



## E-Newsletter

September 11 - 17, 2020

### This Week at St. Gregory's

#### Prayer List

*Please  
remember those  
on the Prayer  
List when you  
pray.*

*Click link for the  
list of prayer  
requests.*

#### 15th Sunday after Pentecost

*Click link to  
read the Sunday  
Bulletin.*

**Sunday, September 13**

***Sunday Worship Service*** [ONLINE](#): 10:15 AM.

Bulletin is available [HERE](#).

***Virtual Coffee Hour*** [ONLINE](#): Beginning between 11:00 and 11:15 AM.

**Tuesday, September 15**

***Centering Prayer*** [via Zoom](#): 6:30 PM.

Ordo is available [HERE](#).

**Thursday, September 17**

***Bible Study*** in Fireside Room courtyard and [via Zoom](#): 10:00 AM.

**Daily (M-F)**

***Morning Prayer***: Monday through Friday at 9:00 AM with Mother Sharon Sheffield of St. Thomas of Canterbury [ONLINE](#). Documents for Morning Prayer are:

[Morning Prayer Text \(BCP\)](#)

[Psalms for Morning Prayer](#)

## Sermons

*Click here for an  
Archive of  
Sermons*

## CALENDAR

*Click here for  
Parish Calendar*

**Evening Prayer:** Monday through Friday at 5:00 PM with Fr. Michael Fincher [ONLINE](#). Documents for Evening Prayer are:

[Evening Prayer Text \(BCP\)](#)

[Psalms for Evening Prayer](#)

### **Holiday Gift Card Drive:**

This year we are collecting gift cards during the months of September and October for families in need. Please consider donating cash or gift cards from local supermarkets, Target, or Walmart with a \$25 maximum amount per card. You may mail the gift cards to the parish office, contribute to the Gift Card campaign by writing a check to St. Gregory's and noting "Gift Card Drive" in the memo field, or make a donation to St. Gregory's online designating the Gift Card as recipient.

### **Diocese-wide Service Sunday, Sept. 20:**

Bishop John Harvey Taylor and Canon Kathy O'Connor will offer a diocese-wide virtual worship service on Sunday, September 20th at 10:00 AM, with the express purpose of giving parochial clergy a break from planning virtual services for their congregations, and to give the bishop an opportunity to speak to the entire diocese. The service, to be conducted in English and Spanish, will be live-streamed from St. Paul's Commons. Bishop Taylor notes that the issues that caused the diocesan website to crash during the last all-diocese service have been addressed. Log-in and service bulletin information will be sent out when it is available. St. Gregory's will NOT be having a separate worship service on September 20th and encourages all our parishioners to participate in the diocesan-wide service.

## **Feed My Lambs Needs:**

The St. Luke's Shower Program, for which our Feed My Lambs programs provides meals on the first Saturday of the month, is in need of some items to support their program: towels, wash cloths, men's pants and shorts (sizes 32-38), men's shoes (sizes 10-14), plastic grocery bags, backpacks, and blankets. If you have items to donate, please contact the parish office ([info@stgregoryschurch.com](mailto:info@stgregoryschurch.com)) or Tamera Benedict ([calbenedicts@gmail.com](mailto:calbenedicts@gmail.com), 562.301.6800).

## **Gratitude for Your Support of the Parish:**

We realize that in these challenging times, our St. Gregory's family continues Shining Our Light in support of our Parish and mission. We are humbled and so incredibly grateful for your generosity!

## **Making Financial Contributions:**

Many of our parishioners are accustomed to dropping their donations into the offering plate on Sunday. Of course, that is not possible right now. But you can still make your donations in several ways:

- You can mail your check to the parish office.
- Make donations through our online payment account, accessible through the parish website at <http://stgregoryschurch.com/4721-2/>.
- Scan the QR code found in the Sunday bulletin.

Through our online payment account, 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. All from the comfort of your home computer or cell phone. And it is completely safe and secure!

Your support is greatly appreciated!

## **Online Parish Directory:**

Want to get in touch with those people you see at church or at coffee hour? Now you can access their contact information through our online parish directory. Access is so easy. Just go to

<https://www.instantchurchdirectory.com/>.

You will have to create an account, which merely requires using the email address you had published in the parish directory, plus creating a password. And then you're in! You can also download the "Instant Church Directory" on your smart phone. Versions are available for Android, iPhone, iPad, and Kindle. Just see go to your preferred app store and look for "Instant Church Directory." If you have any questions, let Fr. Michael know.

## **One Body & One Spirit Emergency Appeal:**

The Diocese has established an emergency fund to assist congregations, diocesan institutions, and their employees, who have been affected by the COVID-19 shutdowns. We are encouraged to prayerfully consider making a donation to help others in need, if we have the capacity to do so. More information is available at [https://diocesela.org/uncategorized/covid-19\\_emergency-appeal/](https://diocesela.org/uncategorized/covid-19_emergency-appeal/).

## **Forward Day By Day:**

For those who use the "Forward Day by Day" booklet for personal devotions, contact Kevin so he can know to send it to you while the office is closed.

(562) 420-1311 or [info@stgregoryschurch.com](mailto:info@stgregoryschurch.com)

## **Assistance for Our Parishioners**

During these difficult times, it may be a challenge for some of our more vulnerable parishioners to get out to get groceries or other necessities. If you need such assistance, please let the Parish Office know and we will figure out how we can help you out. And if you are willing to help out by shopping or running errands for your fellow parishioners, please let the Parish Office know.

## **Special Grocery Store Hours for Seniors**

A list of local stores that provide special hours for seniors and those with physical impairments is available [HERE](#).

## **Food Bank and Feed My Lambs:**

Even though we have been the recipients of bountiful contributions to our Food Bank, we continue to have ongoing needs. The greatest product needs right now are: cereal, canned tuna, and ramen. Anyone under 65 and healthy is welcome to assist on Food Bank distribution day. Please contact Bill Eldon ([billeldon@gmail.com](mailto:billeldon@gmail.com), 562.234.9920). Similarly, those under 65 and healthy are welcome to assist with Feed my Lambs. Please contact Tamera Benedict ([calbenedicts@gmail.com](mailto:calbenedicts@gmail.com), 562.301.6800). Your continued support of these ministries, through product and monetary contributions, is greatly appreciated.

## **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!

## 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. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



**This month we served 41 people!**

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[The Episcopal 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.*

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**Parish Office Hours:**

Monday - Friday 9am - 1pm

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