ and deepen the impact of our Church’s ministries is by supporting the Catholic Appeal. Many of you have already done so and I am deeply grateful. As a parish, I am hoping for 100% participation! When our parish reaches its goal of \$78,500, a portion of the additional funds received will be returned to us for use in our parish. To make a gift online, please visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. On behalf of Cardinal Seán and all those who benefit from your generosity, thank you!

**Let Anyone Who Thirsts, Come to Me:
A Healing Mass for those Impacted
by Divorce or Separation**

...will be held April 30th at the Pastoral Center from 6:30-9PM. Hosted by Family Life Ministry, the evening includes Confession, Adoration, a witness talk by divorced Catholic Mark Gioia, Mass celebrated by Fr. Jürgen Liias, and prayers for healing. For more information or to register visit <https://bit.ly/LetAnyoneWhoThirsts> or call Emily Elliott (617) 746-5756.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO STATE MIGRANT CRISIS

We remind you about the Saint Vincent de Paul clothing bin in the parking lot at Saint John Chrysostom Parish for donations of warm clothing to help the migrants, many of whom are not prepared to face a New England winter. Your generous response to this emergency request will be greatly appreciated.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

ABSTINENCE: Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

FAST: Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, enough to maintain strength, may be taken according to one’s needs, but together they should not equal one full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD PANTRY



FEED THE HUNGRY

The Catholic Charities Food Pantry remains in desperate need of donations, especially now with rising prices. The situation continues to be urgent for many families. You may bring your contributions of food to the rectory garage on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M. Thank you for your ongoing generous support.

EASTER FLOWERS

Thanks to all those who have responded so generously to the Easter Flowers Collection. All donations are due by March 17 for the Easter Sunday Bulletin.

Fiat, a gathering of women interested in learning more about religious life, cordially invites you to the next meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. (ET) on Zoom. The topic will be “A Lenten Reflection on Religious Life.” If you are interested in attending, please contact Sr. Marian Batho, CSJ at marian.batho@csjboston.org or 617-746-2025 for more information and the link to the meeting.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Amazing Grace!

1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, That
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And
 3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
 4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but that
 grace my fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
 word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
 have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

now am found; Was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
 safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: St. 1-4, John Newton, 1725-1807; st. 5, attr. to John Rees, fl.1859
 Tune: NEW BRITAIN, CM, Virginia Harmony, 1831; harm. by John Barnard, b.1948

COMMUNION HYMN

One Bread, One Body

Refrain

One bread, one bod - y, one Lord of all,
 one cup of bless - ing which we bless. And
 we, though man - y, through-out the earth,
 we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

Verses

1. Gen - tile or Jew, Ser - vant or free,
 2. Man - y the gifts, Man - y the works,
 3. Grain for the fields, Scat-tered and grown,

D.C.

Wom - an or man no more.
 One in the Lord of all.
 Gath-ered to one for all.

Text: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, 12:4, 12-13, 20; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 4:46; the *Didache* 9; John Foley, SJ, b.1939
 Tune: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, 4/4 6 with refrain; John Foley, SJ, b.1939
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PSALM 137: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

R. Let my tongue be si-lenced, if I ev - er for - get you!

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PREPARATION RITE

What Wondrous Love Is This

1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
 2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
 3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;

What won-drous love is this, O my soul!
 To God and to the Lamb I will sing.
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.

What won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
 To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful be,

To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul, for my soul;
 While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
 And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on;

To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
 While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
 And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: Alexander Means, 1801-1883
 Tune: WONDROUS LOVE, 12.9.12.12.9, Southern Harmony, 1835; harm. by Richard Proulx, 1937-2010

The Parish Choir is actively recruiting new members. Inquire about a short term or longer-term commitment with our music director, Mr. Brandon Santini. Make new friends, learn music and pray with us.



RECESSIONAL HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2. I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right-eous-ness shine on my path And
 When we have run with pa-tience the race, We

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The
 night and the day are both a - like. The
 Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Ephesians 5:8-10, Revelation 21:23, John 12:46, 1 John 1:5, Hebrews 12:1; Kathleen Thomerson, b.1934
 Tune: HOUSTON, 10 7 10 8 with refrain; Kathleen Thomerson, b.1934
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**YOUTH
M·I·N·I·S·T·R·Y**

Our next Youth Ministry Meeting will take place at Saint John Chrysostom Parish on Thursday, March 14 from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. All students in Grades 7—12 are welcome to attend and bring along a friend or two!!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation Classes for Grades 9 & 10 will take place at Saint John Chrysostom Parish on **Sunday, March 10**. The **Closing Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, March 24 at Saint John Parish with Holy Name students at 6:00 P.M.**

A Prayer for the Holy Land

May all who love the Holy Land seek to bring about among all the parties engaged in the fighting a cessation of violence, respect for civilian populations and the release of hostages. "As we pray urgently for peace, we recall especially all the families and individuals suffering from these events.



BULLETINS BY EMAIL

Pilot Bulletins provides the opportunity for you to have the Bulletin sent to you by email each week. To sign up for this, please go to: thebostonpilot.com and scroll (way) down to Saint Theresa of Avila West Roxbury and enter your email address. The Bulletin will show up in your email each week for your convenience. This is a great way to stay connected to the Parish if you are away.

PROJECT RACHEL

Are you – or someone you know – seeking peace after an abortion? The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women experiencing regret from a past abortion to attend a Come to the Waters of Healing one-day retreat. Spring dates are Saturday, March 23 and Saturday, May 11. Locations are confidential. For more information on the retreats or other services, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

ATTENTION FAITH FORMATION CATECHISTS AND VOLUNTEERS

The Archdiocese of Boston is offering a series of 1-hour Zoom presentations on a variety of topics for any catechist or faith formation volunteer. These presentations are free, and you can choose to attend any or all of them. The next presentation is at 7pm on **Tuesday, March 19th**. The topic is "Respect for Life." For information on these presentations and other event offerings from the Archdiocese, please visit www.evangelizeboston.com/events



**TRANSFORMED IN LOVE
FOR ENGAGED COUPLES**

Transformed in Love is a comprehensive marriage preparation program which explores the following topics with engaged couples:

- Self-Knowledge: Knowing Your True Self
- Communication: Relationship Skills for Marriage

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- Expectations: Great Expectations are Managed Well
- What is Love? The Four Loves
- God is Love: Proclaiming the Good News (Kerygma)
- What is Marriage? God's Plan for Love and Life
- The Sacrament of Matrimony: You, Me, and Jesus
- The Rite of Marriage: The Consent We Give and Live
- Finances: Let's Talk Money
- Five Spiritual Practices for Marriage and Family Life: Keeping Christ at the Center of our Marriage
- The Mass: The Presence of Christ
- Marital Sexuality: Love's Perfect Design

To sign up for this Marriage Preparation Program, offered virtually by the Archdiocese of Boston, please visit

www.bostoncatholic.org/familylife/transformedinlove

COMMUNITY SENIORS meet at Saint John Chrysostom Parish on the second Tuesday of the month for conversation, presentations of interest to Parkway Seniors, and Bingo. This group is open to both men and women and we are always happy to have new members. We have some fun events planned for this year and would love to have you join with us. Please call Beverly for more information 508-359-9789.

RCIA

The Rite of Election and the Scrutinies

On February 18, at a prayer service at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Sean and Brian, our catechumens, signed their names in the Book of the Elect. Cardinal Sean O'Malley, OFM Cap, asked them and 358 other Catechumens from across the archdiocese to affirm that they "... wish to enter fully into the life of the Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist". He then declared them to be members of the Elect, "to be initiated into the sacred mysteries at the Easter Vigil." The Second Scrutiny will be celebrated at Saint Theresa of Avila Church this Sunday, March 10, at the 10 A.M. Mass. The Third Scrutiny will be at the 8 A.M. Mass on Sunday, March 17. The ritual explains that, "The scrutinies ... are rites for self-searching and repentance and have, above all a spiritual purpose. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful; to bring out, then strengthen, all that is upright, strong, and good.... The scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ. Because they are asking for the three sacraments of initiation, the elect must have the intention of achieving an intimate knowledge of Christ and His Church and they are expected particularly to progress in genuine self-knowledge through serious examination of their lives and true repentance" (RCIA 141-142)
Please continue to keep Sean and Brian in your prayers.

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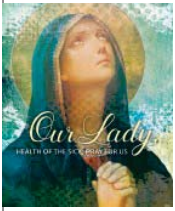
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!



Prayer Shawls are available for members of St John's or St Theresa's parish who are experiencing physical or emotional challenges. These shawls have been made with love and prayers. If you know someone who would benefit from this type of comfort or if you would like a pattern to make one, please contact the parish/Carol O'Brien at.617-323-4410.

AL-ANON FAMILY meets on Zoom every Wednesday night, 7:30--8:30 P.M. Meeting ID number is 815 638 572 82. The password to get into the meeting is 665775. You can also find this on the Al Anon site. New members always welcome!



PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

LORD, OUR GOD, HELP OF THE HELPLESS, BE NEAR OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WHO SUFFER THIS DAY. GRANT THEM STRENGTH, PEACE OF MIND AND HEART, AND RENEWED HEALTH IF IT BE YOUR WILL, THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

Tim Albert, Gary Anderson, Joseph Anderson, Mary Antonellis, Michelle Baker, Alan Bartlett, Marilyn Barry, Margaret Barto, Catherine Bielawa, Stephen Bisordi, Joseph Blackman, Diane Blaskiewicz, Kevin Boettger, Margaret Bomba, Jr., Damien Brennan, Chet Broderick, Katie Broderick, Paul Broderick, Kendall Buczynski, Stephanie Buczynski, Frank Budukiewicz, Geraldine Bulman, Joan Bumila, Larry Burke, Allen Cameron, Lisa Carden, Maria Cemrania, Jeanne Clancy, Nicholas Cleary, Brendan Cogavin, Charles Collins, John Collins, Rose Connolly, Mary Connors, Eileen Corrigan, Teresa Costa, Tom Cunningham, Richard Curran, Jr., Debra Daum, Gary D'Avila, Mary DeSantis, Lorraine DeVirgilio, Cristina Donatelli, Claire Donohoe, Kristen Doty, John J. Doyle, Kathleen Durepo, John Ellis, Helen Evans, Audrey Fallon, Barbara Farulla, Joseph Federico, Mary Feeney, Rose Finn, Joseph Fisher, Griffin Fleishman, Charles Fleming, Patrick Flynn, Dan Foley, Neil Foley, Terry Forkins, Ben Fox, Nora Frasier, Karen Glazer, Louise Gogg, Louise Goodwin, Eleanor Gordon, Colin Andrew Greco, Stephan Grundy, Patricia Hade, Denise Hamilton, Ann Hanlon, Patricia Dolan Harwitz, Elizabeth Heffernan, Mary D. Hennessey, Jackie Hess, Barbara Hickey, Louise Marie Hogan, Eleanor Howard, Janet Hughes, Meaghan W. Hussey, Kyle Johnson, Phil Keating, Mary Kenny, Karen Kostek, Irene Kyricos, Kylee LeSourd, Madison Paige Losuts, Taylor Anne Lynch, Lois MacDonald, Kathleen Maloney, Shawn Patrick Maloney, Elizabeth Matalobos, Jason McCann, Michael McCarthy, Patrick McCarty, Linda McClelland, Helen McCloskey, Mildred McDermott, Kara McGonagle, Erin McGuirk, Ellen McKenna, Jessica McKenzie, Joanne McKenzie, Neil McLaughlin, Paul McNamara, Hilda Mendise, Anna Minotti, Cynthia Monahan, Joe and Cindy Morello, Deanna Morrissey, Maryellen Mulkern, Pat Mullen, Honora Murphy, Annie Murray, Maria Nadile, Michael Nadile, Donna Nazzaro, Bruce Newman, Billy O'Brien, Mary O'Brien, Sister Mary O'Brien, Daniel O'Connor, Jay O'Connor, Natalie O'Connor, Patrick O'Connor, Barbara Page, John Palumbo, Virginia Palumbo, Steve Papia, Sheila Papia, Nicole Pellagrino, James Perri, Carol Pitman, Marie Polo, Virginia Prendergast, Kathy Psaros, Barton Ramos, Josephine Rappa, Steven Ricchiuti, Theresa Ricco, Joel Rivera, Kate Robbins, Kathleen Ryan, Merry Samonte, Lawrence Samonte, Stephen Shea, Jeannie Schlosky, Gina Scrima, John Sera, Kevin Shea, Zachary Shea, Claire Sloane, Terry Smart, Catherine Spellman, William Spicer, Albert Spiniello, Diane Carr Staton, John Sullivan, Patsy Sullivan, Philip Sullivan, Timothy Sullivan, Irene Supino, Steve Theodorakis, Mary Timony, Ellen Tobin, Joshua Torremoro, Edward Treseler, Jr., Edward Treseler, Sr., Peter Usherwood, Stephen Usherwood, Albert Vincentio, Ellen Vogel, Mary Walsh, Paula Ward, Catherine Watson, Brian Webber, Cassandra Welles, Bill Whitcomb, Anthony Young, and Florence Yu

Prayers for my brother Thomas who is in need of a kidney transplant.

If you are willing to give the gift of life, please contact Debbie, his Living Donor Champion, at savetomslife723@gmail.com

If you know of anyone on this list who is no longer in need of prayers please call the rectory to have their name removed 617-323-4410

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the month of March, Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday evenings at 7:00 P.M.—March 15, and March 22. On Good Friday, March 29, Stations of the Cross will take place at 12:00 Noon. The Chapel will be open for private prayer Monday through Friday from 8:30A.M. until 4:30 P.M.

LENTEN COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

On Thursday, March 21, Saint Theresa of Avila Parish will host a Lenten Communal Penance Service for our collaborative parishes beginning at 7:00 P.M. The evening will begin with a short prayer service followed by the opportunity for private Confessions with Father Higgins, Father Bradford, or Father Connolly.

NEW TO THE PARISH??

If you have recently moved into the Parish and would like to register to receive Parish mailings and Offertory envelopes, please fill in the form below and drop it in the offertory basket or return it to the rectory. You may also register online by visiting our website

www.stheresaparishboston.com

Name: _____

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REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVE



If you would like your relative or friend who is serving in the military to be remembered in the prayers of our parish, please provide their name, rank, service branch, and location if applicable. You can call the Parish Office (617-323-4410 / 617-325-1300) or email sttoffice24@gmail.com

Journey OF Faith

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

In Word & Deed

*T*he language of faith is love.

Some speak it so well that their example inspires others to lives of generous service. Mother Teresa spoke it well, as did Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II. Others speak it too, but are perhaps not as well known, people like our parents and families, pastors, teachers, fellow parishioners, friends and neighbors. God speaks it too. And when God spoke, the Word became Flesh.

Wherever the Gospel is preached, the message is the same. To rulers and peasants, to refugees of war and to promoters of peace, to the high and mighty and the poor and lowly, to the living and to the dead, the message never changes. God is rich in mercy; God loves people; God so loved the world that He sent His only Son. The good news is for everyone, of all time and all places.

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For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

John 3:16 (NAB)

*Nowhere does the Torah say, 'Invite your guest to pray';
but it does tell us to offer a guest food, drink and a bed.*

JEWISH PROVERB



In Word & Deed

(continued from front)

It can be easy to doubt God's love, especially when we are aware of our sinfulness and failings. But God's love is unconditional. We do not have to earn it, or work for it, or be someone to receive it. God's love is a gift offered to everyone. It is offered to saints and sinners, to the holy and the not so holy. The cross is the sign of God's love for us. On it, He gives you His life: through it, He gives you His love; by it, He gives you eternal life. The language of love is easy to learn and understand. Just open your heart and mind to hear the good news.

-Jim Gaffney

FAMILY LIFE:

TO WALK AS ONE

Sometimes, when you say or do something cute as a child, it comes back to haunt you as an adult, especially if you have several older brothers who will not let you forget. A favorite family story is about my youngest brother. When he was a child, he admitted that every day at lunch in school, he would kiss his homemade, chocolate chip cookies before he ate them. When asked why, he replied that he knew they were made with lots of love!

Lent is about making sacrifices and atoning for sins, and becoming better people of faith. Good Lenten practices remind us of our baptismal calling to be better people of faith. But isn't it really about loving others? Isn't the root of most of our sinfulness a failure to love? To make up for our sins and failures, to follow Christ more closely, we need to love

better, more completely, and more unselfishly.



Love can restore relationships, heal past hurts and mend broken hearts and spirits. Love is the antidote to sin.

The best expressions of love are concrete actions that express our concern and affection. People need to experience our love for them. Just thinking it or saying it doesn't help a whole lot. Real love brings us together with those who need us and want us to be close to them. Acts of kindness and thoughtfulness, offering a helping hand or a listening ear makes a big difference. Even a batch of chocolate chip cookies—or a cup of water—can let others know how much we care.

-Jim Gaffney

We are the new pilgrims who must sleep every night beneath a new sky, for either we go forward to the new camp or the whirling earth carries us backward to one behind.

There is no choice but to move, forward or backward. Forward to the clean hut, or backward to the old camp, fouled every day by the passers.

- Joyce Cary

Genuine forgiveness is participation, reunion overcoming the powers of estrangement.

And only because this is so does forgiveness make love possible.

* Paul Tillich *

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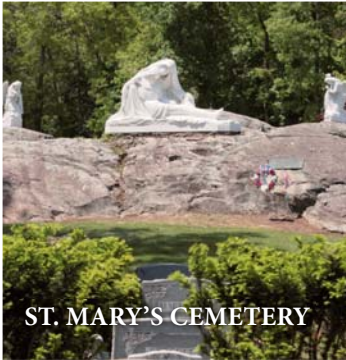


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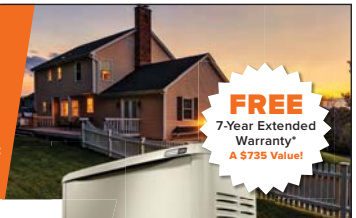
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