

St. Mary's Parish

Our Mission:

"To know Christ and to make Him known."

8 Church St., Holliston, MA 01746

Website: www.stmarysholliston.com

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Religious Education Phone: (508) 429 - 6076

Dear Visitors: Welcome! We are delighted that you chose to worship with us this day. Please introduce yourself to the priest, and if you are interested in becoming a member of the parish then please call the rectory to register. Please also be aware that for generations it has been the custom at St. Mary's to kneel together for a silent Hail Mary at the end of Mass.

Please join in!

Confession: Saturdays from Noon to 12:45 PM or by advance appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Any time by appointment. Please call as soon as you are aware of a serious illness or upcoming surgery.

Baptism: The 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month. To register for Baptism Preparation call 429-4427.

Marriage: Please call at least 6 months in advance of your desired wedding date. Congratulations!

Mass Schedule:

Monday through Friday
9:00 AM

Saturday Vigils
5:00 PM
7:30 PM

Sunday
7:30 AM
9:30 AM Family Mass
(C.L.O.W. Sept. - May)
11:30 AM Sung Mass

Holy Days: Announced

Adoration Schedule:

First Fridays from
9:30-10:30 AM

PARISH STAFF:

Rev. Mark J. Coiro, Pastor
 The Xaverian Fathers, Weekend Assistance
 Deacon John D. Barry, Permanent Deacon
 Deacon Ronald A. Dowding, Permanent Deacon
 Deacon Martin Breinlinger, Senior Deacon
 Mrs. Fran Crespi, D.R.E., Grades K-7
 Mrs. Theresa Virzi, Grades 8-11 and Youth Minister
 Mr. Kevin Lyczak, Director of Music
 Mrs. Mary Beth Harris, Parish Secretary
 Mrs. Robin Rogers, Religious Education Secretary
 Ms. Mary Sanning, Business Manager
 Mrs. Najat Whalen, Sacristan
 Mr. Billy Hanson, Parish Facilities
 R & R Landscaping, Cemetery Care

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	August 7
5:00	Gabriel Parmese, 6 th Anv.
7:30	David Harris
Sunday	August 8
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Richard Moore
11:30	Timothy McGuinness
Monday	August 9
9:00	Marcia Seymour, 11 th Anv.
Tuesday	August 10
9:00	Peace in the World
Wednesday	August 11
9:00	David Moore
Thursday	August 12
9:00	Gabriel Parmese, 6 th Anv.
Friday	August 13
9:00	Peter Patch
Saturday	August 14
5:00	Assumption of Mary
7:30	Assumption of Mary
Sunday	August 15
7:30	Assumption of Mary
9:30	Assumption of Mary
11:30	Assumption of Mary



RECTORY OFFICE AUGUST HOURS: Please note that during the month of August the Rectory Office is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. On other weekdays it remains open the usual 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM hours.

ROSARY WALK: Join the St. Martin de Porres chapter of Lay Dominicans for a rosary walk at the Fatima Shrine in Holliston at 2:30 PM today, Sunday, August 8. Refreshments will be served after the walk. For more information go to www.boston3op.com.

NEW FIRE ALARM & DETECTOR SYSTEM INSTALLATION SCHEDULE:

August 9 to 13 – Lower Church, Parish Center, Annex Classroom Building. Worship unaffected.

August 16 to 20 – Main Upper Church. 9 AM Daily Masses are in Father Haley Hall all this week due to scaffolding erected throughout the church.

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by John and Maureen Klauser. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. To sponsor the Rose, please call 508-429-4427. Your \$10 donation covers the rose in church, with the rest (majority), going to Birthright. Learn more at <https://birthright.org/framingham>.



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Automatic Giving:	\$ 5,995.00
WeShare:	\$ 3,159.17
Offertory Envelopes dropped off / mailed in:	\$ 6,658.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 15,812.17

May God bless you for your faithful stewardship. Thank you for making up any missed weekly offertory support.

PLEASE MAKE THE SWITCH.

Parishioners not currently using Automatic Giving or WeShare, are urged to please sign up for one of those services. These help prevent offertory shortfalls. Full details on how to do so are provided on the St. Mary's Website under the HOW TO GIVE tab: <https://stmarysholliston.com/how-to-give/>.

We recommend setting up the WeShare option, which can be done right now on your computer by clicking here: <https://stmarysholliston.weshareonline.org/>.

If you are unable to do Automatic Giving or WeShare, then please drop off or mail in any missed parish offertory support for weeks you are away. The financial health of your parish depends on it. Thank you.

"A Christian steward is one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord."



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August 8, 2021
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Members of the St. Mary's Parish Family,

One of the most "Eucharistic" vacations I ever had, was a hiking and camping trip to the Grand Canyon back in 2011. First there was the thrill of celebrating Mass myself at the bottom of the Grand Canyon. Then on Sunday night we also saw droves of vacationing Catholics attending Mass at the top of the Grand Canyon in the "Shrine of the Ages" Chapel. It was so great to see parents teaching their children that even while on vacation we never take a vacation from God.

I also found to be Eucharistic the friendliness of our fellow hikers and campers at the Canyon Bottom. I met a honeymooning couple from Switzerland, grandparents from Ohio, a young woman visiting from China, and also a large contingent from Boy Scout Troop 385 based out of Saint Mary Magdalen Parish in Brighton, Michigan. I was able to tell the Scout Leaders all about our own Troop 14 here at St. Mary's Holliston, and heard about their parish as well. Nearly everyone at the Canyon Bottom seemed interested in introducing themselves and getting to know one another. The reason I think, is that we were all in the midst of a shared experience – a great adventure that made us feel connected in some way. It occurs to me that for Catholics, the experience of Sunday Mass does the same thing. It brings us together. It breaks down barriers. It allows us to follow Christ not as isolated individuals, but as companions on the journey.

The other thing which seemed Eucharistic to me, were the ubiquitous signs warning hikers to eat and drink twice as much as usual in order to maintain health. To the delight of dieters, the signs also encouraged you to eat lots of carbs and salty foods for this purpose! The signs made me think of today's first Mass reading about Elijah in 1 Kings Chapter 5.

Elijah was afraid and fled for his life, going to Beer-sheba of Judah. He left his servant there and went a day's journey into the desert, until he came to a broom tree and sat beneath it ... He lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree, but then an angel touched him and ordered him to get up and eat. He looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water. After he ate and drank, he lay down again, but the angel of the LORD came back a second time, touched him, and ordered, "*Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!*" He got up, ate and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.

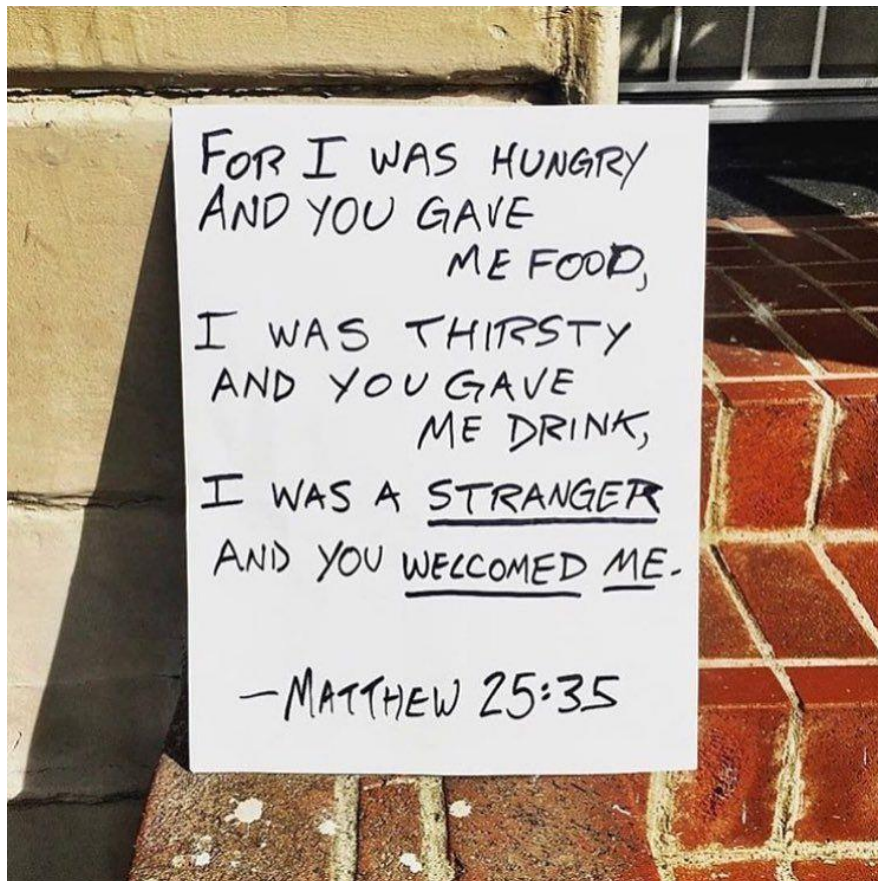
The Grand Canyon signs were doing for us hikers what the angel did for Elijah, warning us to eat and drink lest the journey be too much for us. And of course Christ gave us the same message, offering Himself as the very Bread of Life so that we will have the spiritual strength to live holy lives and face whatever trials may come. The Grand Canyon signs also specifically warned us that it was important to eat and drink whether we felt hungry and thirsty or not.

In the same way, we may not always be aware of our soul's hungering for the Holy Eucharist, but the need is still there and the risk of spiritual starvation is very real. When Jesus gives us His Body and Blood each Sunday in Holy Communion, it's because He knows what we need to stay healthy and alive in His love. The Grand Canyon hiker who eats and drinks whether he feels like it or not, is likelier to remain healthy and have a successful trip. And the Catholic who is faithful to the Sunday Eucharist whether he always feels like it or not, will find his path clearer, his burdens lighter, and His soul full of the grace of God.

In His Service and Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark J. Coiro". The signature is stylized with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor

**PANTRY SHELF SUMMER HELP:**

Donations are accepted at anytime in the large black bin outside our Pantry at 73 Charles Street. The items we need most are Clorox Wipes (or any other brand), Paper Towels, Juice Boxes, Canned Peaches, Canned Pears, Canned Fruit Cocktail, Ramen - Chicken flavor, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Baked Beans, Cake and Brownie mixes.

PROJECT JUST BECAUSE FOOD DISTRIBUTION DAY:

Project Just Because is hosting another free food distribution day next Saturday, August 14 at its Hopkinton facility for all Massachusetts residents in need. Anyone needing assistance or aware of someone who needs help with food — including protein, dairy, dry goods, bakery and gluten-free options — can stop by 109 South St. and select free items between 11 AM and 1 PM. There are no forms to fill out nor questions to answer. For more information, visit projectjustbecause.org.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS:

“Before [Jesus] taught the people, He had pity on the multitude, and He fed them. He made a miracle. He blessed the bread, and He fed five thousand people. It’s because He loved the people. He had pity on them. He saw the hunger in their faces and He fed them. And only then He taught them.

More than ever people want to see love in action through our humble works - how necessary it is for us to be in love with Jesus - to be able to feed Him in the hungry and the lonely. How pure our eyes and hearts must be to see Him in the poor. How clean our hands must be to touch Him in the poor with love and compassion. How clean our words must be to be able to proclaim the Good News to the poor.” - Saint Mother Theresa of Calcutta

LIVESTREAMING JOB OPPORTUNITY:

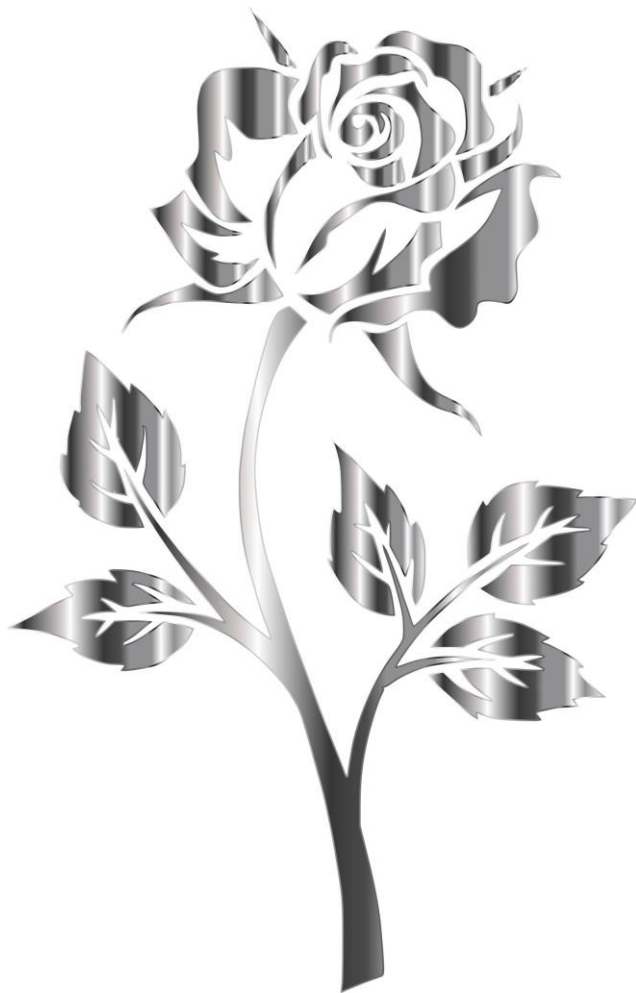
St. Mary’s is in need of a few people, teens or adults, to help with the livestreaming of our Sunday, 11:30 AM Mass. Full training is provided, although some media or computer experience is preferred. This is a paid position, and involves camerawork and linking us up to Facebook.

If interested, or for more information, please contact St. Mary’s at st.marys1870@gmail.com.



MUSIC	5:00 PM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Entrance	#311	#311	#311
Offertory	#360	#473	#473
Communion	#320, 504	#360, 320	#360
Recessional	#539	#539	#539

WINGS: Is busy planning for our 2021-2022 year, which we hope will be in person. We will kick off our Fall Season in October with the topic “Uncovering Hidden Treasure, Understanding Catholic Social Justice”, focusing on Catholic teachings on social justice issues. For a description of the WINGS Ministry, please see our flyer in the online Summer Newsletter available on the Parish website. Email stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com to sign up or call Diane Collins at 508-259-7795 with questions. Have a good summer and we hope to see you in the Fall!



SILVER ROSE PRAYER SERVICE: St. Mary’s Knights of Columbus Council #14224 will conduct a Silver Rose Prayer Service this Thursday, August 12 at 7:00 PM in the church. What is the Silver Rose? In 1960, Mexican Knights of Columbus wanted to “...run a Rose to the Basilica of our Lady of Guadalupe....The Rose was chosen to commemorate Saint Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses, an important part of the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe.” In 2001, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson stated the Silver Rose program is to “...honor not only Our Lady of Guadalupe...but we also reaffirm the Order’s dedication to the sanctity of human life.” One of eight nationally circulating Silver Roses will be present at the prayer service. **All of St. Mary’s Parishioners and guests are invited to attend and participate in the service.**

EMMAUS MINISTRY FOR GRIEVING PARENTS: Serving the spiritual needs of grieving parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago. Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. Please join us. All are welcome.

[One-Day In-Person Spiritual Retreat](#)
 August 14, 2021
 Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Carver, MA

[Weekend In-Person Spiritual Retreat](#)
 Miramar Retreat Center, Duxbury, MA

For more information or to register, call Diane at 800-919-9332 or go to www.emfgp.org.

ST. MARY’S 150th ANNIVERSARY GALA: Planning for our pandemic delayed Anniversary Gala is now in full swing. It has been rescheduled for Saturday, November 13, 2021 at the Regency Ballroom, Doubletree Hotel, Milford. The evening will include a delicious dinner, live music and dancing, and Bishop Robert Reed as our keynote speaker. There will also be a Silent Auction during the cocktail hour, and we need YOU to help make it a huge success. Auction proceeds will support St. Mary’s Parish outreach, primarily the High School Summer Mission Trips Program. We are seeking donations of all kinds (see below). Please contact Jennifer Schiller at jaschiller3@gmail.com, or Kathy McKenna at kmurphmckenna@comcast.net, to arrange donations or with any questions. Save the date!

Possible Auction Donations Include:

Tickets to Professional New England Sports Teams - any game; Vacation House Rentals for long or short term getaways; Restaurant Gift Certificates; Concert /Ballet Tickets; New England Sports Memorabilia; Jewelry; Golf Outings at a local Country Club; Special Services (culinary professional, massage therapist, painter, musician, personal health instructor); or any bid-worthy donations. Thank you!

THE PARISH CENTER IS OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY. Please sanitize your hands upon entering and kindly wear a mask if unvaccinated. Thank you and welcome back!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR 2021-2022: Registrations are now past due. The registration form can be accessed through St. Mary's website at www.stmarysholliston.com under Register / Parish Forms. Our program is planning on in-person classes in late September and early October unless otherwise specified by the Archdiocese of Boston for the safety and well-being of the children, staff and volunteers. We will have a better understanding of the status of the pandemic by the middle of August. We look forward to having the children and youth return in September.

CLOW BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER: We look forward to having the children participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word under the direction of Kristin Roberto who will guide the children to understand God's message of love and His will for them in a format they will understand. The children will remain in the church for CLOW the first Sunday of each month and then for the remaining Sundays be dismissed to the lower church hall to hear Gospel. Volunteer leaders are needed for CLOW. Please contact st.marysre1870@gmail.com for more information if you can assist Kristin as one of our CLOW Leaders.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS AND MONITORS ARE NEEDED FOR 2021-2022: Please prayerfully consider teaching a class or volunteering as a Monitor. Teachers will be needed for Grades K through 10. Just contact us at 508-429-6076 or by email at st.marysre1870@gmail.com. A volunteer form will be sent to you by email. God bless you for helping us share the precious gift of faith with our children and youth!

PLEASE HELP! GRADE COORDINATORS FOR GRADES PRE-K, 1, 5, 7, 8 AND 9 ARE NEEDED: Our program needs people of good faith to volunteer as Grade Coordinators for Grades PRE-K, 1, 5, 7, 8 and 9. Training will be provided. Contact Fran if you can take one of these roles as a coordinator at 508-429-6076 or st.marysre1870@gmail.com.

Please note that R.E. Coordinators are responsible for guiding and assisting both teachers and students in growing in their relationship with Christ and His Church. Since this is done best by example, all parish coordinators are required to be regularly practicing members of the St. Mary's Worshipping Community.

IMPORTANT CORI AND PGC INFORMATION: The Archdiocese of Boston has issued a statement regarding CORI forms: "The State of Emergency order is lifted in Massachusetts and one can no longer complete a CORI verification via zoom or teleconference. Photocopies of a license will no longer be accepted to verify at a later time. **Verification must be completed in person.** Please remember **ANY** person who will be conducting virtual education programs for members of our parish are required to submit a CORI. As of July 1 only the 2022 CORI Form will be available for renewals and new volunteers.

Feast of St. Dominic ~ August 8 Canonized July 13, 1234



Saint Dominic was born in Caleruega, Spain in 1170. His parents were members of the Spanish nobility and related to the ruling family. According to one legend, Dominic's mother, a very holy woman, made a pilgrimage to an abbey at Silos. Legend says there were many signs of the great child she would bear. One of the most common legends says that during her pilgrimage, Joan had a dream of a dog leaping from her womb with a torch in its mouth. The animal "seemed to set the earth on fire." His parents named him Dominic, a play on the words Domini canis, meaning the Lord's dog in Latin.

Dominic was educated in Palencia where he spent six years studying theology and four the arts. He was widely acclaimed as an exemplary student by his professors. In 1191, a famine left many people desolate and homeless across Spain. Dominic sold everything he had, including his furniture and clothes and bought food for the poor. When he sold his manuscripts, required for study, he replied, "Would you have me study from these dead skins when people are dying of hunger?" On two occasions Dominic attempted to sell himself into slavery to the Moors to obtain the freedom of others.

A dangerous heresy broke out that wrongly taught that all material things, including the human body were itself, were fundamentally evil. The Christian faith teaches otherwise and proclaims the very resurrection of the Body. When Dominic debated the heretics, they could not defend themselves. He was threatened with violence, yet he traveled throughout the region, preaching and converting souls back to Catholic Christian faith and practice. On July 1215, Dominic was granted permission to form his own religious order by Pope Honorius III and named as "The Order of Preachers". Dominic chose for himself only the most meager of provisions. He refused to even sleep on a bed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULE FOR 2021 – 2022 FOR GRADES PRE-K – 10

GRADE	Classes will meet on alternate weeks unless noted.
Pre-K	Sun., 9:15 to 10:30 AM ~ Meets for six sessions Starts October 3 in the Lower Church Hall
KIND.	Sun., 9:15 - 10:30 AM – Starts October 24. Meets once a month through May 2022
GR-1A	Sun., 8:10 - 9:20 AM – Starts September 26
GR-2A	Sun., 8:10 - 9:25 AM – Starts September 19
GR-2A	Sun., 10:45 AM-Noon – Starts September 19
GR-2D	Wed., 4:15-5:30 PM – Starts September 22
GR-3A	Sun., 7:55-9:25 AM – Starts September 19
GR-3A	Sun., 10:45 AM-12:15 PM – Starts September 19
GR-3B	Mon., 4:00-5:30 PM – Starts September 20
GR-4A	Sun., 10:45 AM-12:15 PM – Starts September 26
GR-4B	Mon., 4:00-5:30 PM – Starts September 20
GR-4C	Tues., 4:00-5:30 PM – Starts September 21
GR-5A	Sun., 10:45 AM-12:15 PM – Starts September 26
GR-5B	Mon., 4:00-5:30 PM – Starts September 27
GR-5C	Wed., 4:00-5:30 PM – Starts September 22
GR-6A	Sun., 4:00-5:30 PM – Starts September 19
GR-6B	Mon., 4:00-5:30 PM – Starts September 20
GR-6C	Tues., 4:30-5:30 PM – Starts September 28 Classes will meet weekly.
GR-7A	Sun., 5:00-6:30 PM – Starts September 26
GR-7D	Wed., 6:00-7:30 PM – Starts September 29
GR-8B	Mon., 6:00-7:30 PM – Starts September 20
GR-8D	Wed., 6:00-7:30 PM – Starts September 22
GR-9C	Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 PM- Starts October 5 Alternate Weeks opposite GR-10
GR-9E	Thursday, 6:30-8:30 PM – Starts October 7 Alternate Weeks opposite GR-10
GR-10C	Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 PM- Starts October 12 Alternate weeks Opposite Grade 9
GR-10E	Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 PM – Starts October 14 Alternate weeks Opposite Grade 9

Sessions: A= Sun. B= Mon. C= Tues. D=Wed. E= Th.

SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM IN RELIGIOUS ED:

Does your child have unique learning needs? If any family has a child that would benefit from a special religious education program please contact Fran Crespi at 429-6076 or by email at st.marysdre1870@gmail.com. We can prepare your child to receive First Penance and First Communion no matter the age of your child. It is important that all children come to know God's love for them and that they will see the face of God through Jesus.

GRADE 1 AND 2 TEACHERS – 2021-2022: Each Grade 1 and 2 class requires two teachers. Please consider partnering with another Mom or Dad to teach a class. Grade 2 is a special year for our children as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist. Contact our office at 429-6076 if you can volunteer and a volunteer form will be sent to you. See the chart above for the Grade 1 and 2 class schedules.