



## E-Newsletter | October 23 - 29, 2020

### Prayer List

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

*Click link for the list of prayer requests.*

### 21st Sunday after Pentecost

*Click link to read the Sunday Bulletin.*

### This Week at St. Gregory's

Sunday, October 25

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

Bulletin is available [HERE](#).

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

Tuesday, October 27

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

Ordo is available [HERE](#).

Thursday, October 29

**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](#)

### **"Everyday" Saints:**

All Saints Day (November 1) is when we celebrate all the saints who went before us, like our patron St. Gregory. This year we are looking to celebrate our more "everyday" kind of saints. So, we invite you to think back on those people who have passed on but truly influenced your life. They can be someone famous or someone "known to you alone." Submit 1 or 2 names and a brief description of why you chose them to Sarah Spencer at [spencer.victoria.sarah@gmail.com](mailto:spencer.victoria.sarah@gmail.com) no later than October 27th so they can be added to our Saints List, which will be read aloud on All Saints Sunday.

### **Service of Prayer for Our Nation:**

St. John's Cathedral will host a virtual Service of Prayer for Our Nation on **Thursday, October 29 at 7:00 PM**. The service will include music, prayers and readings calling us to be agents of hope and healing as we strive for peace and justice, as well as an electiontide message by Bishop John Harvey Taylor. Join the diocesan community as we lift our voices in common prayer and commit ourselves to living out God's values of love, justice and compassion in our beautiful and broken world.

The service will be livestreamed on the diocese's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/LADiocese>) and [YouTube channel](#)

## **Invitation to the Bishops' Gala:**

Bishop John Harvey Taylor invites all in the diocese to log in to the Bishop's Gala (previously known as the Bishop's Dinner), a virtual fundraising event set for **Saturday, November 7 at 5:30 p.m.** and featuring the Most Rev. Michael Curry, presiding bishop of The Episcopal Church as keynoter. All are welcome, and while there is no charge to view and share in the event, generous online contributions are requested to benefit diocesan programs including Bloy House, the Episcopal Theological School at Los Angeles. The gala will be available for viewing via the diocesan YouTube channel and Facebook page. "Bishop Curry will be the guest of the whole Diocese of Los Angeles, inviting his listeners along the way of love just four days after the historic 2020 elections," Taylor said, referencing Curry's initiative for prayer and service. Donors of \$200 or more will receive an autographed copy of Curry's new book, *Love Is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times*.

## **Veterans Day Book Drive:**

We have been invited to join St. Thomas of Canterbury in their First Annual Veterans Day Book Drive, in partnership with The Heinlein Society's "Heinlein For Heroes" program. Heinlein For Heroes (H4H) places science fiction and fantasy books, especially the books of Robert Heinlein, in the hands of active military personnel and veterans in veterans' hospitals. Service people on deployment have very limited baggage and can't take many books along, and VA hospitals always need fresh books for their libraries. We are looking for donations of new or gently used sci-fi and fantasy books that you would like to contribute to the cause. Please drop off your books at the Parish Office by Thursday, November 5th. You can drop off books on Wednesdays and Thursdays between 10:00 and 12:00. Or call the parish office to see about arranging a time that is convenient for you. Donated books will be delivered to

St. Thomas, where they will be blessed at the Veterans Day service on Sunday, November 8th.

### **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. The deadline for this is quickly approaching! Please submit your donations by October 25th.

### **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 has re-opened for parishioners! The library is opened between 4 and 6pm on Thursdays to borrow, return or donate books. During November, the library is also opened on the first and third Thursdays (11/5 and 11/19) from 9 to 10am and from 11 to 12 noon. COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place to ensure everyone's safety, so be sure to wear a mask! For up-to-the-minute changes to posted library hours, see <https://tinyurl.com/SGSLHours>. Questions, please contact Kim LeBouton ([kim.lebouton@kjlcomputing.com](mailto:kim.lebouton@kjlcomputing.com), 562-305-1131). Information about using the library can be found [HERE](#).

### **Feed My Lambs & Food Bank Needs:**

Our feeding programs need your help!

- **Feed My Lambs** needs soup!! Bear Creek Cheddar Broccoli, please! You can order it from Amazon or

other retailers, and have it sent to the church. We could also use: towels, wash cloths, men's pants and shorts (sizes 32-38), men's shoes (sizes 10-14), backpacks, and blankets. If you have items to donate, please contact Tamera Benedict ([calbenedicts@gmail.com](mailto:calbenedicts@gmail.com), 562.301.6800).

- **Food Bank** needs 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.

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

We continue to be humbled and so incredibly grateful for your generosity in supporting our parish and its ministries! While you may not be able to drop your donation in a real offering plate, there are still ways you can make sure your donation gets to the parish:

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

And again, THANK YOU for your continued support!

## **Online Parish Directory:**

Our online parish directory is at <https://www.instantchurchdirectory.com/>. This is a secure site and can be accessed using the email address you had published in the parish directory. You can also download the "Instant Church Directory" on your smart

phone. Versions are available for Android, iPhone, iPad, and Kindle.

## **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](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](#).

## In Case of Emergency...

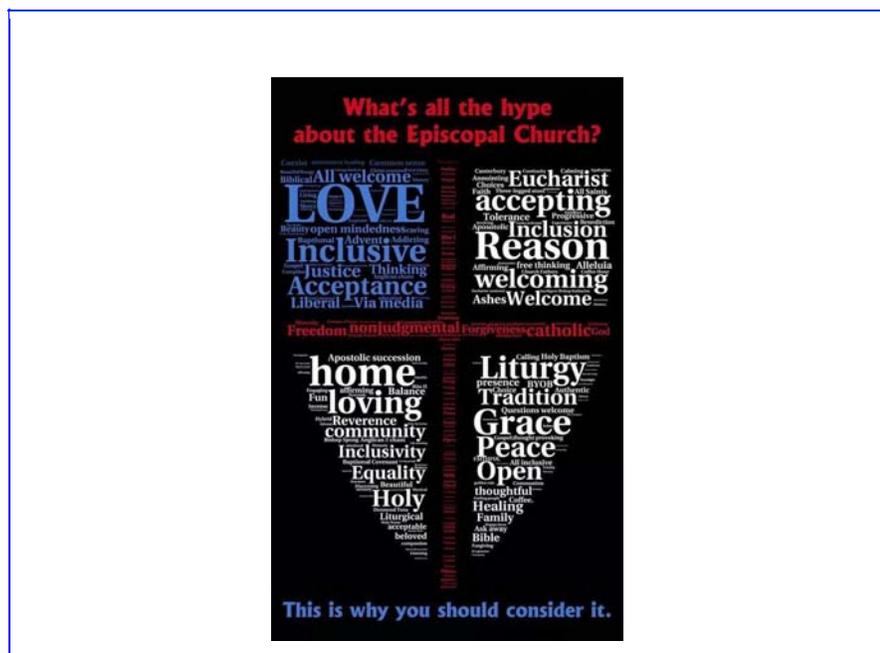
Notify Your Priest! In the event of a pastoral emergency (i.e., hospital stay, illness, being homebound), please notify Fr. Michael or the Parish Office. You can call the Parish Office at 562-420-1311. If no one answers, dial 302 for Fr. Michael's extension and leave a message on his voicemail. Or you 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 35 people!**



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Diocese of Los Angeles

**[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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