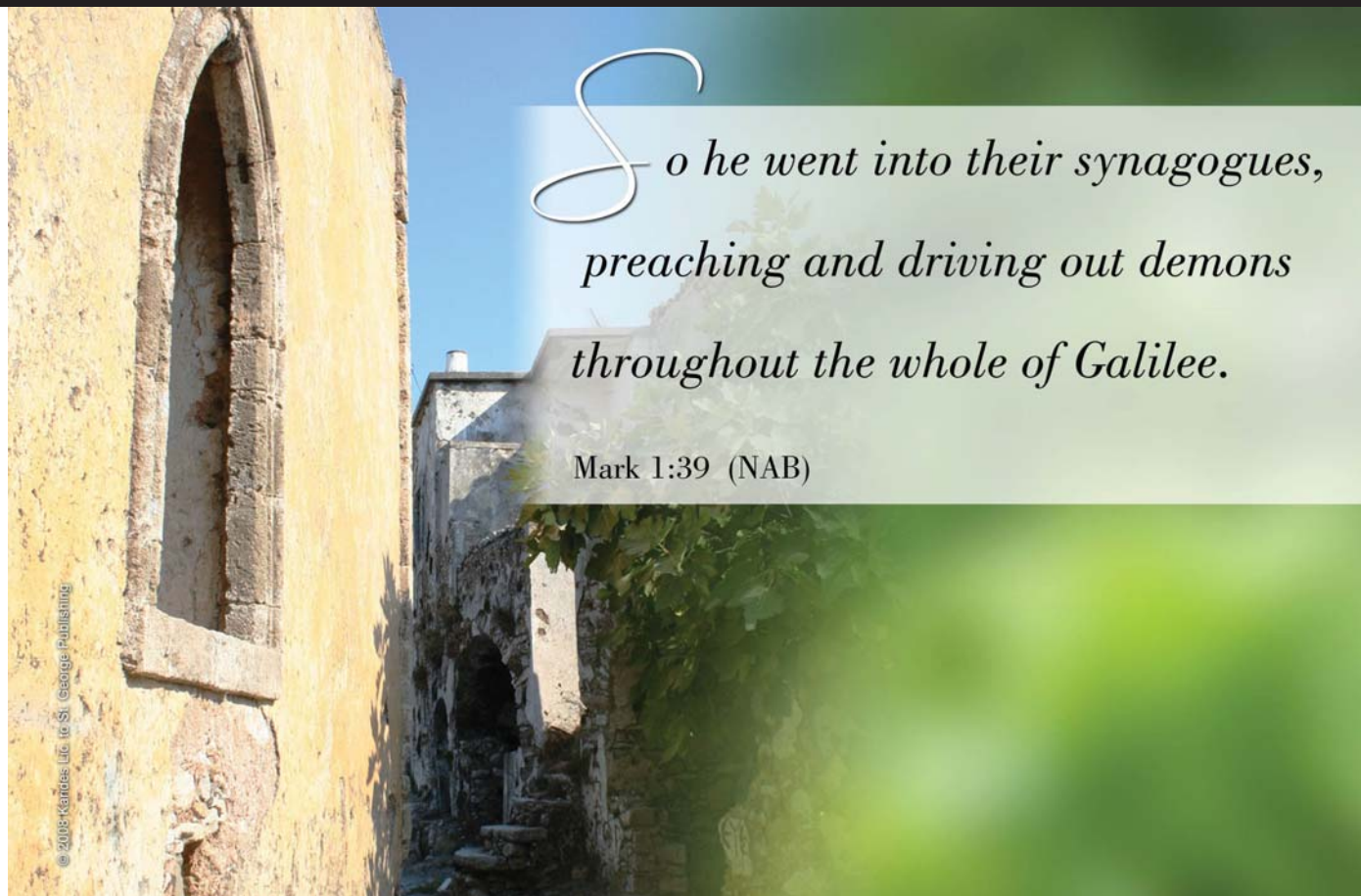


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South Boston, MA**



*So he went into their synagogues,  
preaching and driving out demons  
throughout the whole of Galilee.*

Mark 1:39 (NAB)

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**Music Director, Organist:** Ms. Carolyn Martin  
**Parish Secretary:** Mrs. Karin Cannata  
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**South Boston Catholic Academy: 617-268-2326**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 7, 2021**



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, February 6th - Gate of Heaven Church

4:00PM - Arthur and Mary Pelton

### Sunday, February 7th - St Brigid Church

8:00AM - Robert Mancuso

10:30AM - John J. Crowley

### Sunday, February 7th - Gate of Heaven Church

9:00AM - Christine Adamson & Scott Fournier

12Noon - Matthew Patrick Coyne

### Monday through Friday

### St. Brigid Church (7AM) & Gate of Heaven Church (9AM)

#### **Monday, February 8th**

7:00AM (SB) Our Parishioners

9:00AM (GOH) Blanche Burns

#### **Tuesday, February 9th**

7:00AM (SB) Our Parishioners

9:00AM (GOH) Buddy Earner

#### **Wednesday, February 10th**

7:00AM (SB) Callanan and Noonan Families

9:00AM (GOH) Michael Thomas Meads

#### **Thursday, February 11th**

7:00AM (SB) Our Parishioners

9:00AM (GOH) Jack Gearin

#### **Friday, February 12th**

7:00AM (SB) James and Nora Lynch

9:00AM (GOH) Eileen Kennedy

### Saturday, February 13th - Gate of Heaven Church

4:00PM - Thomas and Marie Ridge and Anthony LoVoulo and Family

### Sunday, February 14th - St Brigid Church

8:00AM - Mary Bowes

10:30AM - Gaelyn Flannery

### Sunday, February 14th - Gate of Heaven Church

9:00AM - Our Parishioners

12Noon - Mary Ellen Rhodes-Rice

**The 6:00PM Mass at St. Brigid Church is canceled for February  
we will hopefully resume the Mass sometime in March.**

## Thanks to our Camera Operators! More Volunteers needed!

Thanks to our many Parishioners and Young Adults who have continued to volunteer to work the camera controls for our Live-streaming of Sunday Mass, Daily Mass, Weddings, Funerals, and Baptisms. If you would like to volunteer, it's easy to learn. Just call the Parish Office and we will arrange a time for you to be trained at either Church! It has been a great gift to those at home during this pandemic!



# PARISH OFFERTORY SUPPORT

## GATE OF HEAVEN PARISH -WEEKEND JAN 31, 2020

Weekly Offertory: \$1,894.00

Online Giving: \$1,746.00

Total Giving: \$3,640.00

*Needed each week to meet the budget. \$6,150.00*

## ST. BRIGID PARISH - WEEKEND JAN 31, 2020

Weekly Offertory: \$2,070.00

Online Giving: \$1,334.00

Total Giving: \$3,404.00

*Needed each week to meet the budget. \$6,150.00*

## St. Augustine Chapel

Mailed-In Weekly Offertory: \$85.00

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers all our parishioners who are sick, in the hospital or in a nursing home, especially Benjamin Cohen, Little Ava Considine, Eileen O'Connor, Maryanne Caputo, Paula Donaldson Bent, Ruth Barbara McGilvery, Margaret Kelly, Tom Keenan, Ed Byrne, Bob Kelley, Robert Messina, Willie Wilson, Sarah Robbins, Jane Santangelo, John Kenney, Mary Hegarty, George Menjin, Ron Rybka, Alan Joseph Flood, Lisa Drinan, Joan McGilvery, and John Mellace



### PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers our deceased relatives, friends & parishioners, especially for those whose Funeral Masses were celebrated this past week especially: Eileen Sordillo, Josephine Dineen, Patricia Feeny, Tereza Bendo and Donna Casper.

### PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Please pray for all those serving in our armed forces at home and abroad, especially:

BM3 Phil Allison, U.S. Coast Guard; Braedan Kerins, U.S. Army; Seaman Vincina Lonergan, U.S.

Navy; U.S. Air Force; Senior Airman Melanie Signor, U.S. Air Force; Private Michael Doherty

Walsh, U.S. Marine Corps; Seaman Aiden Sullivan Tobias, U.S. Navy; Seaman Casey Flaherty, U.S.

Coast Guard; Spc. Shane Dillon, U.S. Army; SN Alexis Byrne, U.S. Navy; P.F.C. Patrick McAloney, U.S. Marine Corps;

Cpl. Ronnie Holmes, U.S. Army; Airman Emma Feeny, U.S. Air Force; Aaron Sampson, U.S. Army



## Baptisms at our Parishes

The next available dates for Baptisms are:

St. Brigid Church:

February 14, March 14

Gate of Heaven Church:

February 21, March 21

Due to COVID-19, guidelines are in place.

Please call the Parish Office during office hours at 617-268-2122/3344 to book a baptism. These baptisms are LIVE-STREAMED on our website.



## THE BELLS OF GATE OF HEAVEN

*Ring in memory of*

**Matthew Patrick Coyne**

## GATE OF HEAVEN STEEPLE

*Lit In memory of*

**Matthew Patrick Coyne**

## Getting Married at our Parishes?

To all of those preparing for marriage, congratulations on your engagement! For those who are planning to be married at Gate of Heaven or St. Brigid Church, we ask that you call the parish office a year in advance of your desired wedding date. If you are planning a marriage sooner than that, the Archdiocese of Boston requires that engaged couples have at least 6 months of marriage preparation prior to the wedding day. To all those parishioners who are being married elsewhere and are in need of marriage preparation, please contact us as soon as you have booked your wedding date.

We look forward to accompanying all of you as you prepare for this new life together.

## Banns Of Marriage

III. Patrick Bonner - Jana Bolton



## VOCATION DISERNMENT WEEKEND

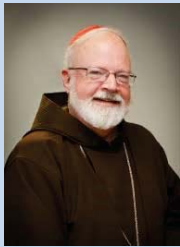
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## UPDATE

**Religious Education (Grade K ~ 6)  
Confirmation Program (Grade 7-9)**

**Classes Suspended until further notice.**

**First Communion and Confirmation (9th grade) will be scheduled for Fall**

Due to the ongoing pandemic, we have suspended all classes for Religious Education. Restrictions on the number of gatherings and the high incidence of the virus continues to prevent us from holding classes in the school building and halls.

**In the spring, we will begin classes when the pandemic begins to subside.** The Sacrament of First Penance will be held in May. First Communion and Confirmation will be held in the Fall of 2021. These dates are to be determined by the Spring of 2021. Your understanding is greatly appreciated.



The culture of life is the heritage that Christians want to share with everyone. Every human life, unique and unrepeatable,

is priceless. This must be courageously proclaimed ever anew through word and action.

**-Pope Francis**

## DRESS WARMLY DURING MASS

It is suggested that during this pandemic that fresh air always be circulating in our Churches during Masses. **Please dress warmly over the next few months** while attending Masses and Services. At times we will leave the windows and doors open to ensure fresh air is flowing in our Church.

Thanks to all those who continue to remember their Parish during this difficult time of pandemic.

Your generosity and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!

With gratitude!

## Online Giving



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February 7, 2021

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 | 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 | Mk 1:29-39

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I remember taking my oldest son on a tour of a technical theater program at a state university. He had been considering an IT field – he’s everyone’s go-to whenever a technical issue arises. The theater professor said, “Enroll in our program only if you can’t do anything else.” The implication was clear: Choose this field if you love it so much you can’t imagine pursuing a different career. My son tried a more practical direction, but ultimately came back to theater, where he thrived! I thought of this story when listening to Paul’s Letter to the Corinthians: He preached the Gospel because he *had* to – excuse the double negative, but he could not “not” share the Good News with everyone he met! Once he encountered Jesus, he willingly devoted his life to sharing the story of love and salvation with all those whom he encountered – the weak and the powerful, rich and poor, saints and sinners. Let us pray that God helps us recapture the wonder the crowds must have felt in Jesus’ presence – wonder that compels us to share the Good News, too.

### GO EVANGELIZE

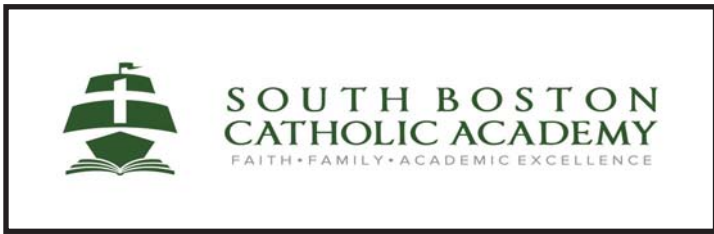
PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Wherever you happen to live, imagine “the whole town gathered at the door.” Even in the smallest of villages, that would be a big deal! So it was with Jesus, where crowds seemed to follow him wherever he went, wanting to catch a glimpse of this carpenter’s son who cured the sick and drove out demons. When the disciples found him off by himself, praying, and told him “everyone is looking for you,” Jesus tells them they need to move on to nearby villages. I sense an urgency in Mark’s account of Jesus’ movements, showing Jesus as compelled to reach as many people as possible during his public ministry. As I hear this, I think how easy it is for us Catholics to remain in our comfort zones – whether a favorite pew, the same core group of “parish friends,” or even sticking with one ministry or one Mass time. But, as Jesus shows us, preaching the Good News – witnessing to the power of God in our lives – means we cannot stand idly by. We must share this news.

**WITNESS** What if we tried to emulate Jesus, albeit in a small way, by reaching beyond our “circles” to greet someone new at our parish, volunteer for the first time or in a different way, or – yes – sit in a different spot! In doing so, we can challenge ourselves to “stretch” a bit and welcome others into our world.

What if we tried to emulate Jesus, albeit in a small way, by reaching beyond our “circles” to greet someone new at our parish?

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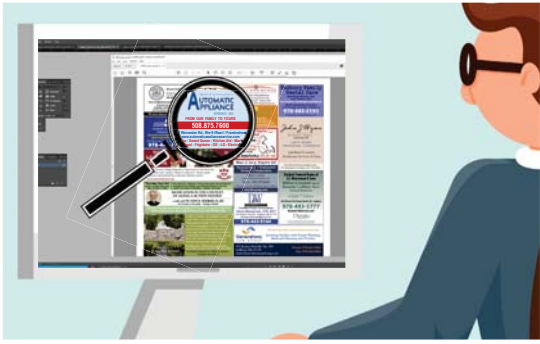
**Former St Brigid Convent Plans Renovations for Early Childhood**  
 South Boston Catholic Academy plans to utilize the former Convent of St. Brigid for their Early Childhood Center. This renovation will provide classrooms for our 3 year old Early Childhood Program and would free up classroom space at SBCA for the growing upper grades. Currently we have over 400 students at SBCA; it has been a great year for our children. We hope to start the renovations in the next few weeks. If interested in our Early Childhood Program for next September, please contact the school. Registrations for Early Childhood will begin shortly. **We have over 60 signed up already for next year. Space is limited.**

**6:00PM Sunday Mass Suspended**  
**SAFETY CHANGES**  
**Capacity for all Masses at 25%**  
 Due to the extremely low attendance at the 6:00PM Sunday Mass at St. Brigid Church the past few months, we are suspending that specific Mass for January and February. **Your safety and health is our priority!**  
**Holy Communion Distribution - CHANGE**  
 We will continue distributing Holy Communion at the end of Mass, as was done in the Spring. The priest will conclude the Mass with a final blessing followed by distribution of Holy Communion. After you receive Holy Communion please exit the Church and **not return to your seat**. We hope when the pandemic is over, we can return to normalcy.  
 Thank you for your cooperation!

**Ash Wednesday** **Wednesday, February 17th**  
**Mass Schedule and Distribution of Ashes**  
**St. Brigid Church: 7AM and 6PM**  
**Gate of Heaven Church: 9AM and 12Noon**



**Change in Distribution of Ashes this year...**  
 Due to the pandemic, we will not be placing the ashes on the foreheads of parishioners. At the conclusion of Ash Wednesday Mass we will distribute small packets of blessed ashes to each family unit. You may take them home and bless yourselves and family with the ashes. There will be instructions with each packet on how to administer the ashes. We would ask that one person from each family take one packet.



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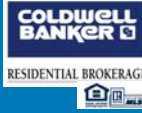


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