

# CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE

Saint Mary–Saint Catherine of Siena and Saint Francis de Sales Parishes

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Charlestown, MA 02129

October 22, 2023



## Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me.

Isaiah 45:5

### WELCOME

*To visitors to our parish, to those who have recently moved into the area, and to those who are comfortable and nourished here—**welcome to all!** Please introduce yourself to the priest, and register as a member of our parishes.*

### SAINT MARY - SAINT CATHERINE

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

We are 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 strive to build a vibrant parish that strengthens our faith and elevates our worship.

### SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

Led by the Holy Spirit, the Parish Family of Saint Francis de Sales seeks to know and celebrate Jesus through Mass, Prayer, Sacrament and Service.

Saint Francis de Sales Church is the oldest consecrated church in New England, the oldest in the city of Boston in continuous service, and the fourth oldest in America, built in 1859, on the top of Bunker Hill. Saint Francis is known affectionately as the Firefighter's church – The statue of St. Florian, patron saint, is located in the bell yard next to the church.

## Mass Schedule

Saturdays at 9 am, Holidays at 9 am

8:00 am Masses — Weekdays  
St. Catherine Chapel  
at St. Mary Church

### Weekend Masses

#### Saturday

9 am St. Mary- St. Catherine  
4 pm St. Francis de Sales  
4 pm St. Mary - St. Catherine

#### Sunday

8 am St. Mary- St. Catherine  
9:30 am St. Francis de Sales  
11 am St. Mary - St. Catherine  
6 pm St. Mary - St. Catherine

#### Pastor

Fr. John Sheridan

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Fr. Anthony Nweke C.S.S.p.  
Fr. Britto Dhinakaran  
Fr. Mark Shimave

#### Email

info@charlestowncatholic.org

## Come Join the Children's Choir (k-6)



We are encouraging all to participate regardless of ability or experience. The Choir will be led by our 6pm cantor and retired Elementary Music Teacher, Jeanie Grace, with Music Director, John Volpe.

There will be 3 rehearsals between now and December .

Concert will be performed on

Dec. 24th

Please email Allison Buff : [abuff@charlestowncatholic.org](mailto:abuff@charlestowncatholic.org)

## Carmelite Day of Recollection

Young adults are invited to join the Discalced Carmelite Friars for a day of recollection!

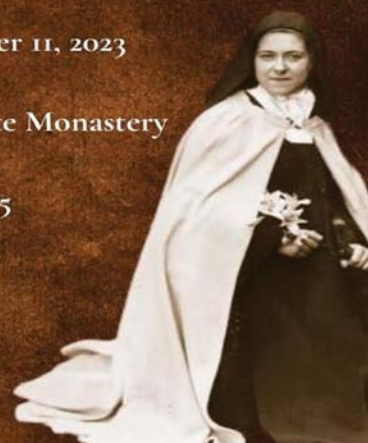
2023 is a special jubilee year celebrating the 150th anniversary of the birth of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus (the Little Flower). The topic of this year's day of recollection is her *Act of Oblation to Merciful Love*. The day will include adoration, confessions, Mass, food, and more!



Saturday, November 11, 2023  
10am-2pm  
Discalced Carmelite Monastery  
166 Foster Street,  
Brighton, MA 02135  
(free parking lot)

Please register by scanning the QR code  
or visiting:

[www.tinyurl.com/CarmelRec23](http://www.tinyurl.com/CarmelRec23)



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55 Warren Street  
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St. Francis de Sales Church  
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46 Winthrop Street  
617-242-4664

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49 Vine Street 617-580-8305

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20 Winthrop Street 617-242-8800

#### Handicap Access

St. Mary's Church is handicapped-accessible on Soley Street.

St. Catherine's Chapel is handicapped-accessible on Winthrop Street.



## From our Pastor ...

*Cold is the morning, warm is the dream... chasing the answers 'til I can't sleep.*

*Will I be stronger, or will I be weak when you're not with me?*

*Who am I without my armor, standing in my father's shoes?*

*All I know is that it's harder to be loyal, brave, and true.*

From *Loyal, Brave, and True* written by Crabtree, Hartman, Golan, Gregson

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to focus on who we belong to, the world or to God. We can be so easily seduced by our culture, our society, and our world to give into the temptation to turn away from what our conscience knows what is right- we can show indifference to the call for each of us, by our words and actions, to be instruments of peace, we can ignore the plight of the poor and the struggling in our midst, we can turn our eyes and our ears from the cry that each human life is sacred and has dignity, from the moment of conception to natural death, we can turn away from our calling as Christians, and particularly as Catholics, to be make a difference in this world.

Beyond our citizenship in this country and our world is our membership- by our baptism- in the Body of Christ, and our Lord makes this truth crystal clear. We are blessed to live in this free land, with all our rights and responsibilities. Jesus doesn't deny the importance of governance in this world, but He, as we celebrate later next month, is our true King, calls us to something greater than this world can ever give, and ever know. Our King is calling us today and every day, in every moment, to be loyal, brave, and true to Him- in *every* way. May we hear the clarion call- may we find the courage to follow it- and live it.

## FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CLASSES

A special thank you to Father Sheridan for leading the Confirmation 2 class, along with Ari, and discussing "What Makes Me Happy?" In November, we will focus on the Saint Report and we'll start thinking about confirmation sponsors and Letters of Intent.

Meanwhile, the Confirmation 1 class reviewed the Sacraments on Sunday with Clare and the meaning behind each of the sacraments. In November, we'll have small group interaction with interesting topics for students to discuss together.

**Our next class is Sunday, November 5th at 7pm, immediately following the 6 pm mass.**

Please feel free to sign-up for pizza, water, and snacks, including those that are gluten-free, via our Google sign-up. - Cynthia Markey



### Some pics from the Faith in Blue event held at Peace Park on October 4th

Leading the prayer service were Sr. Nancy, Pastor Greg Johnston of St. John's Episcopal Church and Pastor JD Mangrum of Christ Church.



## Charlestown Catholic Collaborative

The 11:00 am Sunday Mass is streamed live on our Website and Facebook and archived on Facebook

### Saturday October 21

9 am

4:00 pm + Robert & Catherine Meehan, Dorothy Meehan and Daniel & Margaret Canney

4 pm + Eugene J. Sullivan & Kitty Sullivan

### Sunday, October 22

8 am + Jane & John Taglilatela & Mary Margaret Shea

9:30 am + Helen Connolly & Eugene "Money" Connolly

11 am + Ruth Gorman

6:00 pm

Monday, October 23

8:00 am

Tuesday, October 24

8:00 am + James M. Rowsey, Jr.

Wednesday, October 25

8:00 am

Thursday, October 26

8:00 am

Friday, October 27

8:00 am

### Saturday October 28

9:00 am

4:00 pm + Donna & Maryellen Howell

4 pm + Rose & Mario Fabiano

### Sunday, October 29

8 am

9:30 am + Greatorex, Tallent, Doherty, Passinisi, Gilleran and Suprey Families

11 am Parishioner Intentions

6:00 pm Mass of Remembrance

# CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC

### Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

is always a joyful event in the Parish. It's such a privilege to facilitate this momentous event in the lives of families and in particular, the life of the child. To learn more, please contact Sr. Nancy at 617-242-4664 or email [ncitro@stmaryscatherine.org](mailto:ncitro@stmaryscatherine.org)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays in the Church 3:15- 3:45 pm  
at both Parishes

### Rosary

On Saturdays, we gather for our Saturday Rosary via Zoom.

Sign on is at 8 am and we will begin praying at 8:15.

If you are interested, please email Donna at:

[donna.lecam@gmail.com](mailto:donna.lecam@gmail.com)

for the Zoom information. All are most welcome!

### Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

We welcome the opportunity to provide the Sacraments of Confession, Communion or Anointing of the Sick to anyone who is confined to home, either on a short or long term basis. We want to do our best to help those who are homebound feel connected to our community. Please call the Parish Center at 617-242-4664 if you have a relative or neighbor who is open to having a home visit for some friendly conversation and prayer.

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Welcome  
Our  
Newest  
Members



Lucy Nash Brainard



Madeline Ann Burroughs





**Weekend of  
October 14-15**

**Parishioners contributed  
\$5,557.42 to the Weekly  
Collection at St. Mary– St.  
Catherine Parish.**

**Attendance 10/14 & 10/15**

4 pm	64
8 am	61
11 am	101
6pm	92
<b>TOTAL =</b>	<b>318</b>

**St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena**

**UPCOMING COLLECTIONS**

October 21-22—Mission Sunday

November 11-12—Monthly



**NOVEMBER 1**

**ALL SAINTS  
DAY MASSES**

**Holy Day of  
Obligation**

**9:00 am—Mass at St. Francis de  
Sales**

**6:00 pm—Mass at St. Mary Church**

**World Peace Mass**

**Attention all Families-**

Please pray with us for World  
Peace

Saturday Oct. 28th at 4pm -  
St Francis

Sunday Oct. 29th at 11am -  
St. Mary's

**WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU**

**We are grateful to you for your  
offerings! From the  
weekend of October 14-15,  
\$2,069 was contributed  
to the Weekly Collection  
at St. Francis de Sales Parish**



**ATTENDANCE—10/14 & 10/15**

<b>Sat. @ 4:00 pm</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Sun @ 9:30 am</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>89</b>

**St. Francis de Sales**

**UPCOMING COLLECTIONS**

Oct. 21-22—Mission Sunday

Nov 4-5—Capital Improvement

# COMMUNITY NEWS & INFO



**Maggie Ray Dunnigan**



**Gemma Kathleen Keighery**



**Graham Patrick Kinneen**



**Daniel Robert Flynn**



**James Kirk Kenary**



**Viviana Monroe McCarthy**

# VIGÉSIMO NOVENO DOMINGO del Tiempo Ordinario

A espaldas de Jesús, los fariseos llegan a un acuerdo para prepararle una trampa decisiva. No vienen ellos mismos a encontrarse con él. Les envían a unos discípulos acompañados por unos partidarios de Herodes Antipas. Tal vez, no faltan entre estos algunos poderosos recaudadores de los tributos para Roma.

La trampa está bien pensada: “¿Es lícito pagar impuestos al César o no?”. Si responde negativamente, le podrán acusar de rebelión contra Roma. Si legitima el pago de tributos, quedará desprestigiado ante aquellos pobres campesinos que viven oprimidos por los impuestos, y a los que él ama y defiende con todas sus fuerzas.

La respuesta de Jesús ha sido resumida de manera lapidaria a lo largo de los siglos en estos términos: “Al César lo que es del César y a Dios lo que es de Dios”. Pocas palabras de Jesús habrán sido citadas tanto como éstas. Y ninguna, tal vez, más distorsionada y manipulada desde intereses muy ajenos al Profeta, defensor de los pobres.

Jesús no está pensando en Dios y en el César de Roma como dos poderes que pueden exigir cada uno de ellos, en su propio campo, sus derechos a sus súbditos. Como todo judío fiel, Jesús sabe que a Dios “le pertenece la tierra y todo lo que contiene, el orbe y todos sus habitantes” (salmo 24). ¿Qué puede ser del César que no sea de Dios? Acaso los súbditos del emperador, ¿no son hijos e hijas de Dios?

Jesús no se detiene en las diferentes posiciones que enfrentan en aquella sociedad a herodianos, saduceos o fariseos sobre los tributos a Roma y su significado: si llevan “la moneda del impuesto” en sus bolsas, que cumplan sus obligaciones. Pero él no vive al servicio del Imperio de Roma, sino abriendo caminos al reino de Dios y su justicia.

Por eso, les recuerda algo que nadie le ha preguntado: “Dad a Dios lo que es de Dios”. Es decir, no deis a ningún César lo que solo es de Dios: la vida de sus hijos e hijas. Como ha repetido tantas veces a sus seguidores, los pobres son de Dios, los pequeños son sus predilectos, el reino de Dios les pertenece. Nadie ha de abusar de ellos.

No se ha de sacrificar la vida, la dignidad o la felicidad de las personas a ningún poder. Y, sin duda, ningún poder sacrifica hoy más vidas y causa más sufrimiento, hambre y destrucción que esa “dictadura de una economía sin rostro y sin un objetivo verdaderamente humano” que, según el papa Francisco, han logrado imponer los poderosos de la Tierra. No podemos permanecer pasivos e indiferentes acallando la voz de nuestra conciencia en la práctica religiosa.

## October 22 ~ Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Paul writes of his gratitude for the community at Thessalonica in today's second reading. He offers a prayer of thanksgiving for them remembering their works of faith and labors of love. His words of encouragement kept the community engaged in the work of promoting the faith and strengthening their bond of love for one another. Who in this community of faith needs words of encouragement? Will you, like St. Paul, take some time to write a note of encouragement or offer a prayer of thanksgiving for those striving to grow in faith? It may be just what the person needs!

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AND  
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### DON'T FORGET THE POOR

The work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society continues in our parishes. The Society helps a number of individuals and families in Charlestown. Please remember the good work with a gift to the Poor boxes at the back of the church. Thanks so much!





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Thessalonians 5:17



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