



E-Newsletter | November 9 - 15, 2018

Prayer List

Please remember those on the Prayer List when you pray.

Click link for the list of prayer requests.

Link to Scripture readings

Preparing for Sunday

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Click link to read the Sunday Bulletin.

November

- 11-Holy Eucharist: Sanctuary: 8am & 10:15am
- 11-Jr. Supper Club: Fireside Room: 4pm
- 13-Vestry Meeting: Fireside Room: 7pm
- 14-Stephen Ministry Training: Fireside: 6:30pm
- 15-Holy Eucharist/Healing Service: Chapel: 10am
- 15-Bible Study: Fireside Room: 11am
- 16-Holly Faire Cooking Party: Parish Hall: 1pm
- 17-Holly Faire: Church Grounds: 9am
- 18-Holy Eucharist: Sanctuary: 8am & 10:15am
- 18-Sunday Breakfast (LEM/Acolytes): Hall: 9am
- 20-Centering Prayer: Church: 6:30pm
- 21-Thanksgiving Eucharist: St. Thomas: 7pm
- 22/23-Parish Office CLOSED: Thanksgiving
- 25-Holy Eucharist: Sanctuary: 8am & 10:15am
- 28-ECW Meeting: Conference Room: 10am
- 28-Stephen Ministry Training: Fireside: 6:30pm
- 29-Holy Eucharist/Healing Service: Chapel: 10am
- 29-Bible Study: Fireside Room: 11am
- 30-Fed My Lambs Work Party: Parish Hall: 9am

CALENDAR

*Click here for Parish
Calendar*

Monthly Service Schedules



*Click on the link
below...*

LEM/Lector Schedule

December

1-Feed My Lambs: St. Luke's: 7am

2-Holy Eucharist: Sanctuary: 8am & 10:15am

4-Food Bank Work Party: Fireside Room: 2:30pm

4-Centering Prayer: Sanctuary: 6:30pm

5-Food Bank: Fireside Room: 9:30am

6-Holy Eucharist/Healing Service: Chapel: 10am

6-Bible Study: Fireside Room: 11am

Thanksgiving Worship Service:

You are cordially invited to join St. Thomas of Canterbury for a Thanksgiving Eucharist on Wednesday, November 21 at 7:00 PM. Gather and "give thanks with a grateful heart" and then join us for pie in Larkin Hall. St. Thomas is at 5306 E. Arbor Rd., Long Beach CA 90808.

Pledge Campaign Update:

This Sunday, November 11th marks the end of our Transforming Generosity Stewardship Campaign. Special thanks to our wonderful speakers who guided us through our weekly reflections: Sean Wood, Bill Eldon, Susan Mora, Charlie Malonson, Tamera Benedict, Ron Dixon and Holly Graham.

To date we have received pledge commitments from 51 members totaling \$151,418. Our stewardship goals are to increase giving by at least 5% for a total gift of \$280,153 from 110 members. It takes all of us to support and run our parish. If you have not submitted your 2019 pledge it's not too late...***please prayerfully consider your amount and place your pledge card in the offering plate Sunday.*** All pledges will be blessed during services on Sunday, November 18th. Additional pledge cards can be obtained in the narthex or in the parish office. Please note that only those who pledge and indicate on their pledge card that they would like envelopes will receive them for 2019. Dawn will be ordering envelopes soon!

Holiday Food Basket Drive:

Our next Outreach opportunity is an established favorite with St. Gregory's parishioners. Our Holiday Food Basket drive has begun. In the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving, we are collecting food for families provided to us by the County of Los Angeles. The list of food needs can be found on the table set up this Sunday. You may also provide gift cards or checks with a note "Outreach". This collection will end in November when the Food Baskets will be delivered. Thank you from the Outreach Committee!

Picture Directory:

We are preparing to do an updated parish directory, complete with parishioners' pictures. We are also checking to make sure that we have correct contact information. If you have not had your picture taken, let us know and we will make arrangements to have you photographed.

WOW - Holly Faire is here already???

Yep, Saturday, November 17 is the big day!

Come out between 9am and 3pm to shop, meet, bid and eat! And bring a friend or two or ten!

- Keep spreading the word - on Facebook and in person.
- Buy tickets for 'Meet The Authors @ Holly Faire 2018', \$25 for both author presentations plus box lunch either in person at the Christian Cove boutique - sales end Sunday, November 11, or online at [Eventbrite](#) or the [St. Gregory's Facebook page](#) (both subject to service fee) - sales end Friday, November 16.
- Merchandise for Aunt Hattie's Attic (vintage-y items) and Silent Auction (new luxury or gift items) is being accepted through Tuesday, November 13. Place them on the table in the Parish Hall, or contact ECW members for other arrangements.

- Goodies for Holly Café (homemade and baked) are welcomed in the Parish Kitchen on Friday, November 16 only.

Thank you in advance for your generosity in making Holly Faire 2018 a success. Questions? Lurlie Edgecomb - (562) 598-1458, lurlie@zero3nine.com or Laura Samaniego - (562) 230-1705, laurasam5@aol.com.

Holly Faire Set-Up and Break Down:

The Parish Life Committee is looking for volunteers to help with set up, clean up, and break down for the Holly Faire. If anyone can spare a few hours Friday, November 16 or Saturday, November 17, your help, no matter how little or big, would be greatly appreciated. Please see Elizabeth Spencer or email lizz8tinkerbelle.com.

In Case of Emergency...

In Case of Emergency . . . Notify Your Priest! In the event of a pastoral emergency (i.e., hospital stay, illness, being homebound), please notify Fr. Michael or the Parish Office. You can call the Parish Office at 562-420-1311. If no one answers, dial 302 for Fr. Michael's extension and leave a message on his voicemail. Or you can call Fr. Michael directly on his cell phone at 909-373-6478. And PLEASE, no excuses about not wanting to bother me. That's why I'm here - for YOU

October 2018 Financial Summary:

	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Difference
Income	\$249,988	\$260,152	\$10,164
Expenses	\$253,135	\$247,148	\$5,987
	(-3,147)	\$13,004	

St. Gregory's finances through October continue to be positive. The continued support of the congregation has put us ahead of our annual income goal going into the last two months of 2018. Please be sure you are current with your pledge, and if possible please consider increasing your support. Through October we are at or below budget for most expenses categories despite some larger than expected maintenance items. Salaries and benefits are running approximately 5% below budget for the year. We want to thank everyone for their continued support and should you have any questions please contact Dave DeMent, Finance Chairman or Bob McRae, Treasurer.

On-line Donations:

You can now make donations to St. Gregory's on-line. Just visit our website (www.stgregoryschurch.com) and click on the "Donate" button on the menu bar. You can pay your pledge, make donations to specific funds (Food Bank/Feed My Lambs, Rector's Discretionary Fund, and more). You can set up one-time payments or recurring payments. You can do it all from the comfort of your home computer or cell phone. And it is completely safe and secure!

St. Gregory's Food Bank

Our monthly Food Bank distribution takes place the first Wednesday of every month. This ministry helps us help our neighbors by providing a supplemental source of groceries. We CANNOT do this without your generosity. Your kindness is greatly appreciated!



We have plenty of canned vegetables and soups, so...

Please consider donating the following:

1 lb Bagged Rice or Pinto Beans

16oz Canned Pasta Sauce

Dry Cereal
Peanut Butter

This month we served 42 people!



The Episcopal News Weekly

**Bulletin insert for
November 11, 2018**

*serving the six-county diocese
of
Los Angeles*

Click on the link below to view this week's news from
the Diocese of Los Angeles

[Diocese of Los Angeles Weekly News](#)

Pastoral Care Note

When you are ill and not able to attend services at church, Clergy would like to know. They will visit you at your home or in the hospital. They will bring Holy Communion and the love of the congregation as well as prayers to your bedside. Please contact the parish office, 562 420 1311.

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY

8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II

**9:00 A.M. Sunday School
Grades 9-12**

(High School young adults)

**10:00 A.M. Sunday School
Grades K-1
Grades 2-5
Grades 6-8**

10:15 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II

8:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. - Nursery care

***Please join us in Francis Hall, after each service,
for refreshments and conversation.***

Volunteers needed for refreshments, set-up, and serving.
Interested? Please see Lurlie Edgecomb.

THURSDAY

**10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II
*and Healing Service***

CENTERING PRAYER

6:30 P.M. in the Sanctuary

First and Third Tuesday of the Month

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9am - 1pm

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