

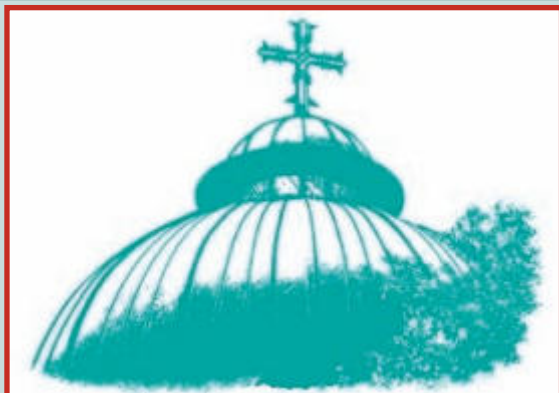
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Deacons: Dcn Ron Diem, Dcn Doug Pingel, and Dcn Dom Guzzardo

October 31, 2021

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We are a vibrant, faithful, Eucharistic, Catholic Community who bring people to Christ and send them out to transform the world.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass Daily: 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

First Friday Mass: Noon

Weekend Mass Schedule:

All Sunday Masses are held inside)

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. (*outside*)

Sunday: 7:30 a.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. (*Signed for the deaf*)

Sunday: 11:00 a.m.

Sunday: 5:00 p.m.

All Masses are livestreamed at:
www.stgg.org



Connection to Christ (C2C)

Advent Small Groups 2021

Are you looking for a way to grow deeper in faith this Advent? The answer may be found in St. Gregory the Great's **C2C** small group communities.

Beginning this Advent, volunteer parish leaders will again launch their **Connection to Christ** small group communities. Each group is made up of 6-10 adults who meet weekly to connect their faith with everyday life, reflect on scripture and pray for and with one another. They create environments where friendship and God's Word serve as catalysts to deeper faith.

The sessions will begin the week of **Nov. 28th** and last for 4-5 weeks. Each leader will determine how best to meet, either in person or remotely using Zoom or Google meets. The groups will meet at various days and times each week.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Deacon Ron @ deaconron@stgg.org for more information or www.stgg.org

PLEASE NOTE:

Starting Saturday, November 13th, all Saturday evening Masses will be held indoors.



Saturday, Oct 30
5:00 pm Estelita Vitug †

Sunday, Oct 31
7:30 am Mass for the People
9:00 am Magdalene Nhu Le †
11:00 am Patricia Kielty †
5:00 pm Frank Berger †

Monday, Nov 1
8:00am Mudwilder Family **SI**

Tuesday, Nov 2
8:00 am All Souls Novena †

Wednesday, Nov 3
8:00 am All Souls Novena †

Thursday, Nov 4
8:00 am All Souls Novena †

Friday, Nov 5
8:00 am All Souls Novena †



The Faith Community and Staff of St. Gregory the Great extend a warm welcome to our newest parishioners and their families:

- Trenton Isabel and Caitlyn Vinklarek
- Andrew and Mary Claire Ly
- Patrick Agustin and Melanie Galace
- Michael and Liza D'Ercole

New to our parish? Sign up at: www.stgg.org

St. Gregory the Great Memorial Garden



The STGG Gardening Ministry is happy to announce the construction of the St. Gregory the Great Memorial Garden! As parishioners you may purchase memorial bricks with custom inscriptions to memorialize your loved ones. There are 300 4X8 and 30 8X8 inch bricks for sale, so please don't delay in purchasing. Please look for the Memorial Garden Brick Sales table in the Gathering Plaza after each mass. The Gardening Ministry would like to thank Fr. Nick for his enthusiastic support and the Parish Stewardship Council for their positive endorsement of this project.

FOR THE NEEDS AND INTENTIONS OF:

Editha Kangleon, Veronica Lopez, Sue Ericson, Amy Rodenbeck, David LeMay, Mary Ann Stefanic, James Pellerino, Judith DiMatteo, Gloria Galvan, Carlton Family, Susan Bryan, Cruz Rubio, James O'Keefe, Mara Casas, Alex Rubio, Russell Mars, Felicidad Floresca, Danny Wagner, Robert Scigliano, Billy Colmenar, Ha Bich Tran, Alex Bernabe, Kathy Cazin, Carmen Morrissey, Adam Pavan, Chip Lindgren, Valerie DelaPena, Peter Kremp, Doug Collins, Stephanie Lower, Mary Ann Lazaro, Rosie Ann Pablo, Michael and Carmen Evans, Emilio Sales, Ramsey Esparza, Stephanie Miller, John Vattuone, Roger Stevens, Dave Nelson, Jeffrey Tara, Rowena Gabriel, Rudy Sigarlaki, Laurel Ayres, Shelley Wilson-Smith, Linda Drabek, Hermenigildo and Corazon Valera, Maggie Delaney, Celia Turek, Rick Igou, Karin Baker, Jay Janssen, Norma Trujillo, Emily Hempton, Skip Anderson, Alex Borja, Alfredo Garrido, Myrna Gloria, Jayden James Valera, Thai Tran, Anna Anderson, Maria Scigliano, Armando Camacho **May God give them peace.**



IN MEMORIAM

The Community and Staff of St. Gregory the Great Parish extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of:

Gemini Prado

May he rest God's peace.

Parish Info for All Souls Day



All Souls Mass

Tuesday, Nov 2nd at 7 pm

Please join us at this Mass where we remember those loved ones who have gone to their final rest since last year's All Souls Mass.

Honor your loved ones during the month of November, by bringing a 4"x6" photo to be added to the memorial trees in the Holy Family Chapel.

Write the name of the deceased on the back of the photo along with a contact name and phonenumber. Photos will be kept for the following years unless a return is requested.

Please bring the photo to the parish office before Friday, October 29th. www.stgg.org

Daily Novenas

Nov 2nd – 10th

Envelopes for All Souls Novena are in the pews and the parish office. Put the names of those you want to remember on the envelope and return it in the collection basket, the mail, or drop it off at the office. If you have questions, contact Judy judy@stgg.org 858-653-3584.



We are pleased to announce the return of Youth Choir to the Sunday 5 PM Mass!!

We are recruiting choir members from 7th grade through High School and beyond to be part of this ministry. Singers and instrumentalists are welcome. Practices take place on Sunday prior to the start of Mass and online resources for practicing remotely will also be available. If you are interested, please email John Chicca at musicministry@stgg.org



Don't you just love how our Church comes alive during the holidays?

Would you like to be part of making that happen?

Please consider volunteering for the Liturgical Environment ministry. This fun and dedicated committee is responsible for the church ambiance: the Nativity scene, the greenery, the lights and the many beautifully decorated trees. For more information please contact Christine at:

thunbergfamily@att.net

No experience necessary.

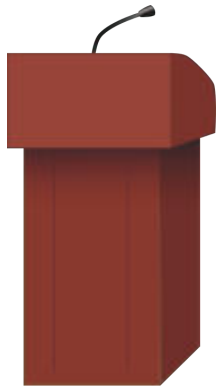
St. Gregory the Great Parish
Month of the Rosary Celebration
Sat, October 30, 2021

This family event kicks off with Confession at 4:00pm, and ends with a Reception at the Parish

Hall starting at 7:00pm.

Please check out all the details on our Parish website at:

www.stgg.org



Are you currently a Lector?
Are you getting a call to proclaim
the Word?

If so, we invite you for Lector
Training on Saturday November 6
from 9 AM to 10 AM in the Church.
We will be handing out the 2022
Lector Workbooks and reviewing
the latest changes we are
implementing during Mass. Many
thanks and God Bless.



**Memorial Mass for
Bob R. Darron
Lt Col USMC (Ret)**

**Monday, November 8, 2021 @ 11 am
St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church**



Blood Drive

**Sunday, Nov. 7th
8:00 am to 1:00 pm**

11451 Blue Cypress Drive



*Look for the Blood Mobile in the church parking lot.
Make Your Appointment Today!*

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Nov 1-7, 2021

Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
[cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
[1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn
6:37-40a

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5,
9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-
14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-
4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-
3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-
9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44



Sept 22 – OCT 31 2021

Parishioners of St. Gregory the Great are
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this dark world, and to be a powerful
witness for the most vulnerable in society!

Join the pro-life ministry during the 40 Days
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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Daily Examen of Stewardship

“Stewardship” can get a bum rap these days. When folks hear the term “stewardship” from the pulpit, their eyes tend to kind of glaze over. “Here’s Father asking for more money,” they groan inwardly, “Get ready for the passing of the pledge cards.”

Christ refutes this idea when he gives us what he calls the greatest commandments — instructing us to love God and to love our neighbor. Now, Christ is a man who chose his words carefully. He meant exactly what he said — and he didn’t say that the greatest commandments were to tithe and to give money to charity. If he had wanted stewardship to be only about money, he would have said so.

Sometimes we are indeed called to show our love for God and neighbor in the form of a financial gift. But the concept of Everyday Stewardship — living mindfully in prayer, grateful for our blessings, and gracious to our neighbors, committed to God, and accountable to each other — is about so much more.

I propose a twist on the long-held practice of the “Daily Examen” — a pious devotion wherein, at day’s end, we go over the events of the last 24 hours and discern God’s will. A Daily Examen of Stewardship might contain questions like this:

How did I love God today? In whom did I love Him? What did God give me today? With whom did I share it? What did I give to Him? To whom did I reach out today? Who reached out to me? Where was God on my list of priorities today? First? Second? Third, fourth?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

Our Parishioners and visitors made a joyful return to the Lord in gratitude for the gifts they have received from God:

Oct 24, 2021

Church **\$20,628.00**

Online Giving **\$14,291.05**

Total: **\$34,919.05**

Approximate amount needed weekly:

\$36,000

Difference: **-\$1,080.95**

Sincere gratitude for your fidelity to your offertory of sacrificial giving in support of St. Gregory the Great Parish. Fr. Nick, Pastor

AROUND THE DIOCESE



Grief & Loss Workshop

Presented by: The Mental Health Ministry at St. Michael's

Sat, November 6th

8:30am-11:30am

RSVP Deacon Bill Adsit:

bill@smpoway.org

Holy Mass with Prayers for Healing

Tues., Nov 9, 2021 7pm

Contact Bob and Rosemary 760-741-0866



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Calling all military families...

Our parish has asked us to help with the Donut Ministry on the 2nd Sunday of the month! Can you come out and help serve a fresh donut, coffee and juice?

We would begin on October 10th! If you are willing to help please email Chris Keane

cakeane46@gmail.com and

Ryan Lawrenz

relawrenz@gmail.com.

Hope to see you soon. God Bless you.



The Knights of Columbus St. Gregory the Great Council wish to thank all the parishioners for their generous gifts to our ID Drive held after all the Masses on October 16-17. We collected \$2,779.00 dollars for the St Madeleine Sophie's Center to support the many programs for people with Intellectual Disabilities.

Thanksgiving Food Drive 2021 for Our Lady of Angels Weekend of November 20/21



*****For safety purposes due to the current pandemic, we will not be opening individual bags. The bags you donate will be given as is. One bag will be given to each family at Our Lady of Angels*****

We are accepting the following:

Walmart gift card (\$20) – Each family at Our Lady of Angels will receive a gift card to purchase a turkey.

Give to parish office, or tape outside of filled grocery bag as noted below

2) A grocery bag complete with each of the following non-perishable, non-expired, standard-size canned or boxed foods in a double paper or sturdy bag.

Vegetables

Fruit

Instant Potatoes

Gravy

Stuffing Mix

Soup/Broth

Yams

Cranberry Sauce

Ready-to-make Desserts (ex: cake mix or brownie mix)

3) We can also accept cash or checks for any amount. Please make checks payable to: “St. Gregory the Great” – In memo line, please write “SPOM – Thanksgiving” and return to parish office.

Please return in front of parish before or after masses on
Saturday, November 20 and Sunday, November 21

Thank you for your generosity!

For more information, please contact Andrea:

SPOM.STGG@gmail.com

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Altar Servers	Greg Wisniew	619-922-1529	New Parishioner Orientation	Rich Abrom	858-603-9640
Audio-Visual Ministry	John Chicca	858-653-3583		Peggy Abrom	858-414-7629
Baptism Seminars	Jim & Paula Baker	858-653-3540			
	Tom & Joni Deiters	858-740-8965	Our Lady of Fatima Devotion	Carolyn Standifer	858-536-1113
Bible Study	Dennis Poirier	858-243-2455	Outreach for Nazareth Orphanage	Deborah Sampson	858-229-0345
Blood Drive	Alan Muir	858-695-1633		Father Brian Kelly	760-448-5462
Boy Scout Troup #616	Paul Honeycutt	858-692-1112	Parish Tours	Deacon Ron Diem	858-653-3582
Boy Scout Troup #664	Bill Boggs	858-530-9061	Prayer Wheel	Matt Gaynor	858-344-2165
Boy Scout Female Troup #226	Paula Trubitt	858-566-9231	Prayers & Squares	Margaret Lynn	858-530-2560
Build-A-Miracle	Chris & Julianne North	619-992-0845		Pat Kikendall	858-771-1167
Catholic Men's Fellowship	Frank Deniston	619-857-5473	RCIA	Deacon Dom Guzzardo	858-751-4785
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Maddie Hoeger	858-653-3594	Relevant Radio	Greg Lettau	858-663-6978
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3 Yr Old Teachers: Elsa Chira, Irene Yutadco

4 Yr Old, TK Teachers: Melanie Bruce, Sanae Vaughan

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Stewardship

Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving

October 2021

May I speak of money? I own no money, nor do you, simply because God insists that all things ... even money ... belong to him. In God's Word we read, "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the Lord Almighty" (Haggai 2:8). This claim of God presents a confusing situation at first glance. After all, I do have money in my possession. I speak of it as mine.

The very practical question arises, "Is the money I have God's or mine?"

Actually, there is no confusion. Scripture tells me God owns all things. God places material things in my possession. These are not gifts. Rather God entrusts what is his to my care to use in God's service. It follows then that I am not the owner, but a manager or steward of God's property.

God entrusts his property

Yet, I am not frustrated that I am deprived of ownership. Can I be deprived of something I never owned? Instead, I am honored that God entrusts his property to my keeping, that God deigns to make me a steward of what is his; that God depends on me to administer it honestly.

Honest administration immediately obligates me to place all God has entrusted to me to his service. But this doesn't mean I must give every cent to the church. God has entrusted to me a body, soul and mind. God has entrusted to me a wife and children, similarly endowed. He has given me the responsibility of caring for them. Therefore, when I take a portion of the money God has

entrusted to me to provide food, clothing, shelter, education, recreation and other necessities of life and health for these, then I am a steward who is fulfilling God's trust.

Of course, I provide for these things in proper portion. I would hardly be a good steward if I spent a large sum on some luxury while a basic need was left unmet. "In proper proportion" is a primary rule in my administration.



In proper proportion

"In proper proportion" is the rule that also applies when I prepare to make my offering to God and through the church.

Think of time as a priceless gift; develop an awareness of its incomparable value and examine your conscience in this light. Are you using your time according to God's plan, or are you throwing it away?

If tomorrow were never to dawn, what would you do for God today?



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A Mere Colt

"I have so much to offer God," my pride calls from within. I can see a vision of what God can do with me, with my life, and I am excited. Day after day, I have waited in expectation. Surely the time has come for me to be of great service. I have heard the Lord will be passing this way today. So, patiently, I wait a little longer. And then I see two men nearing. I stand a little taller because I know these men are sent from God. But as I stand there, they bypass me and go to my donkey ... a mere colt.

"Why are you doing this?" I ask.

"The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly," the men answer. Then they walk away.

"My donkey?" I mutter. God wants to use my donkey? What about my talents? My abilities? My availability? What about that, Lord?

Then, I see a crowd forming. Many are waving palm branches and crying out, "Hosanna in the highest!"

I squeeze my way through the jumble of arms and branches, and I see him! There is my Lord! My eyes tear. There is my donkey. The Lord is riding on my donkey.

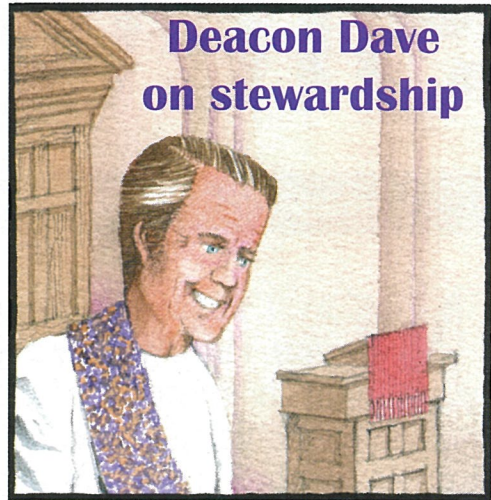
I drop to my knees. "Dear Jesus," my soul cries. "Forgive my pride. You have used what I have considered least, yet you are elevated. May this always be so."

"Continue to use me, Lord," I pray. "What I consider my best, may not be what you need from me at all. But now I understand, Jesus. What you need most is my open arms, and my willingness to serve in any way you ask."

I look up from my place on the crowded road, and I look into his eyes

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Deacon Dave on stewardship



"Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality."

2 Corinthians 8:13

Paul held up the generosity of the Macedonian churches to those in Corinth (2 Corinthians 8). It seemed his desire was that they show some kind of proof for their appreciation of the Lord's blessing and sustaining power to them. He urged them, therefore to bring to completion the great work begun earlier in their ministry. It seemed apparent they had forgotten, like we often do, with what fervor and fire they had started to serve the Lord with.

We, too, could use this urging of Paul's periodically. He wanted to bring the churches in Corinth from their relaxed attitude toward giving and sharing, and found it necessary to remind them of their oneness in the body of Christ. The Corinthians had begun to take pleasure in what others were doing for God's kingdom and the sustaining of the earthly churches, and had forgotten their own part.

Strive For Equality

"Strive for equality" was Paul's urging to the Corinthians. Since Christ bore the total weight of our salvation

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To be a good steward is to be conscious that all things we have on earth are generous gifts from God. Stewardship is to care, to have concern, and to give thanks by giving of what has been given to us.




Through the Stained Glass...

For the past few years, we have been preoccupied on the subject of what is wrong with the church, generally there has been a negative approach. In so expending our best energies, we have lost something. Not only have we tended to splinter, but the church has appeared to have had less impact on its communicants. It is certainly easier to be defensive and negative about something in which we do not invest of ourselves; on the other hand, we tend to work creatively where our investments are!

I know of no way to help turn the tide more effectively than by investing the best of ourselves in the church, thereby giving evidence of our positive belief in God. If God's church is to have meaning to us or to others, then our commitment must be clear and decisive and, I might say, it must cost us something. It has been said that there is no "cheap grace."

Pledging to the church is one very specific way in which we give ourselves or prove our belief. If the investment is made grudgingly and represents only that which can be worked in conveniently, then this tells the story of our faith in God's primary instrument for his life and work on this earth, namely, his church. If it costs something worthwhile, then the investment is clearly a weighed and weighty one.

A new sense of commitment through giving (and the trust it represents) is

crucial to us all, not because of the dollars represented, but because it will be a creative conversion movement for your church and for you. 

God bless you in your giving.

What I want my church to be!

My church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be.

God desires that first of all you give him yourself. When you do this, you will find a certain satisfaction.

God then wants you to use your time, talent, and treasure for his purposes. This means total commitment of what you have to God. That's a hard step to take, but it will bring complete happiness and satisfaction in serving God.





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May I speak of money...


As the owner of all things, God requests offerings in many instances. As God’s steward, can I disobey?

Yet, I do not bring my offering because of a command from God. Would a command be necessary? When I think of the tremendous blessings God has deluged upon me ... blessings that serve me now and that will endure forever ... could I possibly deny God an offering? Could my offering be only a pittance?

Motivated by love and gratitude, I first separate God’s portion whenever I receive income. I make that portion of a size that will give adequate evidence of my love and gratitude. This separated portion I then dedicate to God’s specific service and administer it in a way that God would have me do.


With this done, the remainder, understand, is still devoted to God’s service. I use that remainder, as God would wish, to provide for the needs of my life and for the needs of those God has committed to my care. In God’s name and to his service is my guiding principle.

So, as a steward of money, I recognize that God owns all things. I recognize that

I am God’s manager of what he places in my charge. To be a good and faithful steward ... that is my aim. 


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as he passes by. It is then I know that my small gift is monumental, historical. 

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Deacon Dave...

on himself, could we not at least share in the earthly ministry as a body so that *“He who gathered much does not have too much and he who gathered little does not have too little?”* (2 Corinthians 8:15) 



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