



St. Gregory the Great

Fall Newsletter 2021

Dear Parishioners,

“The heavens proclaim the glory of God, and the firmament shows forth the work of His hands.” Ps. 19 It’s the time of year to take in a trip to the mountains or to the glorious color of the fall in New England, where trees are adorned in God’s colors of pale yellow, deep rust and hectic red.

St. Irenaeus gives perspective, “The glory of God is man fully alive”. The month of September has shown our community is alive with the life of Christ. We are God’s Holy People, the work of His hand, and it is to God we turn for ongoing growth and renewal. What a delightful time of year, when children have settled into in-person learning in the classroom for both public and private schools. Parents are back to work without the distraction of virtual learning and watching over the children. Our Faith Formation is thriving, with near double last year’s enrollment, and Sunday morning classes with participation in the Sunday Eucharist. Likewise, we are happy that the teenagers in the Confirmation preparation program is in person. We are so fortunate to have the fine leadership of both Faith Formation and Confirmation in the persons of Maddie Hoeger and Vinny Kyamko-Yap. Following the doldrums of the summer we rightly give thanks to God for choice blessings.

Deacon Dom has made himself available for RCIA – a vibrant group. He is also on the Homily rotation for Sunday Mass, school liturgies and Baptisms. We are also fortunate to have Deacon Doug for Sunday liturgies, baptisms and keeping our campus beautiful through the gardening ministry. We are fortunate that he has made himself so available for ministry when needed. We hope for the success of the diocesan Eucharistic Initiative for growth in love and understanding of the Eucharist, the heart and soul of community life. The growth in numbers returning to Mass gives us heart and hope. Nothing better to lift drooping spirits. The joy of reunion at the Lord’s banquet table or lingering in the Gathering Plaza signals a return to the former luster of latter times. We continue to pray for our community with a way to go. St. Gregory’s school has rebounded to a full house. What a joy to celebrate weekly Eucharist with those little ones of the kingdom. They are always in my prayers of gratitude and for continued growth. Mrs. Maeve O’Connell has done a wonderful job and waves the banner of the Lord in the Scripps Ranch Newsletter. Our preschool has an enrollment of 81! Many thanks to our director, Amy Igou, who manages full and half days and 5 to 2 day a week schedules to make that number possible.

Thru the Summer Nights – a breath of fresh air – Deacon Ron’s planning heralded a community return. There were over 500 people at the first concert. He is always looking for ways to get people more engaged in our parish. The parish thanks him for his creative and generous spirit. The leadership of John Chicca, Music Director, paves the way for a return to Liturgical music and song. We are blessed with a great staff with big hearts. Our continued prayers for Business Manager, Stephanie Lower, in her fight against stage 4 cancer.

Allow me to express deep gratitude for your ongoing support in the Sunday Offertory. The Parish Council asks will there be fresh bread for Thanksgiving? We will have fresh bread for Gala 2022, April 30th thanks to Brie Atwater and Lynn Bautista-Barossa, plans are in the making. Covid has sent us through the wringer, and we have a way to go. Continuing to wash our hands, with or without masks, we observe safe practices to protect ourselves, each other, and the children. At Sunday Mass we pray for the safety of each other and the community.

Here's wishing you all the blessings of a fruitful fall, St. Gregory’s community is alive and well.

Very Rev. Nicholas Clavin, Pastor

SUMMER FUN

Our beautiful summer night concerts...what a blessing! We are so happy to have shared these nights with you all! Christ is alive in our community!



St. Gregory The Great's
1st Annual
Summer Nights
Concerts
September 2021



Wk1 Vigil Project



Wk 2 Sarah Hart



Wk 3 Taylor Tripoldi



Wk 4 Village Lights



Faith Formation

Warm greetings from the Faith Formation Office! The past few weeks have been filled with an abundance of change in our office, and while it's been quite the wild ride, we're so excited to continue to serve our families here at St. Gregory the Great.

We've had several updates to our Faith Formation office, one being saying goodbye to our former director, Erica Rossio. After many seasons of serving the St. Gregory the Great community, she is now teaching and enjoying more time with her family. While we will all miss her greatly, be assured you will still see her and her little ones around!

Secondly, we are overjoyed to have Bella Luna join us as our new Catechetical Assistant and Maddie Hoeger will be taking over as the Coordinator of Faith Formation.

This fall we are so happy to be back to in-person catechesis. Our heartfelt thanks go out to each and every individual dedicating their time and talents to the children and families of St. Gregory the Great! We truly could not do any of it without you! Our Faith Formation classes are beginning, and we so look forward to the fruits of the community we've so greatly missed in the past year!

We're also excited to announce that our middle schoolers (grades 6-8) will now be able to meet in-person every Thursday. We're so excited to delve into Scripture, Morality, Apologetics, and building up a community among our young teenagers. If you have children this age, we'd love for them to join us!

You are deeply loved by us here in the Faith Formation Office, and of course by Our Father in heaven. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with you and your families, through all the changes and challenges, know that both you, and your child belong at St. Gregory the Great!

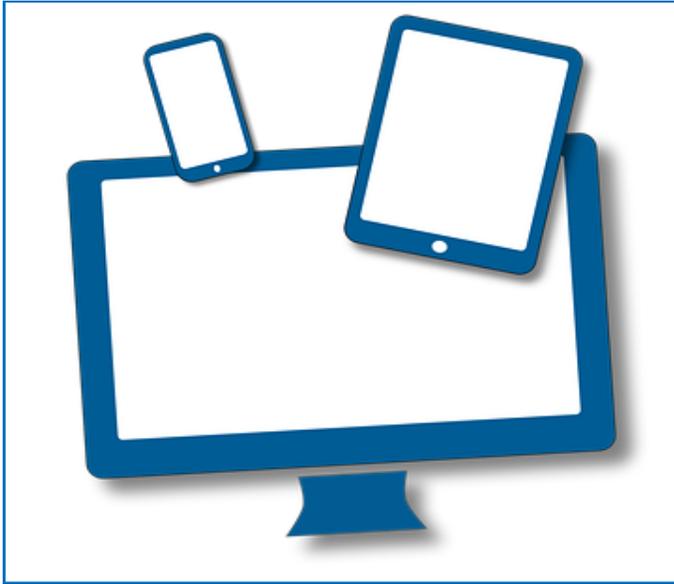
Maddie Hoeger & Bella Luna

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Audio-Video Ministry



We are so pleased to hear from many parishioners who have remarked positively on the new video equipment we have in our church! Being able to see responses and lyrics up on the screens has been amazing. It has actually enriched the Worship experience in a respectful manner without being distracting, allowing others to participate more fully in the Mass.

The Audio-Video Ministry was established to integrate our updated audio-video system into our Liturgy. This equipment has allowed us to Livestream all Masses at the Church

throughout the Covid epidemic and through various stages of our return. In addition, we are now able to project the lyrics to all songs, prayers, video presentations and our internal camera feed onto the screens during Mass. Just recently, it has proved to be a great tool for presenting the Diocesan pre-recorded video homilies on the Eucharist during our Masses and in our Livestream.

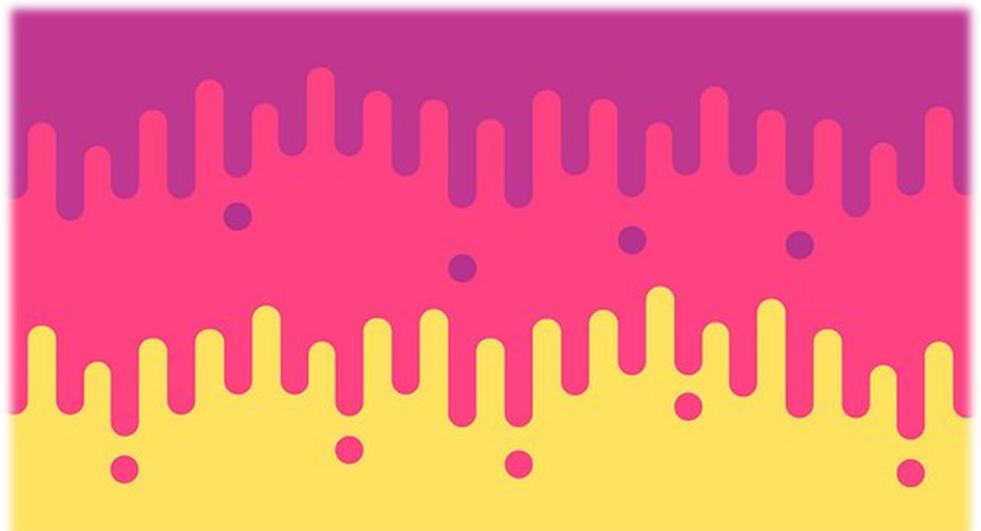
We have recruited a handful of parishioners to help run our equipment during our Liturgies, **but more volunteers are needed** to have complete coverage of all our Masses. If you are a tech-savvy individual with experience using an iPad or other tablet, **we NEED your help!** Please join our ministry, and share your God-given talents with the rest of our community! Training will be provided.

Hope to see you soon!

John Chicca

Director of Liturgical
Music

musicministry@stgg.org



JUDY'S CORNER

All Souls Mass
Tuesday, Nov 2nd at 7 pm

At this Mass we remember those parishioners who have gone to their final rest since last year's All Soul's Mass.



To honor your loved ones, during the month of November, bring a 4x6 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 phone number. Photos will be kept for following years unless a return is requested.

Please bring the photo to the Parish Office before Friday, October 29th.

Daily Novenas
Nov 2nd – 10th

Envelopes for All Souls Novena will be available in the church and at the Parish Office. Place the names of all those you would like remembered on the envelope and return it via the collection basket, the mail, or drop it off at the office.

If you have any question, please contact Judy Roitz judy@stgg.org [858-653-3584](tel:858-653-3584)

Young Adult

Hello everyone!

I'm so delighted to be your new Young Adult Minister. It has been a tremendous blessing getting to meet so many of you! Since August we have had over 15 events ranging from Bible Study to Painting Nights to Happy Hour! We always have an amazing time together, so be sure to join us in these coming weeks.

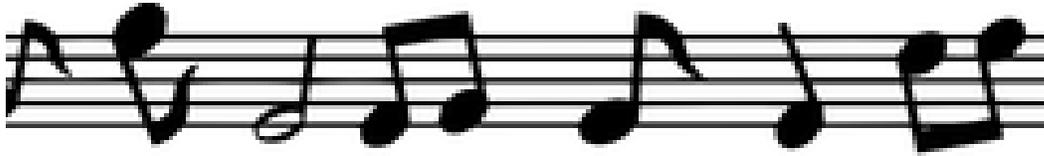
I am so thrilled to announce the diocese has chosen our parish as the next venue for Theology on Tap! Join us October 28, November 4, and November 11 for an evening of food, drinks, dynamic speakers, and community. It is sure to be an amazing series of events!

If you'd like to join our ministry text notification list (to be notified for every event we have!), feel free to email me and I'd be happy for you to join us. You can also follow our Instagram account, @stgg_ya, for reminders, pictures from events, and sometimes, just plain old fun. I look forward to meeting all of you very soon!

**Pax Christi,
Maddie Hoeger
Coordinator of Young Adult Ministry
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Music Ministry



Greetings from the Music Ministry. This summer and upcoming fall has been very busy for the Music Ministry. In the past 3 months we have seen a return of our adult choirs at all Masses. Many thanks to our past choir members who have returned and a great welcome to the new members that have joined. We are still welcoming vocalists and singers across a wide range of talent, experience, and age. If you are a pianist, please join...our parish needs help in leading some of the Masses, Please reach out to me asap! Adult choir practice is on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM in the church, and there are online resources as well.

Children's Choir started back up in September, are singing on various Sundays at the 11:00am Mass. Children's Choir is open to children from 3rd grade and up and includes children from the school, the faith formation program, or any other child parishioners. School children practice at the school with our new music teacher Frank Amador, and the other children practice with me after the 11:00 Mass in the Church. Our next Mass is on October 24th at the 11:00am Mass. If your child is interested in joining us, please email me.

I am also pleased to announce the return of the Sunday, 5pm, Contemporary Youth Choir Mass. We welcome youngsters from 7th grade through High School age and beyond. If you are a vocalist or instrumentalist and wish to play, please reach out to me by email. Our Festival of Lessons and Carols is back this December. The night is spent highlighting nine scripture lessons followed by carols or songs reflecting on each. Don't miss out on this joint production between our various choirs, and other ministries. Lastly, as we head into the Advent Season, I am excited to announce the in-person return of our Festival of Lessons and Carols on December 12th. This is a joint production between our various choirs and several of our other ministries to present a service of nine scripture lessons followed by carols or songs reflecting the lesson. This service will be greatly enhanced this year with our new video projector system. If you are interested in joining our choir for this celebration, please let me know.

John Chicca, Director of Liturgical Music musicministry@stgg.org.



SCHOOL NEWS

Our 2021-2022 school year is off to a great start. With an enrollment of 240 students in our elementary school and 81 children in our preschool (2,-5 yr olds) the parish can be very proud of a vibrant and faith-filled school community. We welcomed three new staff members this year; Daniel Cavar (PE, Athletic Director) Frank Amador (Performing Arts & STEM) and Michelle Langley (Kindergarten), who join our already amazing team. **Our school is Christ-centered** and celebrating Mass together with our parish is central to our mission. This year our students will attend school Masses four times a month: two Masses at the church, one Mass outdoors on the school campus, and one parish live-streamed 8 AM Mass. Our first school Mass this year was on the Feast of our patron saint, St. Gregory the Great.



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There is a lot of energy and excitement with the addition of a Performing Arts Program to our curriculum this year. Thanks to the generosity of our parents and the expertise of our new music teacher, all students K-8, have the opportunity to learn to play the keyboard, ukulele, and percussion instruments. The children's choir at school is almost thirty students strong and they are honored to sing monthly at our parish Mass.

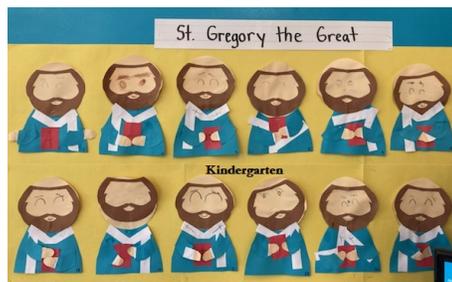


Robotics and coding programs have started in middle school, and Next Generation Science Standards are informing our science curriculum. The seventh graders are preparing to enter projects in the Greater San Diego Science & Engineering Fair and STEM class are integrated at all grade levels.



Building community is an essential part of school life. Our middle school students love their "Little Buddies". So far, they have had storytelling sessions, buddy up for Mass, with many more exciting activities to come. Servant leadership opportunities for students include Student Council, Flag Corps, Student Store Staff, Prayer Chain Ministry, and a Safety Patrol Ministry is currently in formation. After -school sports are in full swing with Girl's Volleyball, JV and Varsity Flag Football teams, and Cheer. We are so grateful to our parent volunteer coaches and look forward to a great season of Guardian sports.

Please keep our parish school community, students, teachers, and administrators in your prayers as we keep you in our prayers. www.stggcs.org Office: 858-397-1290



END OF YEAR FISCAL REPORT 2020-2021

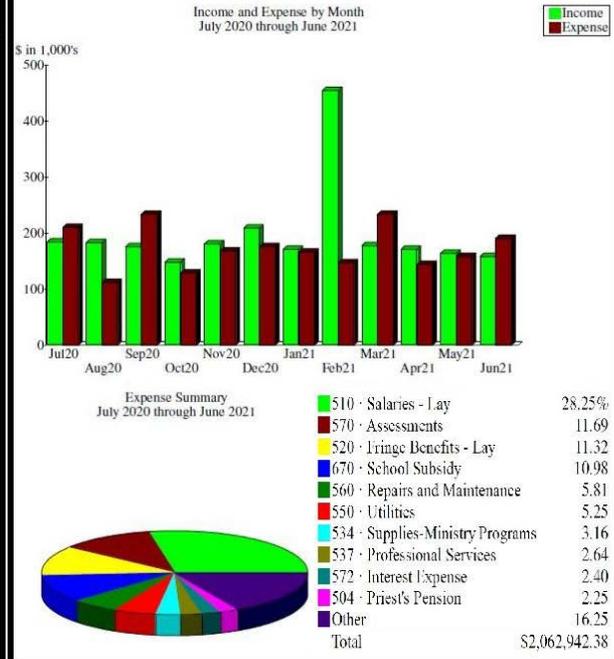
Finance Report FY2020

Date Range: July 2020 through June 2021

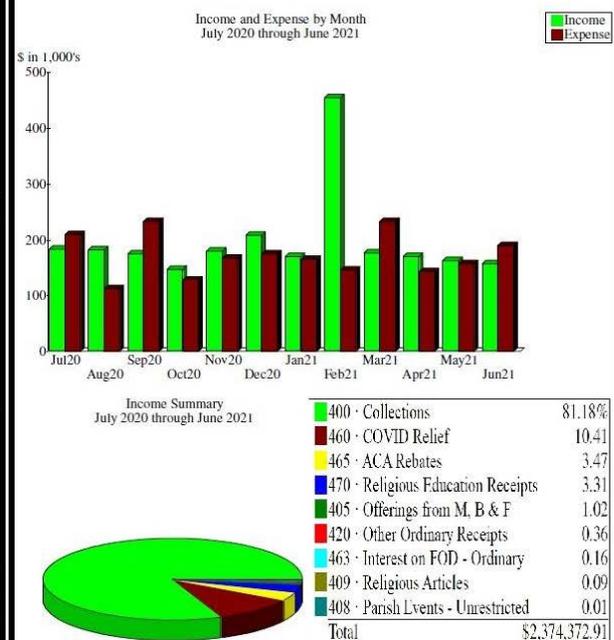
Annual Income & Expenses

	Jul '20 - Jun 21
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
400 · Collections	1,927,468.23
405 · Offerings from M, B & F	24,164.78
408 · Parish Events - Unrestricted	355.50
409 · Religious Articles	2,019.44
420 · Other Ordinary Receipts	8,500.97
Total Income	1,962,508.92
Gross Profit	
	1,962,508.92
Expense	
504 · Priest's Pension	46,455.40
510 · Salaries - Lay	655,269.77
515 · Vacation Expense	6,072.42
520 · Fringe Benefits - Lay	259,682.24
531 · Postage	6,415.79
532 · Telephone, Cable & Internet	23,952.97
533 · Office Expense	14,497.54
534 · Supplies-Ministry Programs	65,190.45
535 · Meetings Attended	1,879.00
536 · Meetings Sponsored	1.00
537 · Professional Services	54,383.26
538 · Dues and Subscriptions	5,749.10
539 · Taxes and Licenses	2,449.61
540 · Groceries & Meal Allowance	9,346.05
541 · Furniture and Equipment -\$1K	13,952.89
542 · Miscellaneous	1,985.15
543 · Bank Charges	1,516.60
544 · Merchant Fees	31,763.48
546 · Technology	10,242.45
548 · Advertizing, Promotion and Publ	8,921.84
550 · Utilities	108,337.94
560 · Repairs and Maintenance	119,946.68
570 · Assessments	241,125.92
571 · Insurance - Property & Auto	42,184.64
572 · Interest Expense	49,592.59
573 · Parish Events Expense	6,118.15
580 · Contributions to Support Corp.	6,600.00
Total Expense	1,793,632.93
Net Ordinary Income	168,875.99
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
460 · COVID Relief	247,275.45
463 · Interest on FOD - Ordinary	3,726.75
465 · ACA Rebates	82,357.98
470 · Religious Education Receipts	78,503.81
Total Other Income	411,863.99
Other Expense	
600 · Religious Ed Expense	28,333.26
610 · Donations and Charity	15,875.00
670 · School Subsidy	226,517.38
800 · Prior Year Adjustments	-1,416.19
Total Other Expense	269,309.45
Net Other Income	142,554.54
Net Income	311,430.53

Expense Graph



Income Graph



Demographics

Date Range: July 2020 through June 2021

Households by Location

Scripps Ranch	1,738
Mira Mesa	306
Rancho Penasquitos	288
Rancho Bernardo/Carmel Mtn.	257
Poway	158
4S Ranch	104
Other	337

Total Households 3,188

Longevity of our Households

Years in Parish	Households	Percent
0-5	536	16.81%
6-10	567	17.79%
11-15	579	18.16%
16-20	794	24.91%
21-25	319	10.01%
26-30	155	4.86%
31-35	229	7.18%
Not Known	9	0.28%

Totals 3,188 100%

What Were Our Ages?

Ages	Total	Male	Female	Percent
0-5	300	175	125	2.66%
6-17	1,701	874	822	15.06%
18-30	2,141	1076	1054	18.96%
31-40	1,300	598	694	11.51%
41-50	1,656	769	882	14.67%
51-60	1,767	855	902	15.65%
61-70	1011	526	477	8.95%
71-80	558	266	288	4.94%
81+	270	126	143	2.39%
Not Known	588	278	310	5.21%
Totals	11,292	5,543	5,697	100%

What are our average ages?

The average age of our adult parishioners is 46 years old.

The average age of our child parishioners is 11 years old.

Interfaith

Marriages?

Of all unions, 33% involved one spouse from another faith tradition.

What Sacraments Did We Receive?

	Total	Adult	Children
Baptisms	71	2	69
First Eucharist	72	8	64
Confirmation	82	11	71
First Reconciliation	68	5	63
Marriages	15	15	0
Funerals (not a Sacrament)	26	26	0

Faith Formation Enrollment

PreK	0
Kindergarten	12
Grade 1	18
Grade 2	31
Grade 3	22
Grade 4	15
Grade 5	13
Grade 6	21
Grade 7	14
Grade 8	18
Total Enrollment	164

STGG School Enrollment

Preschool	50
Kindergarten	26
Grade 1	20
Grade 2	25
Grade 3	22
Grade 4	25
Grade 5	24
Grade 6	26
Grade 7	26
Grade 8	22
Total Enrollment	266

Confirmation Enrollment

Total Year One 63

Total Year Two 75

Stewardship of Time & Talent

Date Range: July 2020 through June 2021

In Which Ministries Did Our Parishioners Participate?

	Members		Members
Adoration	3	Health and Safety Ministry	2
Altar Linens	11	Helping Hands	20
Altar Servers	33	Kitchen Coordinator	1
Audio-Visual Ministry	8	Knights of Columbus	124
Baptism Seminars	4	Lectors	69
Bible Study	46	Liturgical Environment	41
Blood Drive	2	Liturgical Scheduling	1
Boy Scouts 226 Female Troop	15	Marriage Encounter	1
Boy Scouts 616	15	Martha's Ministry	5
Boy Scouts 664	19	Mental Health Ministry	6
Build-A-Miracle	8	Military Friendship & Support	5
Catholic Men's Fellowship	1	Ministry Fair	2
Children's Liturgy of the Word	2	Ministry of Consolation	27
Communion to the Homebound	14	Ministry of Mothers	105
Computer Help Ministry	2	Music Ministry	43
Confirmation Preparation - Adult	1	New Parishioner Orientations	16
Confirmation Preparation - Youth	61	Our Lady of Fatima Devotion	1
Connection to Christ	100	Outreach for Nazareth Orphanage	2
Cooking Group	27	Parish Tours	2
Cub Scouts	19	Pastoral Stewardship Council	17
Cursillo	2	Prayer Wheel	23
Daily Mass Ministry	32	Prayers and Squares	33
Development Committee	10	RCIA	8
Divine Dining	2	Relevant Radio	1
Divine Mercy Cenacle	15	Respect for Life / Social Justice	66
Donuts and Coffee	1	Rosary Cenacle	19
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	146	Rosary Makers	21
Faith Formation - Adult	1	Sister Parish Outreach	26
Faith Formation - Children	3	Special Needs Ministry	3
Faith Formation - Middle School	5	St Vincent DePaul, Meals for the Homeless	38
Family Cancer Support	23	STGG Food Share	4
Filipino - American	53	Vacation Bible School	2
Film Fans	1	Wedding Ministry	7
Finance Council	9	Women's Book Club	16
Gala	1	Women's Friendship Circle	29
Gardening Ministry	23	Young Adult Ministry	1
Greeters & Ushers	60	Youth Ministry	1
Total Ministries	74	Total Members	1566

“Let us use well the time that God gives us, so that He may give us His eternity.” Blessed Louis Brisson

“When we work for God, nothing is small!” St. Leonie Aviat

“How immeasurable is the goodness of God!” St. Francis de Sales



WATCH US GROW...

We have some exciting news to report

As of Oct. 1, 2021, we are blessed to announce the following:

St. Gregory the Great School Enrollment-240 students (in person)
St. Gregory the Great School Preschool Enrollment - 81 (in person)
St. Gregory the Great Elementary Faith Formation - 247 (in person)
St. Gregory the Great Confirmation - Yr 1 ~ 75 & Yr 2 ~ 51 (in person)
(Registration is still open for both Yr 1 and Yr. 2)

PLEASE WELCOME OUR 2 NEWEST STAFF MEMBERS

Faith Formation Assistant: Bella is a native Californian and has 3 older brothers She signs ASL, and she loves all plants—especially tropical ones!

Youth Minister: Vinny is also a native Californian. He loves to cook with cast iron, and he votes “no” for pineapple on his pizza.

Save the Date!

Sunday, Dec. 12th - Lessons & Carols @ 6:30pm

Tuesday, Dec. 7th - Advent Mission with Fr. Garret Galvin, OFM