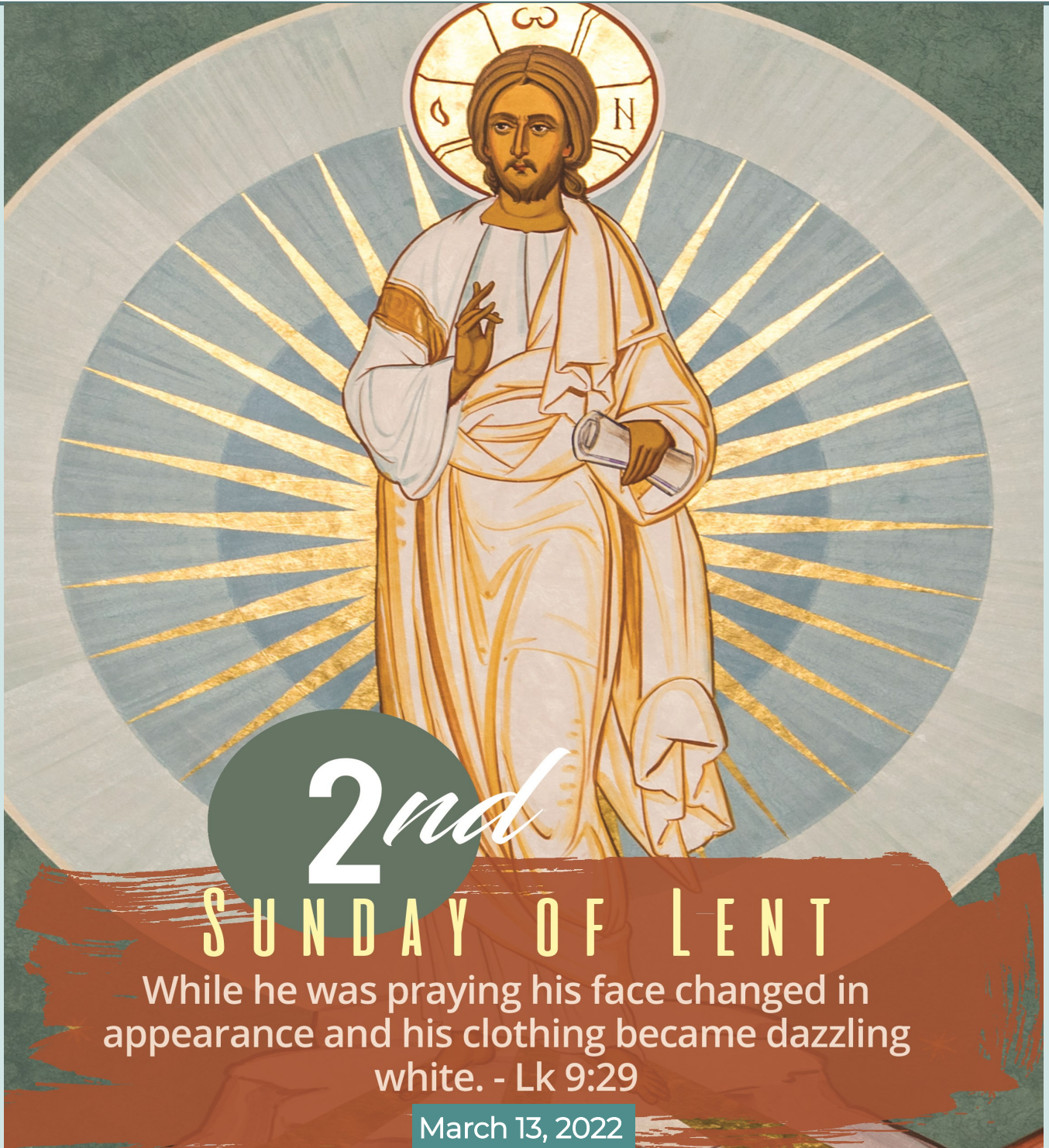




# Saint Gregory the Great Catholic Church



2<sup>nd</sup>

SUNDAY OF LENT

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29

March 13, 2022

Very Rev. Nicholas P. Clavin, Pastor

Presiders: Msgr. Michael Gallagher and Rev. James Rafferty

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

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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 4:00p.m.

First Friday Mass: Noon

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00p.m.

Sunday: 7:30a.m.

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

Sunday: 11:00a.m.

Sunday: 5:00p.m.

All Masses are livestreamed at:  
[www.stgg.org](http://www.stgg.org)

## Lenten Noon Mass

Fridays during Lent

March 4 – April 8, 12:00 pm

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## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

AT ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

Join us Fridays | 11:00a.m. and 7 p.m.

MARCH 4 | MARCH 11  
MARCH 18 | MARCH 25  
APRIL 1 | APRIL 8

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2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 13, 2022

## St. Gregory the Great



Every Friday in Lent come join us for our annual Fish Fry. This is a great opportunity to meet other parishioners and enjoy fellowship with the St. Gregory the Great Parish community, all welcome!

Where: STGG Parish Hall

When: Friday's during Lent except Good Friday

Time: Serving from 5:30 to 7:00

Price \$5.00, family max \$20.00, children under 5 free.

Meal includes: Grilled fish, fried fish, pasta or grilled cheese with cole slaw, french fries, brownie deserts, water, lemonade, coffee



Cold Mirco Brews on tap and wines available for purchase \$5.00



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## Lenten Penance Service

Tuesday, March 22, 7:00 pm

Saint Gregory the Great invites you to our annual Lenten Penance Service. All are welcome to experience the love and mercy of Christ through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

This service of confession, reconciliation, and penance is to make us ready in mind, heart, and soul for the resurrection of Christ, which we will soon celebrate in the Mass at Easter. Multiple priests will be available for confession.

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Please join us.



**“Letter to the Hebrews” is a bit like taking a guided tour of the “Holy of Holies” of biblical theology.**

This Bible Study will be held in the Nursery at STGG on Monday nights from 7-9 PM and on Tuesday mornings from 10-Noon for eight weeks starting March 7th and 14th respectively.

**“No Greater Love” is the perfect Bible Study to do during Lent.**

This biblical pilgrimage reveals Christ's amazing love for us. The journey begins on the Mount of Olives in the Garden of Gethsemane and continues through Jesus' death on the cross on Good Friday.

This is a five-week study, beginning on Monday, March 14th, at 10am-Noon. It will be held in the Nursery at STGG.

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## “A Time of Grace”

Presented by: Deacon Glenn and Linda Harmon

March 28, 2022

7:00-8:30pm in the Church

At this Lenten Parish Spiritual Event the Deacon and his wife will be sharing their personal experiences of the love, mercy, forgiveness, hope and healing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This evening is designed to strengthen our relationship with God, our Church and one another.

**Come Prepared to be Blessed!**

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP- RECOGNIZE GOD  
IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS  
TRACY EARL WELLIVER, MTS

### The Resurrection and Spiritual Hangriness

I want to talk about being hangry. I'll give you a quick description of hangriness, though I warn you, it doesn't come from the Oxford English Dictionary. Hangriness is when you're so hungry you get angry. You turn into a real piece of work. You can't get anything done and you're probably not a joy to be around, at least until you grab a snack. Everybody gets this way sometimes. We can be this way in our souls, too. It's so easy to get distracted by the hungers of this world: greed, pride, anxiety. We can become ruled by the needs of our bodies and the desires of our mind and, in doing so, neglect the needs and the desires of our souls.

Everyday stewardship calls us to a constant reflection on the truth that we are not made for this world, as Christ clearly shows us in his Transfiguration. He reveals himself in his heavenly glory, just before he is going to be deprived of all earthly needs and wants — even his very life. He shows us that this is what we were meant for. This is what we are striving for. Lent exists to remind us that we are not made for this world. When you become spiritually hangry — or as Scripture more eloquently puts it this week, when your mind is “occupied with earthly things” — turn your thoughts to the Transfiguration. I promise you, it's even better than grabbing an energy bar.



*“Our Church Needs to Hear  
From All of Us”*

Pope Francis is calling upon all the world's Catholics to participate fully in the mission and renewal of the Church.

This historic consultation, formally called a synod, seeks to reinvigorate our Church's Mission in these unprecedented times and challenges.

**On March 16**, Saint Gregory the Great will organize a small-group session that is at the heart of this multi-year consultation. Small groups of about eight members will share their experiences of joys and disappointments in the Church and most importantly their hope for the future of the Church. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to participate in the small-group sessions. Light refreshments will be provided starting at 6:30 pm. The sharing session will be from 7-9p.m in the Hall.

Please register by going to our website at: [www.stgg.org](http://www.stgg.org) providing your name, and phone number.

We look forward to sharing this experience with you!

7 day Candle

Lit for prayers for Diane Smith



I wish to express sincere gratitude to all those who have already made their pledge to our fair share of the Annual Catholic Appeal!

Feb 27, 2022	71 donors	\$30,205
March 6, 2022	69 donors	\$25,350

Our obligation this year is \$106,000 and the good news is that whatever we raise in excess of our share will be returned to the parish!

Brochures are in the pews. God bless you for your generosity.

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## welcome

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

**Glenn Santella & Feliciano Kistner**  
**Gabe Villarín & Kailynn Peralta**

New? Sign up: [www.stgg.org](http://www.stgg.org)



## STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE



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

**March 6, 2022**

Church	\$28,240.39
Online Giving	<u>\$17,662.52</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$45,902.91</b>

Approximate amount needed weekly:

**\$36,000**

Difference: **+9,902.91**

**Sincere gratitude for your fidelity to your offertory of sacrificial giving in support of St. Gregory the Great Parish.**

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE



**March 2 – April 10**

Help save lives by praying for an end to abortion in your community:

Location: Planned Parenthood - Mira Mesa Health Center

10717 Camino Ruiz, San Diego, CA 92126.

**(We will pray on the sidewalk on Camino Ruiz, South of Carl's Jr)** [www.stgg.org](http://www.stgg.org)

St Gregory the Great parishioners will be there on Fridays from 7AM-5PM 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/8.

Info: Greg Lettau at 858-663-6978  
[gslettau@gmail.com](mailto:gslettau@gmail.com) or Maria  
[respect4lifegs@yahoo.com](mailto:respect4lifegs@yahoo.com)

Want to get more involved? Contact Patti Larsen, San Diego – Leader [SD\\_40D4L@yahoo.com](mailto:SD_40D4L@yahoo.com)

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>March 12</b>
5:00 pm	Nonito Tajuela Cava †
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 13</b>
7:30am	Pete Dang †
9:00am	Kay Norton †
11:00am	Pete Dang †
5:00pm	Lorenzo Pressa †
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>March 14</b>
8:00am	Ralph and Ann Weissmann and Family SI
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>March 15</b>
8:00am	Andrea Carandang †
<b>Weds.,</b>	<b>March 16</b>
8:00am	Carl Hoge †
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>March 17</b>
8:00am	Lorenzo Pressa †
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>March 18</b>
8:00am	Pete Dang †
Noon	Al David †

## FOR THE NEEDS AND INTENTIONS OF:

**Rose Ripley, Diane Smith, John and Jeanette McSweeney, Roger Stevens, David Flaherty, Thai Tran, David Ricci, Sr., Clare Nance, Torrey Westfall, David Anderson, Amando Mirasol, Jr., Anne Lintner, Joyce Bautista, Sandy Soares, Rosemary Finger, Kathy Binks, Jerry Louis, Jr., David Feather, Mayette Valera, Alice Myers, Bailey Tom, Nancy Hara, Marybelle Squires, Gemini Prado, Charles Astudillo, Carmen Morrissey, Doug Gruter, Cristela Tan, Remy Yuching, Ron Marcoux, Pat and Wayne Gilbert, Betty Kelly, Linda Hamabe, Shannon Peterman, Dianne Nugent, Cindy Sittmann, Margaret Lynn, Robert Kokoles, Bob Rivello, Veronica Lopez, Sue Ericson, Amy Rodenbeck, Mary Ann Stefanic, Judith DiMatteo, Gloria Galvan, James O'Keefe, Mara Casas, Alex Rubio, Russell Mars, Felicidad Floresca, Danny Wagner, Ha Bich Tran, Alex Bernabe, Kathy Cazin, Chip Lindgren, Valerie DelaPena, Emilio Sales, Stephanie Miller, John Vattuone, Dave Nelson, Jeffrey Tara, Rowena Gabriel, Rudy Sigarlaki, Laurel Ayres, Shelley Wilson-Smith, Linda Drabek, Corazon and Hermengildo Valera, Maggie Delaney, Rick Igou, Karin Baker, Jay Janssen, Norma Trujillo, Skip Anderson, Alex Borja, Alfredo Garrido, Myrna Gloria, Jayden James Valera, Armando Camacho**

**God, please heal them.**



### IN MEMORIAM

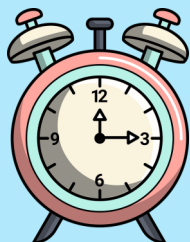
The Community and Staff  
of St. Gregory the Great  
Parish extend our heartfelt  
condolences to all the  
loved ones of the families  
of:

Phillip Salbato                      Carlos Flores  
Jeanne Cummerford              Peter Kremp  
Joe McKnight                      Tom Shevory

May they rest in God's eternal peace.

Spring Forward this  
weekend!

Don't forget to move your  
clocks ahead 1 hour!





### Readings for Week of March 14-20, 2022

**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Next Sunday:** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9/Lk 9:28b-36



### Our Mental Health Ministry needs new Leadership!

Serving as a Ministry Leader is a great way to meet new people, build friendships, and experience growth as you use your abilities to lead and serve others. Check out the Mental Health Ministry webpage to learn more about the ministry.

Contact: Parish Office, 858-653-3540

or [info@stgg.org](mailto:info@stgg.org)



Looking for a way to help others? You can make a huge difference in the lives of the children at the Nazareth Orphanage

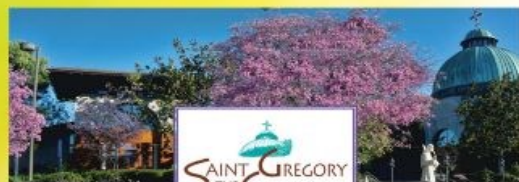
**When:** Saturday, March 26

**Where:** Meet at St. Greg's parking lot at 7.30 am to carpool to Tecate

**What:** Volunteer opportunities range from bike fixing to repairs. No experience necessary

Sign up at: [OFNO.org](http://OFNO.org)

For more info, call Deborah Sampson 858-229-0345



## Blood Drive

Sunday, March 20th  
8:00am to 1:30pm

11451 Blue Cypress Drive



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



**GET INVOLVED IN THE COLUMBIETTES!** Our San Diego Auxiliary is looking to expand at our parish. Our purpose is to be an auxiliary to **our** Knights of Columbus Council 10094. Our goal is to serve God and enhance the lives of our families, parishes and communities. Want to know more? Attend a social gathering on March 23 2022, in the Parish Nursery from 7 p.m to 8:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served. Visit our state website at <https://www.californiacolumbiettes.com/>



SAVE THE DATE  
*APRIL 30, 2022*

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*PARISH*  
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*INVITATION TO FOLLOW*





Adoration	David Rowe	858-549-2215	Ministry of Mothers	Cynthia Kurose	858-859-0517
Altar Linens	Maria Quitugua	858-663-4135	Music Ministry	John Chicca	858-653-3583
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
	Bella Luna	858-653-3594	Respect for Life / Social Justice	Maria Manyari	858-549-2812
Communion to the Homebound	Paulette Deniston	619-857-5443	Rosary Cenacle	MaryAnne Dunlop	858-880-2265
Computer Help Ministry	Michael Yang	619-607-0875	Rosary Makers	Mary Ann Quinto	619-252-7874
Confirmation Preparation-Adult	Dcn Doug Pingel	559-731-9791	STGG Food Share	Joe Klobberdanz	858-449-6246
Confirmation Preparation-Youth	Vinny Kyamko-Yap	858-653-3591	Sister Parish Outreach	Angie McAllister	858-395-5916
Connection to Christ Small Groups	Deacon Ron Diem	858-653-3582		Bill McAllister	858-790-4068
Cooking Group	Margaret Byrne	858-549-3375	Special Needs Ministry	Erin Zwahlen	619-540-0676
Cub Scouts	Stephanie Karpow	858-776-2808	St. Vincent/Meals for Homeless	Margie Mills	619-733-7410
Cursillo	Frank & Paulette Deniston	619-857-5473	Vacation Bible School	Maddie Hoeger	858-653-3594
Daily Mass Ministry	Jenny Quimpo	619-972-9719		Bella Luna	858-653-3594
Divine Dining	Mark & Gail Russell	619-972-1457	Wedding Ministry	Judy Roitz	858-653-3584
Divine Mercy Cenacle	Zofia Piastowska	858-547-0052	Women's Book Club	Kate Schemensky	858-748-5227
	Carolyn Standifer	858-536-1113	Women's Friendship Circle	Debbie Malone	858-663-5230
Donuts & Coffee	Kim Witham	619-508-1999		Pam Klevesahl	858-748-7733
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Greg Tom	858-271-9490	Young Adult Ministry	Maddie Hoeger	858-653-3594
Faith Formation-Adult	Deacon Ron Diem	858-653-3582	Youth Ministry	Vinny Kyamko-Yap	858-653-3591
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	Bella Luna	858-653-3594			
Faith Formation-Middle School	Maddie Hoeger	858-653-3594			
	Bella Luna	858-653-3594			
Family Cancer Support	Megan Clark	773-405-7151			
	Mary Brewer	858-395-2547			
Filipino-American	Hermie Moscoso	858-586-7473			
Film Fans	Kate Schemensky	858-748-5227			
Gala	Brie Atwater	858-342-7484			
Gardening Ministry	Mike Yang	619-607-0875			
Greeters & Ushers	John Brown	858-525-5710			
Health & Safety Ministry	Linda Mulvain	858-248-0040			
Helping Hands	Margaret Byrne	858-549-3375			
Kitchen Coordinator	Pat Rasmussen	858-774-8381			
Knights of Columbus	James Gilb	858-229-4822			
Lector	Rene Trevino	858-602-6437			
	Terry McKearney	619-822-3568			
Liturgical Environment:	Eric Thunberg	619-813-8477			
	Christine Thunberg	619-813-8478			
Liturgical Scheduling	Greg Tom	858-271-9490			
Marriage Encounter	Parish Office	858-653-3540			
Martha's Ministry	Caroline Yandell	858-653-3540			
Mental Health Ministry	TBD	858-653-3540			
Military Friendship & Support	Ryan Lawrenz	850-384-3269			
	Kelli Lawrenz	850-384-2660			
	Christopher Keane	858-382-1887			
Ministry of Consolation	Judy Riotz	858-653-3584			
Ministry Fair	Bill Carpenter	858-922-8860			
	Maureen Carpenter	858-922-8860			

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**Jacqueline Renteria, *Third Grade***

**Christina Defensor *Fourth Grade***

**Camille Girard, *Fifth Grade***

**Austin Simpson, *6th Grade / Jr. High History***

**Melissa Colombo, *7th Grade / Jr. High ELA***

**Darlene Howard, *8th Grade / Jr. High Math***

**Sudipta Dasgupta, *Jr. High Science***

**Kelli Lawrenz, *Jr. High Religion / Volunteer Cord***

**Daniel Cavar, *P.E.***

**Frank Amador, *Music/Stem Teacher***

**Amy Igou, *Pre-School Director***

858-397-1291

**Pre -School Classes:**

***2 Yr Old Teachers:*** Erica Howland, Casey Sanchioli

***3 Yr Old Teachers:*** Elsa Chira, Irene Yutadco

***4 Yr Old, TK Teachers:*** Melanie Bruce, Madelyn Cresci

**Instructional Aides:** Debbi Howard, Angela Sloskey, Cynthia Angeles, Daniel Lee

**Extd Daycare Program:** **Director:** Debbi Howard  
**Assistant:** Noemi Palihnich

**Custodian:** TBD





As Ukrainians flee their homes due to the conflict with Russia, CRS partner Caritas Poland assists Ukrainians crossing into Poland for safety.

Photo courtesy of Caritas Poland

**Your help is needed in Ukraine where there are already more than 2.9 million people in need of assistance!**

There is great risk of additional suffering both within Ukraine and for those who are fleeing to neighboring countries for safety. CRS and our partners need immediate support to meet both ongoing needs as the situation intensifies.

Years of conflict along the eastern border have already displaced 1.3 million people from their homes and claimed 14,000 lives and now 2 million people have fled Ukraine. Throughout this time, Caritas Ukraine, with support from CRS, has been providing emergency relief and recovery.

**CRS and Caritas partners on the ground are preparing across Ukraine and in bordering countries, ready to provide safe shelter, hot meals, hygiene supplies, transport to safe areas, counseling support and more.**

**The situation there is rapidly unfolding, and we could not do this work without your help.**

When you donate, you provide immediate assistance for your Ukrainian sisters and brothers affected by this crisis.

**Your prayers and support will make so much difference.**

**Please consider dropping your donation in the collection basket during the 2nd collection next week!! March 20, 2022**



**“Go and make disciples  
of all nations. . .”**

**Matthew 28:19**



**2022 ANNUAL  
CATHOLIC APPEAL  
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# Living Our Mission

## *Care of* **Retired Priests**

When a diocesan priest is ordained, he makes a lifelong commitment to serve the needs of the faithful in our diocese, typically serving 40 to 45 years in ministry. In return, the diocese makes a commitment to the priest to provide for his basic well-being during his lifetime, including retirement. We currently care for 68 retired priests.

Everyone is aware of the need to appropriately provide for the spiritual, material, and medical needs during their senior years. Priests have the same concerns. They want to have a certain level of confidence that someone will attend to the nurturing of their faith, helping them find an appropriate physical environment, and assist them when their bodies or minds decline with the passage of time. We play an important part in adding to their sense of security about their senior years.

The normal retirement age for a priest in our diocese is at age 75. Retirement costs including insurance, healthcare, prescription drugs, skilled nursing care, and housing and sustenance continue to escalate. At present, one-third of our diocesan priests are retired.

Our retired priests have a profound trust in the Lord and His Holy Mother; they have a profound trust in the gratitude and generosity of the people of the diocese. Our 1 retired bishop and retired priests rely on the Lord and His people to sustain them in their senior years. As age and physical ability permit, they continue to witness the love of God. They continue to live a life of prayer and sacramental participation.

The Annual Catholic Appeal supports care of retired priests so that they can live in dignity, and free of anxiety about their means of support. This includes providing health and auto insurance, nursing care at Nazareth House San Diego if needed, supplementing their pension when necessary, and covering expenses for them to attend the annual convocation of priests.

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## **Our Response as Stewards**

**REFLECT** — On the many gifts you have received from God, including your financial blessings.

**PRAY** — About how God wants you to use the gifts He has given you.

**RESPOND** — By supporting the mission. You can give at your parish or online at [giving.sdcatholic.org](http://giving.sdcatholic.org).

