



E-Newsletter

September 18 - 24, 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.

Sunday, September 20

Diocese-wide Worship Service: 10:00 AM.

Access service one of three ways:

[Bishop Taylor's Facebook Page](#)

[Diocese of Los Angeles Facebook Page](#)

[Diocese of Los Angeles YouTube Channel](#)

Links to the bulletin for the service should be available on each of these sites.

Tuesday, September 22

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

Ordo is available [HERE](#).

Sermons

Click here for an Archive of Sermons

Thursday, September 24

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

CALENDAR

Click here for Parish Calendar

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](#)

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 this Sunday:

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 soup this month - "Bear Creek Cheddar Broccoli soup mix" to be exact. You can order this item from Amazon, among other retailers, and have it sent to the church.

Other items needed to support Feed My Lambs: 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) or Tamera Benedict (calbenedicts@gmail.com, 562.301.6800).

UTO Ingathering:

By now you should have already received the ECW's mailing about our annual United Thank Offering (UTO) ingathering. This year's collection will benefit those who have been economically impacted by COVID-19. Any amount you are able to donate is greatly appreciated. Please make your check payable to St. Gregory's Church, with UTO in the memo line, and return it to the parish in the UTO envelope provided in the mailing. We would like to have everything in by October 1. Thank you for your generosity and your ongoing support of the United Thank Offering!

St. Gregory's Sharing Library Re-Opens!

Are you yearning for some new reading material? Have some books you'd like to donate so others can enjoy them? Great news - the St. Gregory's Sharing Library is re-opening for parishioners! Beginning September 24, come in between 4-6pm on Thursdays to borrow, return or donate books. COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place to ensure everyone's safety, so be sure to wear a mask! Questions, please contact Kim LeBouton (562-305-1131, kim.lebouton@kjlcomputing.com). See the flyer [HERE](#).

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/.

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

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, 562.234.9920). Similarly, those under 65 and healthy are welcome to assist with Feed

my Lambs. Please contact Tamera Benedict (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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Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9am - 1pm

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