

St. Mary's Parish

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 9:30 - 10:30 AM,
Thursdays in Lent 7 - 8 PM.

Our Mission:

“To know Christ and to make Him known.”

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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 register through our website or by calling the rectory. 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
Noon to 12:45 PM.

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. Welcome to Christ!

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



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

As we enter this Second Sunday of Lent, the liturgy offers a promise that anchors our drifting hearts.

"See, the eyes of the Lord are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, to deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine." (From today's Mass Psalm 33:18-19)

The world often treats "fear of the Lord" as a terrifying prospect, but in the biblical sense, it is simply holy awe. It is the realization that we stand before the Creator of the Universe Who knows us by name. To say the "eyes of the Lord are upon us" is not a threat of surveillance, but a promise of providence.

Saint Claude de la Colombière, a 17th century Jesuit, reminds us of the power of this divine attention. He writes,

"God is in the midst of us, or rather we are in the midst of Him; wherever we are He sees us, and He thinks of us... He is ready at every moment to give what we need."



Just as Peter, James, and John saw Jesus' face shine like the sun on Mount Tabor, we are reminded that God is looking back at us with His Holy gaze. He is not indifferent to your Lenten sacrifices or the hidden burdens you carry year-round.

The Psalmist speaks of being preserved *"in spite of famine."* While we may not all be experiencing a physical lack of food, many of us are walking through a spiritual famine:

A famine of peace in a restless world.

A famine of purpose in the daily grind.

A famine of connection in an era of digital isolation.

Lent is our voluntary "famine." We empty our stomachs, our schedules, and our storehouses to realize that we cannot deliver ourselves from death. Only God's kindness can do that. When we hope in His mercy rather than our own willpower, we find that our internal "famine" begins to subside. We start to be filled and satisfied by His Presence, His Power, and His Peace.

This week, I invite you to sit with Psalm 33. When you feel the "famine" of your Lenten discipline or the weight of your personal trials, remember the words of St. Claude, remember that you are *"in the midst of Him."* The Lord's gaze is fixed on you. You are seen, you are known, and you are being preserved for a glory that far outweighs the valleys and shadows of this world.

God bless you.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro



BLESSED MOTHER SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Applications are now available at <https://stmarysholliston.com> under REGISTER / PARISH FORMS. This \$2,000 scholarship is granted in recognition of "exceptional service to the St. Mary's Parish Family." Applicants must meet the following criteria: Graduating from High School in the Spring of 2026; Accepted to a four year college or university to commence classes in the Fall of 2026; Family registered at St. Mary's Parish for at least two full years; Completed Religious Education and received the Sacrament of Confirmation; Attend Mass weekly at St. Mary's, and are otherwise living out their Catholic faith. Applications are due by Easter Sunday, April 5. The Scholarship will be presented at the St. Mary's Mass for the Graduating Class of 2026, Sunday, May 17 at 11:30 AM.

THE ROSE FOR

LIFE: The Rose this week is sponsored by Maria Bomba in memory of Eduardo, Anna and Francis DiCenso. Please join her in prayer for an unborn child. Email st.marys1870@gmail.com to become part of this beautiful affirmation of life.



LENTEN PARISH MISSION



Rediscover the Heart of Lent ~ “The Four Ways of Love.”

We all want to love and be loved, but let's be honest, love is rarely “one size fits all.” This Lent, move beyond the abstract and join us for a journey into the very architecture of the human heart.

Fr. Brian Mahoney, Pastor of The Holy Rood Collaborative, will lead us in exploring the four ancient Greek pillars of love. By understanding these distinct “languages,” we can transform our relationships with our families, our neighbors, and our Creator.

NEXT Sunday, March 8 and Monday, March 9

from 7:00 - 8:15 PM

in St. Mary's Church, Holliston.

Followed by Refreshments in Fr. Haley Hall on Monday.



LENTEN SUPPERS, Every Friday: Join us for a great meal, prayer and deepening your community connection to your St. Mary's Family!



**Continuing all Fridays of Lent at 6 PM:
March 6, 13, 20, and 27.**

Our Lenten Suppers take place in Fr. Haley Hall and will include a range of food options while observing Friday's abstinence from meat - as well as child-friendly food. Families with young children are encouraged to come and not feel burdened about bringing a meal, please let your St. Mary's community lift you up. This also applies to any individual / couple / family feeling burdened where bringing a meal would prevent you from attending. We are all in different seasons of life, let your St. Mary's family be a safe landing spot for you this Lent!

If you'd like to help, please email Natalie Pomarico at st.maryslentensuppers@gmail.com. You will be added to the Lenten Supper Volunteer Group. A weekly 'Signup Genius' goes out via email to the volunteer base and individuals sign up for available food / drink slots. Volunteer participation varies week to week, some volunteer once during the six weeks, some commit to every week, others dip in and out of helping. Welcome!

MEET YOUR MISSION DIRECTOR Our Parish Mission Starts Next Sunday!

Fr. Brian Mahoney

received his undergraduate degree in Computer Science from Boston College in 1985 and was ordained from St. John Seminary in 1995. He received his STL in Sacred Liturgy from Catholic University in Washington, DC in 2003, and was appointed Director of the Office for Worship for the Archdiocese of Boston, a position in which he served until 2009.



In addition to now ministering as Pastor of the Holy Rood Collaborative in Chelmsford and Lowell, Fr. Brian is an instructor at The Theological Institute at Saint John's Seminary Master of Arts in Ministry Program (MAM) and the Master of Theological Studies Program. He also teaches in the Diaconate Program.

ADORATION, Every Thursday: This Lent, St. Mary's is offering a Eucharistic Holy Hour each Thursday in the church from 7 - 8 PM. Each Lenten Holy Hour includes an intention for which we ask you kindly to add to your prayers during your time before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament: **This Thursday, March 5** please pray for Peace and Unity in our Nation.



40 HOURS DEVOTION, March 15, 16, & 17:

In celebrating this devotion, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar at St. Mary's for forty continuous hours. The church will be open throughout, and people may come at any time to visit with the Lord in prayer. Anyone and everyone is welcome at any time without signing up. But we need a minimum of two people committed to each specific hour the Blessed Sacrament is Exposed for Adoration. Sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094DA5AB29A3FC1-61928555-40hours>.

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



Dear Friends,

It is good to be with you.

This year's Catholic Appeal theme is **Together We Are One**. It is a reminder of our communion in the Lord Jesus Christ and our call to be united as the Body of Christ. Our diverse and complex Archdiocese is a family of faith with a shared mission to spread the Gospel.

Here in the Archdiocese of Boston, people are deepening their faith, rediscovering prayer, and returning to the sacraments with curiosity and hope. This quiet but unmistakable renewal is both encouraging and exciting.

Your support of the Catholic Appeal sustains parish life: fosters vocations, forms the faith in our young people and adults, supports our Catholic schools, provides outreach to the most vulnerable, and more. With your prayers, your generosity, and your partnership, the Catholic Appeal empowers your parish and so many others to flourish in faith.

Your generosity continues to humble and inspire me, and it is a great blessing to minister here. Together, we are co-workers with the Lord, participating in His work of healing and reconciliation for the world. Together We Are One.

In Christ,

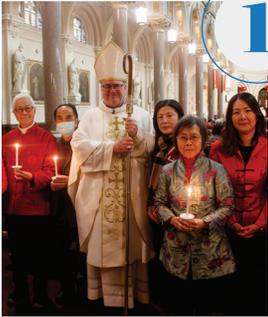
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard".

Archbishop Richard G. Henning, S.T.D.
ARCHBISHOP OF BOSTON



Together we

Your participation in the Catholic Appeal:



1

Supports pastors across our 248 parishes

Your gift strengthens ministry teams that meet parishes where their needs are greatest, providing expertise in **evangelization, finance, facilities, and other functions** that would be costly and difficult for parishes to manage alone.



2

Forms tomorrow's priests

The priesthood begins with a call, yet every vocation needs guidance and care. Through your gift, the **Vocations Office** walks with young men through spiritual direction and a structured process of formation. Over the last two years, it contributed to the **joyful ordination of 18 priests** now serving our parishes.



3

Invests in Catholic education

Your gift strengthens a vibrant network of **32,000 students across 92 Catholic schools**, providing accessible, mission-driven education. Dedicated teachers and school leaders guide students in their academic, moral, and emotional growth. **Your support sustains the vision and leadership** that shape this transformative learning experience.



4

Reinvigorates faith formation

Last year, our parishes celebrated **10,279 baptisms, 8,484 first communions, and 8,582 confirmations** — signs of a Church that is alive, growing, and drawing people deeper into the life of Christ. Your gift provides the tools, training, and guidance needed to form disciples at every stage of life.

are **One**

2026 CATHOLIC APPEAL



Supports ministries of compassion

Your gift brings Christ's compassion to people facing illness, isolation, and addiction. The **Healthcare and Chaplaincy Ministry** provides Catholic chaplains to more than 20 hospitals, offering spiritual care at life's most difficult moments. **Addiction recovery programs accompany** individuals and families with faith-rooted guidance and pathways to healing.



Archdiocese Highlights



An Evening with the Archbishop

In October 2025, Archbishop Henning took a moment to reflect on his first year as Archbishop of Boston and share his priorities for the future. We are excited to share them with you below.



SCAN QR CODE TO WATCH THE 3-MINUTE VIDEO



Into the Deep

Last June, Archbishop Henning took to the water to bring Jesus to communities along the North Shore. In the future, he plans to take to the water once again to share the Eucharist with the faithful on the South Shore.



SCAN QR CODE TO WATCH A RECAP VIDEO



Together we are **One**



If you have received Archbishop Henning's letter in the mail and already made your gift or pledge, **thank you!** If not, here are ways you can participate in the 2026 Catholic Appeal:

- Make an **online donation** by scanning the code or by visiting bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate-now

*(For greater sustained impact, select the recurring gift option.
Your monthly donation will continue until you ask us to stop.)*



- Use an **in-pew envelope** and return it to your parish. Most parishes will conduct an in-pew presentation next week during Mass.
- Make a gift through your Donor-Advised Fund (DAF) using **TAX ID #04-2106175** (Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston) and include Catholic Appeal and your home parish in the donation details.
- Make a planned gift in the form of a bequest, stock, or property transfer, IRA distribution, or charitable gift of annuity.



Thank you for your support!

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 Mrs. Jennifer Burgett, Religious Education Secretary
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 R & R Landscaping, Cemetery Care

NEXT WEEKEND CATHOLIC APPEAL

KICKOFF: Please return your pledge envelope at Mass next weekend. Thank you for doing your part to support the good works of our Catholic Church!

SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND:
 Church Around the World, \$3,336.89. Thank you.

LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:

Automatic Giving: \$ 2,551.50
 WeShare: \$ 3,960.53
 Envelopes: \$ 6,316.00
 Total Offertory: \$ 12,828.03
Weekly Need \$ 15,000.00

Shortfall: \$ 2,171.97



Thank you for making up any missed weekly parish support. The fiscal health of your parish depends on it. Kindly consider switching to WeShare or Automatic Giving. **Learn how at:**

<https://stmarysholliston.com/how-to-give/>.

FY26 CORIs NOW DUE: It is the time of year again when we request that all St. Mary's volunteers renew your CORI and review the Code of Conduct. If you have not already completed a FY26 CORI, you can complete these forms in the Religious Education office during normal office hours. **We will also be hosting a CORI table at Donuts, Juice & Coffee today.**



SNOW CANCELLATIONS: When Holliston public schools are closed due to inclement weather, the 9 AM Daily Mass and Religious Education classes will not be held. If a

school delay is called, the 9 AM Mass is cancelled, but afternoon and evening Religious Education Classes will be held.



MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday February 28
 5:00 Leslie Higgins
 7:30 Matthew D'Agostino, 4th Anv.
Sunday March 1
 7:30 People of St. Mary's
 9:30 Thomas Bengiovanni
 11:30 Marjorie Wheeler Barnes
Monday March 2
 9:00 Holy Souls
Tuesday March 3
 9:00 Frank Mulcahy, 4th Anv.
Wednesday March 4
 9:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thursday March 5
 9:00 Cerillo Pontremoli
Friday March 6
 9:00 Fr. Salman and the People of our Sister Parish, Our Lady of Fatima, Beit Sahour
Saturday March 7
 5:00 Roy Salvi
 7:30 Anthony 'Tony' Stucchi, Sr.
Sunday March 8
 7:30 People of St. Mary's
 9:30 Michael Montalbano
 11:30 Lucia Palmer



Donuts, Juice & Coffee Today

D. J. & C.: The Welcoming Committee and Parish Council invite all families to stop into Fr. Haley Hall after the 9:30 AM Upstairs CLOW Mass **TODAY**, Sunday, March 1, for free donuts, juice and coffee!

50TH ANNIVERSARY: Deacon Marty's 50th Anniversary of Ordination Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, April 26 at 11:30 AM, followed by a reception in Fr. Haley Hall. Save the date!

FOR WOMEN

ST. MARY'S MOM'S PRAYER GROUP: Please join us this Tuesday, March 3 from 9:45 - 11 AM, in Fr. Haley Hall as we pray together, read reflections by the liturgical season, and share prayer intentions. Children of all ages are welcome with toys and coloring activities available. For information, please contact Lauren Onak at 954-803-9942.



WINGS (Women in God's Spirit): The Winter Season Bible Study concludes [this Wednesday, March 4, from 10 - 11:15 AM in person and via Zoom.](#) Our presentation this week focuses on Chapter 5: "Look at Your Finances". All women are most welcome. Babysitting is provided; please register in advance. Email stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com to register or call Jen at 617-852-9632 or Diane at 508-259-7795. This is the last meeting of our winter season; we will resume with our spring season in early April. All our presentations are recorded. To view them go to the WINGS St. Mary's webpage and scroll down to the bottom.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: 'I Will Give You Rest: Come.' (Mt. 11:28-30) A message from the country of Nigeria. World Day of Prayer (WDP) is a worldwide ecumenical movement of women of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year. We welcome men to attend with us in the celebration. Please join us as we gather to celebrate at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 600 Central Street, Holliston this Friday, March 6, at 10 AM. We will meet in the sanctuary. All are welcome!



SMCWG: The St. Mary's Catholic Women's Group will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, March 11 from Noon to 2:00 PM in the Parish Center Library.

Lunch and beverages will be provided. \$5 dues will be collected. Please join us!

FOR MEN

Cor ~ ST. MARY'S FAITH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FOR MEN: Our next meeting of the Spring 2026 season is on March 12 from 7 - 9 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. All men of St. Mary's Parish age 18 and older are invited.



The topic of the meeting will be prayer. Prayer is essential to establishing and maintaining a fruitful relationship with God. There are many ways to pray, and some methods are more effective than others depending on the individual. During our meeting, we will learn about the different types of prayer, and we will focus on some specific prayers, such as the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

The mission of *Cor* is to help Catholic men deepen their relationship with God in order to better live out God's will for them in their daily lives. Our meetings include presentations that draw upon the deep resources of the Catholic Church and challenge us to prayerfully reflect upon what this gift of life that God has so generously given us is really all about.

This Spring season *Cor* will generally meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month through May for faith enrichment, scripture, catechesis, prayer and brotherhood. For more information, contact StMarysCor@gmail.com.

FOR THOSE IN NEED

HOLLISTON PANTRY SHELF: Food items needed at the Pantry: Progresso Soup, Campbell's Chunky Soup, Campbell's Tomato Soup, Ritz Crackers, saltine crackers, canned pears, canned regular coffee (11 oz), canned decaf coffee (11 oz), tuna fish, pasta. Donations may be dropped off in the tan bin by the main parking lot doors right here at St. Mary's, or to the bins outside 73 Charles Street.

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN 2026: Please donate your coins to Pennies from Heaven, which can be dropped off in the lobby of the Parish Center during the 2026 Lenten season. The entire proceeds from this collection will be sent to Sierra Leone for the benefit of children living at the Fatima Home for Orphans.



FOR OUR YOUTH!



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP!

Our Monthly Meeting is **TONIGHT, SUNDAY, March 1, from 6:30 - 8:30 PM!** It is half an hour longer to allow time for making

sandwiches for the homeless for Lent. Rafting payments are due at this meeting as well as Sign-Ups for the March 27 Cosmic Bowling Trip and the Grade 6 Nursing Home BINGO on March 6.



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP ~ TGIF (Teens Gather In Faith):

Our next TGIF Meeting is, Sunday, March 15, from 7 - 8:45 PM in Fr. Haley Hall (bring a friend)!

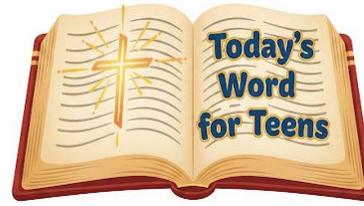
TGIF is open to ALL TEENS in Grades 9 - 12. For more information, contact Lisa Dufault at st.marystgif1870@gmail.com

Today, Sunday, March 1, TGIF takes on Topgolf. Bus leaves at 10 AM sharp!

This afternoon, from 3 - 4 PM we gather for our third Lenten Study Meeting. Note, all meetings will be in the lower church hall, not Sr. Ricci house, as originally planned. We will be reading 'The Last Words of Jesus' by Daniel Horan O.F.M., a meditation on Love and Suffering.



Don't forget to use those sacrifice beads you made at last Sunday's TGIF meeting! We invite TGIF Teens, their families and St. Mary's Parishioners to follow TGIF on Instagram, QR Code above left.



Today's Gospel takes us to a mountaintop for the Transfiguration. It's a moment where the "normal"

veil is pulled back, and the disciples see Jesus for Who He truly is - shining like the sun. The verse for our reflection is:

"Lord, it is good that we are here." (Matthew 17:4)

1. The "Peak" Experience. Think about those rare moments when life feels actually perfect. Maybe it's that split-second after your team wins a championship, the feeling of a perfect sunset at summer camp, or that one night where you and your friends were laughing so hard you couldn't breathe. In those moments, you aren't scrolling through your phone or worrying about Monday's math test; you're just there. That's exactly what Peter is feeling on the mountain. He says, *"Lord, it is good that we are here,"* because he finally sees Jesus in full HD. He wants to freeze time, build a tent, and stay in that moment forever. We all have a spiritual hunger for those "mountaintop" moments where God feels real and life feels right.

2. The Social Media Filter vs. The Glow. In your world, everything is filtered. We spend so much energy trying to look like we're glowing - perfect lighting, the right fit, the best highlights. But the Transfiguration wasn't a filter; it was an *unveiling*. Jesus wasn't adding something fake to His face; He was letting His true, inner light shine out. For a teenager today, the spiritual "Transfiguration" happens when you stop trying to perform for an audience and let God's grace shine through your actual personality. When you act with genuine kindness; or stand up for someone; or include someone, you're letting that same divine light break through the "mask" of your daily life.

3. Coming Down the Mountain. The toughest part of the story? They didn't stay on the mountain. Jesus led them right back down into the messy, loud, stressful streets. That's the real talk for Lent: we can't live in a spiritual high 24/7. You might feel a "God-moment" at a retreat or a great Mass, but the "goodness" Peter talked about is meant to fuel you for the "valley" - the hallways of your school, the drama in the group chat, and the pressure at home. The Transfiguration reminds us that even when life feels ordinary or even dark, the glory of God is still there, hidden just beneath the surface. You carry that mountaintop light with you into every room you enter as a child of God. Let it shine!

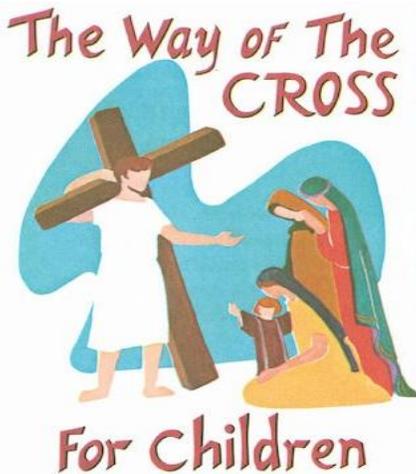
ADULT FAITH FORMATION SESSION: The Adult Faith Formation class on “The Bible and the Blessed Virgin Mary” will continue on Monday, March 2 and March 9 at 10:00 AM in Room 3-4. All are welcome.

CLOW ~ CHILDREN K-6 ~ CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Today, March 1, is the second Sunday of Lent. The children will remain in the church to listen and learn what Jesus teaches us the Gospel of Matthew 17:1-9.

DAY	CLASS	CLASS
Sun., March 1	CGS K Safety Lesson	GR-1 at 8:10 AM
		GR-4 at 10:45 AM
		GR-5 at 10:45 AM
Mon., March 2	GR-8 at 7:00 PM	
Tues., March 3	GR-7 at 7:00 PM	
Wed., March 4	GR-7 at 7:00 PM	
Thur., March 5	GR-8 at 7:00 PM	
Sun., March 8	CGS-Group A	GR-2 at 8:10 AM
		GR-2 at 10:45 AM
		GR-3 at 7:55 AM
		GR-3 at 10:45 AM
		GR-6 at 4:00 PM

PARENT MEETINGS FOR FIRST COMMUNION ON THURSDAY, MARCH 12: There will be one morning meeting at 9:00 AM and one at 7:00 PM on Thursday, March 12. Parents will be informed regarding the details for First Communion, the rehearsal, the Grade 2 Retreat, and Sign-Ups for Mass roles as Readers and Gift Bearers.

GR-K CHILDREN SAFETY SESSION ~ SUNDAY MARCH 1: The class will be held in Room 1 of the Parish Center.



GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT NOON ON APRIL 3:

Letters will be sent out on Monday, March 9 to families with children in **grades K - 5** for children to take a role in the Stations of the Cross Tableau. Please complete the enclosed form in the letter and return it to the

Religious Education Office ASAP. Children who accept a role **must attend** two rehearsals during Holy week: Tuesday, March 31 and Wednesday, April 1 from 4:30 to 5:30 PM in the church. On Good Friday there will be a dress rehearsal at 11:15 AM before the Stations of the Cross begin.

NEXT CONFIRMATION RETREAT: Saturday, March 7 from 10 AM to 6 PM. Check in before 10 AM in Fr. Haley Hall.

FOR ALL RELIGIOUS ED FAMILIES! VIRTUS EMPOWERING GOD’S CHILDREN (EGC) SAFETY PROGRAM: The month of January began our Safety Sessions. Every year the Archdiocese of Boston requires Religious Education Programs to offer safety classes to children and youth.

Parents can view the program at: www.VIRTUSonline.org. Enter the **User Name:** Parent_Boston and the **Password:** EGCBoston1. When you are in the landing page click on **Education** at the top. *Please take the time to view the lesson plans for your child’s grade, before the scheduled safety classes in March through April 2026.*



CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD ~ CGS GROUP B ACTIVITIES ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22:

Children were eager to try a new Practical Life work today, flower arranging. Those who chose this work added their arrangements to the prayer table. We are reminded of the words in the Eucharistic Prayer when the

Priest offers the bread and wine as “work of human hands”. The children’s arrangements were the work of their hands, offered to God at the prayer table.

Some children heard a second parable of the Kingdom, the Precious Pearl. The children recalled the Parable of the Mustard Seed in our discussions of the Precious Pearl. A song called the Kingdom Song includes the Precious Pearl in the



second verse. Here is the link again if you are interested. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5J7ZMvEUf0c>

2026 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, JULY 20 - 24: Calling all campers (entering K - Grade 6) and volunteers (entering Grade 7 - adults)! Get ready to journey deep into the heart of the rainforest and discover the true nature of God! Rainforest Falls registration information will be available after Easter. But save those dates now!