

O, Come let us adore Him



Saint Gregory the Great invites you to come home this Christmas.

Dear Parishioners,

The essence of the Christmas message is found in the third chapter of the Gospel of John, "God so loved the world that He gave us His only begotten Son." Humble shepherds, an angel chorus and mysterious wise men bearing gifts are part of the appeal of the season. Dreams warning the Magi to return by a different route, and dreams warning Joseph to take the child and flee to Egypt, give intrigue to the Christmas drama.

The manger scene, so familiar to us now, can mask the realities of the first Christmas. Mary and Joseph had no option but to set off on an arduous journey to Bethlehem, even though the child was due at any time. The soft lights and sweet smells of contemporary crib scenes can easily hide the hardship of the lonely stable where the Son of God was born.

The surprise of Christmas is that Jesus began his life among the poor, the homeless, the refugees, and the foreigners. The challenge of Christmas is beautifully captured by the noted author,

Howard Thurman:

*"When the song of the angels is still,
When the star in the sky has gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When shepherds are back with their sheep,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost, to heal the broken,
To feed the hungry, to release the prisoner,
To build the nations, To make peace among the people,
To make music in the heart."*

Both the reference of Pope Francis to the smell of the sheep and the smell of the stable in Bethlehem is to be found in the smell of hard times in dealing with the pandemic and now the Omicron variant.

Let the light of the Christmas Christ, roll back this long darkness and bring in the light of Hope and good health. May the blessing of Peace be yours this Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Very Rev. Nicholas P. Clavin, V.F.



Saint Gregory the Great Advent/Christmas Schedule

Advent Reconciliations

Saturday, Dec 4th ~ 4:00 PM

Saturday, Dec 11th ~ 4:00 PM

Thursday, Dec 16th ~ 8:30 AM

Saturday Dec 18th ~ 4:00 PM

Advent Events

One Night Mission with Fr. Garrett Galvin, O.F.M.

Tuesday, Dec 7th ~ 7:00 PM

Lessons & Carols with Reception in Hall to follow

Sunday, Dec 12th ~ 6:30 PM

Christmas Eve Masses

Friday, December 24th, 2021

Children's Choir ~ 4:00 PM

Traditional Adult Choir~ 6:00 PM

Youth Group Band~ 8:00 PM

Traditional Adult Choir ~ 10:00 PM

Christmas Day Masses

Saturday, December 25th, 2021

Children's Choir ~ 7:30 AM

Traditional Adult Choir~ 9:00 AM

Traditional Adult Choir~ 11:00 AM



*God, eternal truth,
We believe in you.
God, our strength and our salvation,
we hope in you.
God, infinite goodness,
We love you with our whole heart.
You have sent the Word
As Savior of the world,
Let us all be one in Him.
Send us the Spirit of your Son,
That we may glorify your name,
Amen.
(Prayer of St. Arnold Janssen)*

