

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community



Fourth Sunday of Lent

198 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover, MA 01810

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WELCOME

If you are alienated or upset, we welcome you lovingly.
If you are in need of forgiveness, Jesus forgives you completely—with unconditional love.
If you have been hurt by the Church, we are truly sorry.
If you are angry, Jesus offers you peace.
If life has become burdensome, we are here to support you.
We are happy you are here and want you to stay.
We would like to share our lives with you.
Come join us each week so we can worship God together.

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Mass Schedule

Saturdays at 4:00 pm
Sundays at 10:00 am

Weekdays as announced

Parish Office

978-683-8922
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Office Hours:
Wednesday & Thursday
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Outside of office hours, please leave a message
and we will respond as soon as possible.

Marriage

Please contact the Parish Office at least nine months in advance.
Participation in a diocesan preparation is required of all couples.

RCIA

Adults interested in baptism or joining the Catholic Church should contact
Joe Galluzzo at 978-314-3404 or joe.galluzzo@comcast.net.

Anointing & Pastoral Care of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office to request the Sacrament of the Sick. Also, Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring communion to those who are infirm and homebound. A communal celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick is celebrated in the spring and the fall during Sunday Eucharist.

Baptism

Celebrated regularly at Sunday Eucharist. Please contact the Parish Office to speak with Fr. Rick to arrange a date. Preparation for parents and godparents is done online.

A Stewardship Parish

Building a Catholic community of commitment, passion and love
Celebrating our faith through dynamic liturgy and a rich sacramental life
Welcoming all into the warmth of our parish family
Sharing the gifts God entrusted to us
Striving to learn, live and share our faith



Welcome! Here's what this week looks like:

- ✝ Masks are no longer required at all church gatherings.
- ✝ A special section of the church (the pews to the back left) has been set aside for those who would like to maintain social distancing.
- ✝ We will continue to offer the host only at this time.
- ✝ Weekend Masses are on Saturday at 4:00 pm and Sunday at 10:00 am.
- ✝ All Masses are livestreamed and we will continue to have livestream Masses for the foreseeable future.
- ✝ Our livestream viewer is always available on our website here: www.saintroberts.net/livestream. Livestream services remain online for viewing later, in case you are unable to join us live.
- ✝ Questions about religious education and sacramental preparation? Email Fr. Rick at rtconway@comcast.net for more information.
- ✝ Reminder that you can drop off non-perishable food donations for Neighbors in Need anytime in the bin outside Driscoll Hall or in the vestibule when you come to church.

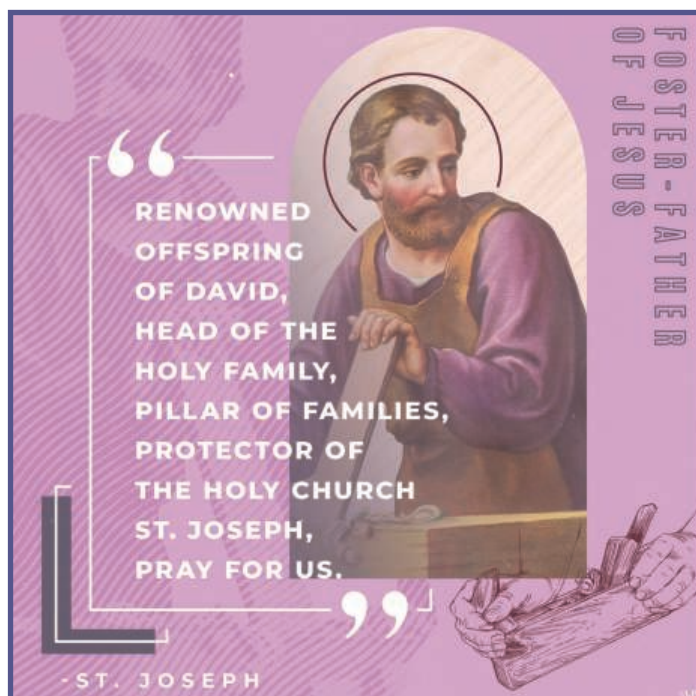


March 20th - Saint Joseph's Day
(transferred from Sunday the 19th)
Mass celebrated at 6:00 pm
Mass followed by "St Joseph Table"

March 23rd - Thursday 7:00 pm
Parish Lenten Penance Service

March 31st - Lenten Fish Bake. 5:00 - 7:00

April 2nd - Palm Sunday
Mass Times - 4:00 pm - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
(Begin in Gathering Space)



In Service

2nd Lt. Luke Beaulieu, USA, Lt. William E. Conway, USN, 2nd Lt. Hannah Jean Kuegler, USA, BMC Stuart Bangs, USCG, Sean Hodgdon, USAF, Cpl Chris Carey, USMC, SFC John B. Nicholas, USA, SGT Jean-Paul Fitzpatrick, USA, SGT Vincent Amasula, USA, CDR Paul Giguere, USN, Col. James Coffey, USAF, Lyle Shackelford, Pvt. Alexander Sabu, USA, Gen'l. R. Steve Whitcomb, USA, Col. Brian P. Bedell, USA, Capt. Lauren Whitcomb, USA, BG Patrick J. Donahue, USA, BG Brian P. Donahue, USA, Cpt. Michael McGaffigan, USA, Lt. Jesse Salisbury, USA F, Captain Kevin B. O'Brien USN, USN, Miko Belonia, Maj. Tony Hoffman, USA, Maj. Ross Coffman, USA, Maj. Garth Howe, USA, Chief Warrant Officer II Michael Morris, USA, Captain Matthew Mancini, USA, Sgt. Ellen Barnes O'Connor, USA, Pvt. Adam James Mazza, USA, Pvt. Joseph D. Gagnon, USM, Pvt. Christopher R. O'Brien USA





Parish Giving

March 19th - Fourth Sunday of Lent

"One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." John 9:25

TEWKSBURY HOSPITAL REHABILITATION

Art and craft materials
Adult coloring books
2023 calendars

March 26th - Fifth Sunday of Lent

"So Jesus said to them, 'Untie him, and let him go free.'" John 11:44

PROJECT HOME AGAIN

Light bulbs
Toasters (used is fine if in perfect condition)
Coffee makers (used is fine if in perfect condition)
Drinking glasses (glass and plastic suitable for a family)
Metal silverware (used is acceptable)

Donations may be left on the table in the vestibule of the church. Thank you for your generosity. Saint Robert's parish has always been very generous to our surrounding community and the agencies that service people in need.



March 19 ~ Fourth Sunday in Lent ~ Laetare Sunday

We are more than halfway through our Lenten journey! As the days slowly grow longer, it is good to see that our readings still speak to us about dark and light. Both St. Paul's letter and St. John's gospel urge us to avoid deeds done in secret and in darkness. Has the light of faith been growing stronger in you during these Lenten days? Has your prayer, fasting or almsgiving been life-giving and brought Christ's light into your life? In the remaining days of Lent, make your prayer, fasting, and almsgiving pleasing to the Lord. It's not too late for these practices to make a difference in your life!

EVANGELIZE

During Lent, we try to connect with our Lord through prayer. The Stations of the Cross are the most popular prayer for parishes and families for the Lenten season.

Project Nazareth is offering a free downloadable Stations of the Cross booklet. You can use it in your parish or for when you pray as a family. The booklet even gives you some ideas to discuss the prayer with your children.

www.evangelizeboston.com/lenten-resources

Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Much to Samuel's surprise, the Lord instructed him to anoint the youngest of Jesse's sons, David, to be the next king of Israel. When have you been surprised by God?

Second Reading

Paul urges the Ephesians: "Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord." What do you think pleases the Lord?

Gospel Reading

Jesus' healing of the blind man created confusion, anger, and fear among some of the people witnessing this event. In a real sense, Jesus' healing exposed the blindness of others. How do we prevent ourselves from being blind to God's presence in this season of Lent?



Forming Leaders for Mission 3/25/23

March 25 @ 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

This workshop is designed to support you in discerning and developing your particular call to lead within your family, neighborhood, workplace, and parish life. This workshop is free to attend if you are a member of the Archdiocese of Boston. If you are outside the Archdiocese, the cost is \$25. Lunch included.

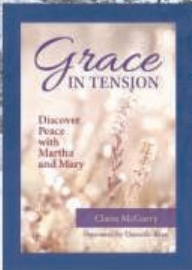
Please note that you will have to proceed most of the way through the checkout process for the cost to adjust to \$0 for those in the Archdiocese of Boston.

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The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before each Mass

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and
**Fr. Pablo Escriva
de Romani**

MONDAY 3/20
RECONCILIATION
8:30AM
MASS
MORNING MISSION TALK
6:30PM
EVENING MISSION TALK
& SERVICE OF
RECONCILIATION
(NO MASS TONIGHT)

TUESDAY 3/21
PRAYER & THE POWER
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
8:30AM
MASS
MORNING MISSION TALK
6:30PM
MASS
EVENING
MISSION TALK

WEDNESDAY 3/22
THE POWER OF
THE CROSS
8:30AM
MASS
MORNING MISSION TALK
9:00AM-6:00PM
EUCARISTIC ADORATION
6:30PM
MASS
EVENING MISSION TALK

THURSDAY 3/23
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- Nutrition for Seniors & Children
- Managing Challenging Behaviors
- Sleeping Soundly
- Caring for Yourself While Caring for Others

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5th Sunday in Lent

Reading I

Ez 37:12-14

Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

Reading II

Rom 8:8-11

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

Gospel

Jn 11:1-45

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So the sisters sent word to him saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." He said this, and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him." So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved." But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him." So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The teacher is here and is asking for you." As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?" So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

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