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EASTER SUNDAY

"Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay." - Mt 28:5b-6

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SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

Our Parish Vision

Through a culture of excellence in worship, we are a Christ centered welcoming parish dedicated to life-long faith formation, evangelization, social works of justice and community outreach that strengthen the Catholic Church on the Lower Cape. Through gifts of time, talent and treasure we embrace all people as brothers and sisters.



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

March 31, 2024

Our Pastor

Fr. John M. Sullivan

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Parish Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

(Also by appointment)

Our Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 AM

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

Monday following Daily Mass

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 PM

Sacrament of Baptism

Sunday by appointment. Please call the Rectory for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples are asked to contact Fr. Sullivan at least 12 months prior to the date of their wedding. Couples should speak to Fr. Sullivan to confirm the Church is available before scheduling the date & place for the reception.

Holy Communion at Home

Please notify the Rectory of any parishioner who is unable to attend Mass due to illness, handicap or age. Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring Holy Communion.

New Parishioners are Always Welcome!

Please see Fr. Sullivan after Mass to Register with the Parish.

Visit our Website

To see our Weekly Bulletin, Grace Notes (our monthly newsletter), Parish Council Minutes, Upcoming Events, and more go to www.holyredeemerchatham.org.

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At Our Lady of Grace there is a ramp to the right of the main entrance.



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Eucharistic Ministers

Altar Server Ministry

Lector Ministry

Liberty Commons Ministry

Faith-Sharing Small Groups

Spirituality Ministry

Call the Rectory (508-945-0677) or send us an email at parish@holyredeemerchatham.org if you would like more information about a Ministry.



From the Pastor



March 31, 2024



Easter is a Season of Saints

Today, we hear of St. Mary Magdalene, St. John, and St. Peter converging on the tomb. Over the Easter Season, we'll be introduced to St. Thomas, the other apostles, and many of the saints of the early Church. Often, Christians think of the saints as exceptional people who we can only marvel at but are beyond our spiritual powers to imitate. We can also fail to recognize the saints who walk among us.

A few years ago, I celebrated the funeral of a local businessman. He wasn't a churchgoer. I don't remember seeing him at Mass, but he was a baptized Catholic and eligible for a Funeral Mass. I prefer to leave it up to a merciful God to be our final judge. When I spoke to his family to get a little background on his life, I was struck by how he lived out his faith despite not attending Mass. They told me of several situations where he had been especially helpful to needy people. Now, even atheists can be merciful and generous people, but I hope the man's Catholic upbringing influenced his actions even if they weren't reinforced by his weekly Mass attendance. Perhaps he had been injured by someone in the Church, and he couldn't let it heal. Don't get me wrong, I'm not insinuating people don't need to attend Sunday Mass. The Third Commandment instructs us on the need to show our love of God by worshiping God every weekend.

The stories of the deceased man struck me as an example of how we can overlook the saints among us and our saintly living. I was expecting a large congregation at his funeral and that many wouldn't be churchgoers of any denomination. So, as the theme of my funeral homily, I chose our universal call to holiness and to live saintly lives. I hope it got across to some people who attended.

Each Wednesday, during his weekly audience, the Pope gives a short talk. During early Lent, his topic was one of the vices. During the next few weeks, he will reflect on the virtues. But, before he began his series on the virtues, Pope Francis reflected on our universal call to holiness and virtue. He addressed our need to strive to live as saints:

"We would be off-course if we thought that the saints were the exceptions of humanity: a sort of restricted circle of champions who live beyond the limits of our species. The saints, from this perspective we have just introduced regarding the virtues, are instead those who become themselves fully, who fulfill the vocation proper to every man or woman. What a happy world it would be if justice, respect, mutual benevolence, broadmindedness, and hope were the shared normality, and not instead a rare anomaly! This is why the chapter on virtuous action, in these dramatic times of ours in which we often have to come to terms with the worst of humanity, should be rediscovered and practiced by all. In a distorted world, we must remember the form in which we were shaped, the image of God that is forever imprinted upon us."

The world needs every one of us to answer the call to holiness. We must strive to be saints regardless of how challenging we might think it to be. Each of us received the grace to be holy through our baptism. Today, we renew our baptismal promises and refocus on our call to be saints. During the next few weeks of the Easter Season, many Bible readings we hear at Mass come from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. They tell us of the actions of great saints and many more early Christians whose names we don't know but were faithful disciples who lived lives of holiness. May each of us work to be among the ranks of these faithful ones this Easter.



Lenten Folders for Cape Cod Foster Closet

Holy Redeemer parishioners have filled their Lenten Folders by putting aside 25¢ every day of Lent for a total of \$10. We will donate proceeds from the folders to the Cape Cod Foster Closet. The Closet donates clothing, toys, and other necessary items to foster parents opening their homes to needy children. People who are generous enough to do this act of love need to be supported by us. Please begin returning your folder to the baskets at church or sending the proceeds to the parish office. Please convert your quarters to either cash or a check. It makes the counting process much easier.





March 31, 2024



The Rosary is prayed after the 8AM Mass every Monday through Friday. Please join us.



Before your calendar gets full, save the date of Sunday, July 7, to attend the rededication of the renovated Holy Redeemer Church. Bishop da Cunha has scheduled a 2 pm Mass for the Rededication and Blessing of the New Altar.

Fr. Sullivan and a committee are creating plans for a summer celebration with several events. More details will be forthcoming.

*Bereavement*Ministry

Bereavement Group Sessions — New Sessions Beginning in April

Holy Redeemer's Bereavement Ministry will be holding their support group sessions again beginning on Tuesday, April 9. The sessions will be held in the lower level at **Our Lady of Grace** from **10-11:30** and will last for 6 weeks. The sessions will focus on "The Journey from Grief to Hope" and are open to anyone who is feeling the loss of a loved one. The death of a loved one is an intense and painful experience for most people. Having the right support makes all the difference and here at Holy Redeemer we want to reach out and help members and families through their grief cycle. If you have recently experienced the loss of a loved one and would like join the Bereavement Sessions please contact Marilyn Whelden at 508-776-6795 or mawhelden@comcast.net.

"We do not grieve as those who have no hope".....
Thessalonians 4:13

Mental Health Ministry

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fall River, in partnership with Hope Catholic Charities USA, offers a FREE chat service that provides encouragement and strategies for managing everyday stress and anxiety using Chatbot technology. To access the service, just text "Hi" to Hope at 1-202-949-7249 for instant support or visit www.facebook.com/HopeCCUSA, Start Code CCAOKC. Hope provides confidential faith-based, emotional, and mental support. Hope has 13 million users worldwide. It does not diagnose illness or replace trained professionals, nor is it intended for crisis intervention. For more information about Hope or the Mental Health Ministry offered by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fall River, contact Jack Weldon (jweldon@ccfrdioc.org) or Rose Mary Saraiva (rsaraiva@ccfrdioc.org), call 508-674-4681, or visit the website www.ccfrdioc.org.

JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST—A SMALL GROUP SERIES FOR EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

In February, over 80 parishioners gathered for a day of reflection and faith-sharing at Our Lady of Grace and to launch small groups. It was a glorious day resulting in over 50 parishioners signing up for small groups that will begin meeting in April for a small group series, *Jesus and the Eucharist*.

Jesus and the Eucharist is a dynamic, 7-session study designed to help you connect with your fellow parishioners as you fall deeper in love with our Eucharistic Lord. Our small faith-sharing groups will meet at OLG for about two hours a week immersing themselves in the beauty of our faith, hearing some of the most brilliant voices in Catholicism and exploring the mystery of the Eucharist anew as a part of the National Eucharistic Revival.

Come and join us. You can call the Parish Office at 508 945-0677 or email us at:

parish@holyredeemerchatham.org

providing your name, email address and telephone number.

We will promptly contact you and fill you in on the details.

Have you Lived A Cursillo?

Cursillo is a three-day learning experience in Christianity featuring practical insights into an everyday life of faith and service. It is a truly unique experience to deepen your personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Holy Cross Retreat House in Easton is the site for Cursillos. For more information, please visit www.RetreatHouse.org/cursillo. Have you already lived a Cursillo? Please introduce yourself to Fr. Sullivan. We are always looking for volunteers to help bring Cursillo to our parishes.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, March 30 - Easter Vigil

7:00 PM † For the People of the Parish

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday

8:00 AM † For the People of the Parish

10:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Monday, April 1

8:00 AM † Jack Gillis

Tuesday, April 2

8:00 AM † Joan Van Ness - Recovery from Injury

Wednesday, April 3

8:00 AM † Frederick Wieting

Thursday, April 4

8:00 AM † Margaret Robillard

† Ruth Aucoin

Friday, April 5

8:00 AM † Fr. Martin Boute

Saturday, April 6

4:00 PM † Peggy Driscoll - 5th Anniversary

Sunday, April 7

8:00 AM † Brian Robinson

10:00 AM † Juliette Girard



No matter who you are
No matter what you do
No matter where you come from
No matter where you are going
No matter how good or how bad things may seem
Please know that you are always welcome at Holy Redeemer



Prayer REQUESTS

PRAYERS

Tabernacle Lamp: In memory of Alice Auld,

Please pray for those who are sick: James Nelson, Leila Porter, Marley Marie Smith, Fred Magnusson, Sawyer Craig, Jack Gerard, Madeline Keogh, William Harahan, Krissy Labbate, Thomas Chestaw, Leonard Gratton, Helen Duarte, Agnes Chrystogelos, Martin Lieber, John & Mary Lynch, Leona Olfano, Maritess Seymour, Don & June Preskenis, Jack McElhinney, Jacques Ponsolle, Philip & Dorothy Ripa, Ruth Homerick, Tina Steen, Eileen Harrigan, Allison Mullaney, Carol Aschoff, Barbie Haven, Marion Sinatra, Fiadh Mazzola, Jeffrey Trachsel.

Please pray for all our beloved deceased.



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