

# St. Irene Church

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## Fifth Sunday of Lent April 7, 2019

### Mass Schedule

#### Daily

Monday – Saturday 9:00 am  
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

#### Sunday

8:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm

#### Confessions

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm

### Liturgical Events

#### Mass Intentions

Gerard Lobo - Memorial Mass  
Saturday, April 6 at 5:00 pm

Thomas Callery - 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Sunday, April 7 at 8:00 am

Gioi Vu - Memorial Mass  
Sunday, April 7 at 11:00 am

Rwanda Memorial Mass  
Sunday, April 7 at 5:00 pm

Natalie Ward – Birthday Mass  
Fr. Thomas Donohoe – Birthday Mass  
Tuesday, April 9 at 9:00 am

Colleen Kelly – Memorial Mass  
Friday, April 12 at 9:00 am

Robert, Louise & Charles Park  
Memorial Mass

Saturday, April 13 at 9:00 am

Lois McKinley - 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Saturday, April 13 at 5:00 pm

Fr. James Byrne - Anniversary Mass  
Sunday, April 14 at 11:00 am

### The Pastor's Corner

As we prepare to celebrate Palm Sunday next week, we recall that day when Jesus rode into the city of Jerusalem on a donkey while the people cut palm branches and threw them on the road proclaiming that Jesus was the Messiah. That was a moment of triumph for Jesus but the Gospel tells us the rest of the story. The triumph was short-lived. A few days later Jesus suffered His passion and died on the cross to atone for our sins. Saint John tells us in his gospel that God so loved us that He gave us His only Son. The palms we bless next Sunday are the symbols of Christ's victory over sin and death won for us by Jesus dying and rising to life on Easter Sunday.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

## Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will be celebrated on April 7 at the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses. The Masses will be hosted by the 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes.

## The Light is on for You

You are invited! Please come and experience Christ's healing love and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The church is open on Wednesdays during Lent from 6:30–7:30 pm.

## Season of Lent

Lent is a time for spiritual renewal in our lives. It is a season of repentance calling us once again to a change of heart. It is a special time of prayer and fasting: a time of penance and charity towards our neighbors. Lent is that special time when we prepare for our greatest feast – The Resurrection of the Lord on Easter Sunday. Lent is a period of special penitential observance. Every Friday of Lent is a day of abstinence. On those days, adult Catholics over age 14 may not eat meat. Good Friday is a day of fasting for Catholics between the ages of 18 and 60 years of age.

## Holy Week Schedule

**April 15, 16 and 17** - Daily Mass at 9:00 am

<b>April 18</b>	<b>Holy Thursday</b>
9:00 am	Liturgy of the Hours
7:30 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
8:30-11 pm	Veneration of the Blessed Sacrament

<b>April 19</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
9:00 am	Liturgy of the Hours
3:00 pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
4:15-5 pm	Confessions

<b>April 20</b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b>
9:00 am	Liturgy of the Hours
11am - Noon	Confessions
8:30 pm	Easter Vigil Mass

**April 21** **Easter Sunday**  
The Resurrection of the Lord. Masses are at 7:00 am, 9:00 am, and 11:00 am. There will be no 5:00 pm Mass on Easter Sunday.

## Low-Gluten Altar Bread is Available

If you have Celiac Disease and wish to receive Communion, please see the celebrant priest prior to Mass so he can consecrate the low-gluten hosts during the Mass.

## Tuesday Evening Adoration

All are invited every Tuesday at 7:30 pm to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. First Tuesdays of the month include periods for silent prayer, recitation of the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy and finish at 9:00 pm. All other Tuesdays include the Liturgy of the Hours, silent prayer, the Litany of the Blessed Sacrament, and conclude at 8:30 pm. Please email Mary Ellen Bakken at [adoration@StIrenes.org](mailto:adoration@StIrenes.org) for more information.

## Religious Education

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### Religious Education K-8

Religious Education classes for grades K-5 Session I are from 9:00-9:50 am and Session II is from 10:00-10:50 am on Sunday mornings.

The 5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades will host the 8 & 11 a.m. Masses on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

The **8<sup>th</sup> grade** Student and Parents Confirmation meeting will take place during regular class time on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

There will be NO Classes on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> and Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> due to the Spring Vacation. Also, no classes on Sunday, April 21 due to Easter Sunday.

### Word of Thanks 6th and 7th Grade Classes

We would like to express our appreciation and thanks to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Religious Ed students for their presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross. A special thank you to our directors: Lisa Hughes and Christine White.

We would also like to thank the 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers: Rachel Cornforth, Andrea Kalkstein, Amy Livens and Yvonne MacCormack. You all did a fabulous job!

We would also like to thank our 7<sup>th</sup> grade class for hosting the delicious breakfast following the event. Thank you to Dean and Amy Lima for coordinating the students' shifts and goodies.

## Peer Leaders

The next Peer Leadership meeting will take place on Sunday April 7th at 3:30. Our theme will be Reflections on Lent.

Peer Leadership will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt after the 9am Mass on Easter Sunday. All school age children are welcome.

## Parish Happenings

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### **Bake Sale – Caring 4 Cameroon Sat. and Sun., April 6 / 7 ~ After all Masses**

Caring 4 Cameroon is an organization designed to help children at St. Andrew's School in Ngong, Cameroon. This project was founded by Fr. Augustin. Emma Tonies, Kiley Pietropaolo and Michael Zacharchuk will be hosting a bake sale at St. Irene's to raise money for five students at St. Andrew's. This money will provide for their school tuition and materials for the 2019/2020 school year. Thank you.

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, April 7 at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

### **Women's Club Fashion & Tea ~ May 5**

The Women's Club Fashion Show & Tea will be held on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in the parish hall. Tickets are \$10 and will be sold after Mass on the weekends of **April 13<sup>th</sup> and April 27<sup>th</sup>. They will not be sold on Easter Sunday weekend.** Fashions are provided by the Grasshopper Shop of Concord. Seating is limited so we encourage you to get your tickets early. Any questions, please email Jan Brown at Womensclub@stirenes.org.

### **Easter Flowers**

If you wish to make a donation for Easter flowers in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone, please place your donation of \$5 or more along with the name of the person to be remembered or honored in an envelope. **(Please print clearly).** It can be placed in the collection basket or sent to the rectory office **before April 16.**

## **St. Irene Mystery Dinner Theater Saturday, April 27**

### **Ticket Sales ~ April 6/7 and April 13/14**

The St. Irene Players, with lead thespian Fr. Tom Donohoe, will present its latest production: "MURDER AT THE DRUNKIN' MOSQUITO – or – The St. Irene's Magical Misery Tour" on Saturday, April 27, 2019. Tickets will go on sale after all Masses on the weekends of **April 6/7** and **April 13/14** at \$25 each for a 4-course catered meal AND a fun production—such a deal!

Come and see what Fr. Tom is up to this year - and enjoy good company, good food, and lots of laughs!!

### **Stations of the Cross ~ April 12 Women's Club – Soup and Bread**

On Friday, April 12, prior to the Stations of the Cross, we will have our second "Soup & Bread" repast in the Parish Hall. This Lenten event hosted by the Women's Club will run from 5:30 pm and continue until 7:00 pm so as to give people ample time to enjoy their meal before going upstairs for the stations. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

### **Thank You Weekend ~ May 18 & 19**

St. Irene Parish has set aside the weekend of May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> to say "Thank You" to Father Tom for being our shepherd for over 30 years. Father Tom will be retiring on June 1 and we would like to show our appreciation for his years of service. Refreshments will be served after all of the Masses. Please join us as we reminisce over the last few decades and share our St. Irene memories. All are welcome.

We are still awaiting word on Father Romain's placement. We will inform you as soon as we know. Please keep our priests in your prayers. Thank you.

### **Parish Library**

The parish library has books for Lenten reading on the table at the back of the church. Registered library users may borrow books for three weeks.

## St. Irene Online

For more information about St. Irene Parish, please visit our web site: [www.StIrenes.org](http://www.StIrenes.org) or [www.facebook.com/StIrenes](https://www.facebook.com/StIrenes). You are invited to explore both and offer suggestions via e-mail at [feedback@stirenes.org](mailto:feedback@stirenes.org). St. Irene's online calendar can be found at [www.stirenes.org/quicklinks/calendar.html](http://www.stirenes.org/quicklinks/calendar.html).

## Financial Information

### Grand Annual Collection

The Grand Annual Collection this past weekend amounted to **\$122,113** towards our goal of \$125,000. If you have not yet contributed you may send your donation in to the rectory. We are most grateful for your continued support to our parish.

### Catholic Appeal 2019

The 2019 Catholic Appeal campaign is underway at St. Irene's. So far, 51 parishioners have participated, and we have raised **\$18,285 (given and pledged)** toward our parish assessment of **\$37,253**. Thank you to all who already have participated. Your generosity will benefit hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs at work within the Archdiocese. With **\$18,968** left to raise, we need the participation of every parishioner. If you have yet to participate in this year's Catholic Appeal, please pledge online at **[boston-catholicappeal.org](http://boston-catholicappeal.org)** or complete a pledge form available in the back of the church.

### On-Line Giving at St. Irene's

St. Irene Parish provides Online Giving - a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donations. Getting started is easy - just visit our website, **[www.stirenes.org](http://www.stirenes.org)**, and click our **E-Giving** link. When you participate, your gift will be

securely transferred directly to the parish. We thank you for your continued support.

### St. Irene Staff:

#### Pastor:

Reverend Thomas P. Donohoe

#### Parochial Vicar:

Reverend Romain Rurangirwa

#### Permanent Deacon:

Deacon Dean Bulpett

#### Music Director:

Cypriana Coelho

#### Religious Education Coordinator:

Eileen Faber

#### Confirmation Coordinator:

Sheila Zacharchuk

#### Religious Education

Grades K-5: Sunday 9:00 – 9:50 am

Sunday 10:00 – 10:50 am

Grades 6-8: Monday 7:00 – 8:00 pm

#### Youth Ministry/Peer Leaders

Sundays, 1st of month 3:30 – 6:00 pm

Please contact the rectory.

#### Baptism Catechesis

Last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Please call the rectory to register.

#### Baptisms

Sundays, 2nd and 4th of each month at 1:00 pm.

#### Weddings

Please contact Pastor 6 months in advance.

Financial Details	Weekly	Monthly	Gifts
March 2019	\$28,449	\$3330	\$100
Year to Date 2019	\$74,367	\$8030	\$325
Year to Date 2018	\$78,114	\$9563	\$325