

# St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

## Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston

[stmarystcatherine.org](http://stmarystcatherine.org)

*Our Mission is to make active disciples of Jesus Christ by creating a welcoming community rich in spirituality and by moving people to embrace their God-given talents in the service of others and the care of creation.*

March 1, 2020

### Welcome!

To visitors to our Parish, to those who have recently moved into the area and to those comfortable and nourished here—*Welcome To All*. And, regardless of your status in the Church, your marital state, your ethnicity, your prior religious experience, your personal history, background or sexual orientation, please know that you are accepted and respected at Saint Mary–Saint Catherine of Siena Parish. Please introduce yourself to the priest and register as a member of our Parish.

### About Us

Saint Mary - Saint Catherine of Siena is an intentionally inclusive Roman Catholic Parish that welcomes all those who make up our diverse community in a way that reflects God's love. Nourished by the Gospel and the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, we build a vibrant Parish that strengthens our faith and elevates our worship. With gratitude for the gifts God has bestowed upon us, we respond to His call to stewardship and embrace our lives of service and compassion.

## DON'T WAIT! BE KIND NOW!



When the clerk at the cash register advised me that the item I was buying was on sale and therefore was less than I was prepared to pay for it, well, that was a happy surprise. And when she rang up the new price, a \$5.00 coupon came out. So she said that amount also could be deducted from the price of the item. Now I was doubly surprised!

Isn't it amazing how these little surprises just pop up in life without any expectation and forewarning. It is the experience of a person being especially kind and considerate of another. Doing so always means choosing to go out of one's way, somehow, to the amazement and delight of others. Doing something that has no obvious payback and benefit simply because it is thoughtful and kind is a joy to experience, both for the receiver and the giver.

In May, 2013, George Saunders offered the commencement address at Syracuse University. In widely viewed remarks, Saunders commented on what it was that he regretted as he looked back on his life. He related a powerful story about a new girl who came into his grade school who was shy and awkward and an easy object of cruel comments from others. He confessed that he regretted not being kind to her. As he drew the story and lesson out he offered different insights about how and when we are kind or unkind.

Professor Saunders is not a theologian, and Syracuse is not a denominational university. However, his well-received talk points to ways of living are known by everyone. For example, he suggests if one were to think back in life to those we hold in the highest esteem, it is likely because they showed kindness to us. And we know, too, that the obstacle to kindness is often our own self-centeredness.

Maybe one reason Saunders' speech received such notoriety is because it is, in essence, spiritual. He is speaking to that part of the human experience that nourishes the soul. He is identifying another angle of a beautiful paradox of how

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## Mass Schedule

### Saturday – St. Mary Church

4:00 p.m.

### Sunday – St. Mary Church

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Family Mass

6:00 p.m. (in Chapel during Summer months)

**Daily Mass** Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m. at **St. Catherine of Siena Chapel** (entrance on Soley St. side of Church)

**Holidays** 9:00 a.m. in Chapel

**Reconciliation** 3:45 p.m. Saturday in Church or by appointment

**Baptism** Visit [stmaryscatherine.org/sacraments/](http://stmaryscatherine.org/sacraments/) for our schedule or call Sr. Nancy at (617) 242-4664. Preparation classes are held for Parents and Godparents on the preceding Friday of the monthly baptism at 7PM in the Parish Center.

### Pastor

Fr. James J. Ronan

### Pastoral Associate

Sr. Nancy Citro, SNDdeN

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James Santosuosso

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Fr. Ken Chemizie O.C.D.

Fr. Anthony Nweke C.S.S.p.

Fr. Britto Dhinakaran

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Fr. Pat Universal

### Hispanic Ministry

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in giving, one receives and in dying, one finds life. It is the fundamental Christian paradox and is the antithesis of the dominant values of our consumer driven culture. Saunders explains that achieving an integrated life of kindness and love for others is more commonly associated with being older. Therefore, he urged the graduates to "hurry up, don't wait until you are older - practice kindness now!" An indispensable admonition to us all.

*"My religion is very simple. My religion is kindness."*

— Dalai Lama XIV

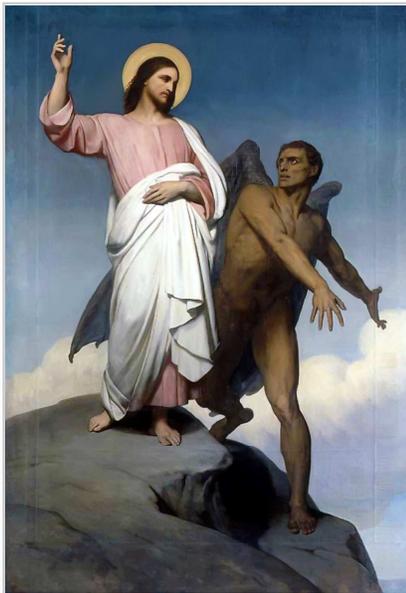
*"You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late."*

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

*"Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a harder battle."*

— Plato

Fr. Ronan



### March 1 ~ The First Sunday of Lent

Jesus was like us in all things but sin. In today's gospel, Jesus is tempted over and over but does not give in to the temptations. This first Sunday in Lent is a good time to look at our lives and to ask ourselves what tempts us away from God and from the light of Christ. There are three spiritual practices of Lent that are intended to help us improve our relationship with God: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Which of these practices will be most helpful to you in avoiding temptation this Lent? Don't wait. . . start today!

### Our Stewardship Prayer by the Welcoming Committee



Heavenly Father, instill in our hearts a spirit of love and compassion. May we foster a welcoming parish community with acceptance and respect for all. Inspire us to make a difference by being generous with our time and talents. Please send your Holy Spirit among us to remind us to follow Jesus and his teachings in all aspects of our lives. As we end this Mass, may we go forth and spread goodwill among our neighbors, friends, and fellow parishioners. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

**The Church is handicap-accessible on Soley Street.  
The Chapel is handicap-accessible on Winthrop Street.**

**Parish Center  
& Eucharistic Chapel**  
46 Winthrop Street **617-242-4664**  
**Saint Mary Church**  
55 Warren Street  
**Saint Catherine of Siena Chapel**

Warren and Soley Street  
**Social Ministry Office**  
49 Vine Street **617-580-8305**  
**Good Shepherd School**  
20 Winthrop Street **617-242-8800**

## Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

www.fuenteycumbre.com



Comienza la Cuaresma, tiempo de reflexión,  
tiempo de oración, tiempo de arrepentimiento.

El Miércoles de Ceniza inauguramos el tiempo de Cuaresma, durante el cual vamos a procurar aprovechar este "tiempo de gracia" para tener unos encuentros con Jesús. En este primer domingo de Cuaresma vamos a encontrarnos con "la verdad desnuda", la verdad tal cual es, clara, sin "disfraces". Es "nuestra" verdad, no porque haya diferentes verdades, sino porque la Palabra de Dios va a ponernos delante de nosotros mismos y de algo que

debemos tener presente si queremos tener un encuentro real y profundo con Jesús. Y esa "verdad desnuda" es que tenemos una fuerte tendencia a rechazar a Dios y su voluntad.

En la 1ª lectura hemos escuchado el relato de Adán y Eva, que nos muestra cómo, a pesar de todo lo que Dios ha hecho por el ser humano - "sopló en su nariz un aliento de vida, lo colocó en el Edén..."- el hombre y la mujer rechazan cumplir la voluntad de Dios porque quieren ser "como Dios". Y al incumplir la voluntad de Dios, "se les abrieron los ojos y se dieron cuenta de que estaban desnudos". En ese momento se enfrentan con su verdad "desnuda": han rechazado a Dios. La tentación del rechazo a Dios y a su voluntad se nos presenta como algo "apetitoso, atrayente, deseable..." y que puede realizarse de muchas maneras, como hemos visto en el Evangelio de las tentaciones: búsqueda de la propia satisfacción y comodidad; utilización del nombre de Dios para los propios intereses; ambición de lo material y del poder como centro de la propia vida.

Y si nos detenemos a reflexionar, la Palabra de Dios nos pone ante nuestra verdad desnuda: porque aunque estemos decididos a seguir a Jesús y a hacer la voluntad del Padre, llega un momento en que también, en el desierto de la vida, "sentimos hambre" y nos viene la tentación de la vida fácil, egoísta y descomprometida; o pretendemos que Dios justifique nuestros intereses y haga nuestra voluntad"; o los "dioses" del materialismo y consumismo lo sustituyen. La primera tentación: "Si eres Hijo de Dios, di que estas piedras se conviertan en panes", es un "chantaje" que tiene como centro la necesidad inmediata, la -- digámoslo así -- "menesterosidad" de todo ser humano. Se le dice: "Agárrate a lo que necesitas ahora; sacia tu hambre y déjate de historias. Vale lo que sirve, lo que nos saca de apuros". Pero la solución definitiva no es usar de cosas y de personas, Dios incluido. A lo inmediato, Jesús opone el alimento que es la Palabra de Dios. Es el único absoluto.

La segunda tentación: "Si eres Hijo de Dios, tírate abajo; sus ángeles cuidarán de ti", es la tentación de usar a Dios para lo que nos conviene y cuando nos conviene. La traducción sería: "Sirve creer en un Dios que nos sirve cuando lo necesitamos, para sacarnos de apuros". Jesús responde al tentador diciendo: "No pongas a prueba a Dios. No dictes a Dios qué es lo que tiene que hacer. No reduzcas a Dios a que haga tu voluntad: Deja a Dios ser Dios". La tercera tentación: "Te daré todo si me adoras". Es la tentación más fuerte. Es la tentación de quienes están dispuestos a entregarse a quien sea y como sea con tal de hacerse dueños de los otros. Poner a todos a nuestro servicio.

Jesús responde tajantemente: "Sólo a Dios adorarás. Sólo a Dios servirás". En Jesús tenemos el modelo a seguir para enfrentarnos a nuestra verdad desnuda y aprender a superar la tentación de rechazar a Dios. ¿Soy consciente de cuál es mi "verdad desnuda", mi realidad de pecado? ¿He rechazado a Dios aun sabiendo todo lo que Él ha hecho y hace por mí? ¿En qué situaciones concretas se me han presentado las tres tentaciones que hemos escuchado en el Evangelio? ¿Pude superar la tentación? ¿Recurro a Jesús y a su Palabra para aprender a no caer en la tentación de rechazar a Dios? Como hemos dicho, ante nuestra "verdad desnuda" tenemos la verdad plena que es Jesús. Que los "encuentros" que vamos a ir teniendo durante esta Cuaresma, y sobre todo el encuentro en la Eucaristía, nos ayude a descubrir que, por encima de las tentaciones de este mundo sólo Dios nos ofrece la plena liberación y salvación y el logro de una felicidad mayor de la que podemos imaginar.

Handcrafts are available after  
Masses in our church.

The goods at display:

- church vestments;
- icons;
- crosses;
- rosaries;
- religious items;
- souvenirs;
- Cds.



The Sisters from the Convent of St. Elisabeth, Belarus, Eastern Europe, will be visiting our Parish once again the weekend of March 14/15. Please take this opportunity to purchase their beautiful handcrafted items of devotion made in their convent in support of their work and mission with children and adults who are mentally and physically disabled; the formerly incarcerated; and those addicted to substances.



Next weekend, we will officially launch the 2020 Catholic Appeal in our parish. Each year, we are called to make a gift to the Appeal so that we can support the Archdiocese and the many Central Ministries that make our parishes, schools, and communities stronger. This is our Church and every gift to the Appeal makes an important difference in the lives of so many. If you would like more information, or to make an early gift online, please visit the new and improved Catholic Appeal website at [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org).



### Improving Your Spiritual Life During the Lenten Season

During the season of Lent, Catholics traditionally devote special efforts to deepen their relationship with the Lord in three areas: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. Throughout Lent, as we remember the great sacrifice Christ made, Christian stewards examine their own sacrificial giving. We do this to emulate Christ, to gain spiritual maturity, and share with others. Our Lenten efforts are not like short-term New Year's resolutions, designed as a forty-day weight-loss plan or a self-help project. Instead, they embody the idea of sacrifice in the pursuit of holiness. Here are a few ideas to inspire your own thoughts and to make Lenten sacrifices that might truly be life-changing. (Hint: a Lenten journal may help in noticing and recording your growth.)

**PRAYER** • Dedicate yourself to an extra 10-15 minutes of daily Scripture reading. Participate in an extra community prayer activity weekly: perhaps a daily Mass, the Stations of the Cross, or an Evening Prayer at a nearby parish. • Find an online prayer source ([www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie) is a good example) where you can

spend 10-15 minutes of prayer at your computer during each busy day.

**FASTING** • Fast from negative thoughts of others. Be conscious of mean or petty mental messages. • Perhaps fasting from all screen time would prove impractical. But set yourself a limit. Sacrifice some aspect of Internet browsing, television watching, or texting, and do something constructive with the time saved. Refraining from food or drink is often a fasting choice. Make sure you're doing it for the right sacrificial reasons and perhaps donate the money saved to a charity such as Catholic Relief Services. • Fast from the need to always be right. Spend more time listening to or reading the opinions and ideas of those with whom you may not think you agree.

**ALMSGIVING** • A wise man was asked, "How much should I give?" His reply: "More." Stretch your charitable giving this Lent. Sacrifice a need or want to give more money to the offertory collection at Mass. • Set aside a few hours of Lent to be with the poor, to accompany them on their journey. Serve at a food kitchen or help out at a food bank. Promise yourself you will enter your "discomfort" level sometime this Lent. • Check out your closet. Resolve not to add to it during Lent, but instead find things to give to a charity. A real challenge: don't just give away the clothes of which you've tired. Part with something you still love!

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**CYAC Sunday evening March 8,**  
**following 6 PM mass**  
**Reflection/conversation with Father**  
**Ronan**  
**Refreshments provided All welcome**  
**Bring a friend!**

**Fiat**, a group for women interested in learning more about religious life, cordially invites you to the next meeting on March 25, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sisters of Saint Joseph, 637 Cambridge St., Brighton, MA. The topic will be "A Lenten Reflection on Mary."

For more information, contact S. Marian Batho, CSJ at [marian.batho@csjboston.org](mailto:marian.batho@csjboston.org) or 617746-2025. Check out the Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/FiatForDiscerningWomen](http://www.facebook.com/FiatForDiscerningWomen).



**The month of March dedicated to St. Joseph.** We don't know much about him except what is mentioned in the Gospels. Joseph was the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster-father of Jesus. Holy Scripture proclaims him as a "just man," Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical *Quamquam Pluries (On the Devotion to St. Joseph)* in 1889 explains why we place so much trust in this saint:

"Thus in giving Joseph the Blessed Virgin as spouse, God appointed him to be not only her life's companion, the witness of her maidenhood, the protector of her honor, but also, by virtue of the conjugal tie, a participator in her sublime dignity. And Joseph shines among all mankind by the most august dignity, since by divine will, he was the guardian of the Son of God and reputed as His father among men. Hence it came about that the Word of God was humbly subject to Joseph, that He obeyed him, and that He rendered to him all those offices that children are bound to render to their parents."

## Lent in our Parish

### Centering Prayer

Mondays 7PM Parish Center

### Sacrament of Penance

Wednesday evenings

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

At the Parish Center

Saturdays before 4 pm Mass

3:15 pm to 3:45 pm

At the Church

### Added Masses

Saturday mornings at 9:00 am

In the St. Catherine of Siena Chapel

### Eucharistic Adoration

Friday evenings at 5:30 pm

In the St. Catherine of Siena Chapel

### Faith sharing Groups

Men's Group

Tuesdays at 6:30 am to 7:45 am

At the Parish Center

Women's Group

Wednesday at 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

At the Parish Center

Mixed Group

Tuesdays at 8:45 am to 10:15 am

At the Church Hall

### First Saturday Rosary

Saturday March 7 at 8:15 am

Saturday April 4 at 8:15 am

In the St. Catherine Siena Chapel

### Palm Sunday Concert

Palm Sunday at 3:00 pm

In the Church

### Triduum

#### Holy Thursday

8:00 am Prayer Service

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

#### Good Friday

8:00 am Prayer Service

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross

7:30 pm Good Friday of the Lord's  
Passion

#### Holy Saturday

9:00 am Prayer Service

7:30 Easter Vigil

### Easter

8:00 am Mass

10:30 AM Mass

No 6:00 pm Mass

## Regulations on Fasting and Abstinence



Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of universal fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal. Abstinence (from meat) is obligatory for all who have reached their 14th year.

**Fridays in Lent** are obligatory days of complete abstinence from meat (fasting not required) for all who have completed their 14th year.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

More information on fast and abstinence and the Season of Lent can be found on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).

Through our acts of good works, prayer, fasting, and abstinence, let us heed the prophet Joel's exhortation to return to God with our whole heart (2:12).



**CHECK OUT THESE PRAYER SITES  
AS PART OF YOUR LENTEN  
PRAYER PRACTICE:**

<https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/home/>

<https://www.sacredspace.ie/>

<https://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer>

#### LENTEN PRAYER

*Loving God, during the Sacred Season of Lent, bring me closer to you. Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may discover the grace of a prayer-full life. Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul, and remind me of the grace of simplicity. Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity. May this season be a grace-filled time to re-kindle my love for and faith in you. Amen.*



Please pick up a rice bowl and would like to, there are some at the back of the church. Please return the Rice bowls on Palm Sunday. Thank You!

## MASS SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY 02/29**  
4:00 PM+ GEORGE WALSH

**SUNDAY 03/01**  
8:00 AM + JOHN DONAHUE  
10:30 AM PARISHIONER INTENTIONS  
6:00 PM + MICHELLE GORMAN  
McCABE

- **ROSARY SAID BEFORE DAILY MASS**

**MONDAY 03/02**  
8:00 AM + ELEANOR EMERY

**TUESDAY 03/03**  
8:00 AM

**WEDNESDAY - 03/04**  
8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

**THURSDAY 03/05**  
8:00 AM

**FRIDAY 03/06**  
8:00 AM

**5:30 PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**SATURDAY 03/07**  
4:00 PM + JAMES P. COLLINS SR.  
+ JAMES P. COLLINS JR.

**SUNDAY 03/08**  
8:00 AM + COLLEEN BOWMAN  
10:30 AM + CHARLES FARMER  
6:00 PM PARISHIONER INTENTIONS

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in  
Pace*

*Teddy Kokalari*

### ATTENDANCE

Sat 02/22	4:00 PM -	67
Sun 02/23	8:00 AM -	63
Sun 02/23	10:30 AM -	165
Sun 02/23	6:00 PM -	60
Total:		355

*Welcome*

*We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and those who are new to our parish.*

*If you are new to Saint Mary -Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, please visit our website for events and resources.*

*You may also register on line at:  
[stmarystcatherine.org](http://stmarystcatherine.org)*

*Parish Giving*

### Weekend of 02/23/2020

\$ 2,658.00

To the Weekly Collection  
And

\$ 600.55

To the Monthly Collection

***Thank you for your  
continued support***



### March Religious Ed Schedule

March 1 – Lenten Family event for Sunday & Tuesday students

March 3 - No Tuesday class

March 8 - 9:00 am

March 10 - 3:45 pm

March 15 - 9:00 am

March 17 - 3:45 pm

March 22 - 9:00 am

March 24 - 3:45 pm

March 29 - 9:00 am

March 31 - 3:45 pm

### CONFIRMATION CLASS

March 1 Mass & Class - 6:00 pm

March 29 Mass & Class - 6:00 pm

### UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

March 8 - Fuel Collection

March 22 - Monthly



**The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary:** **1.** The Agony in the Garden; **2.** the Scourging at the Pillar; **3.** the Crowning of Thorns; **4.** Jesus carries His cross; **5.** Jesus dies on the Cross

