



July 12, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to you for your great courage in coming out in support of our Sunday Masses. How great it is to join in prayer and celebration of our community faith, not forgetting the many who cannot be present. May the Lord protect us all in these dangerous times and keep us safe. You show great responsibility for the safety of each other in wearing masks, hand washing and maintaining your distance. While those who are at home have no obligation to attend Mass, we look forward to the day when you can join us at the Lord's table. We continue to pray for you and know you are very much a part of our Faith Community.

Many thanks to the people of God at St. Gregory the Great for such outstanding support of the Sunday offertory. We had an occasion this past week to furnish the diocese with our Sunday offertory income for the past fiscal year. I was joyfully amazed that the '19-'20 fiscal year was only \$2000.00 less than the previous fiscal year. You can be justly proud of your great sacrifice that matched the previous year amidst such setbacks, challenges and shut down.

Please know that you pledged over \$196,000.00 toward the Annual Catholic Appeal; a number that is an increase from \$168,000.00 last year. These are numbers which keep one very humble.

I wish to thank you for your patience these last weeks as we navigated the streaming process. I know it has not been ideal, however, I am pleased to share with you that we are installing new A/V equipment in the church and purchasing streaming software to greatly improve the overall quality of our streamed Masses.

I would also like to thank the staff for stepping in and adding an extra dimension to their workload both during the shut- down and re-opening; they were phenomenal. I am grateful to the Liturgy committee who has stepped in to resume their "changed" and expanded duties. We are still very short-handed, so if your health permits, please do contact the parish office to make yourself available for weekend Mass ministry.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Rev. Nicholas Clavin

Very Rev. Nicholas Clavin, Pastor