



E-Newsletter

November 20 - 26, 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, November 22

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

Bulletin is available [HERE](#).

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

Tuesday, November 24

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

Ordo is available [HERE](#).

Thursday, November 26

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](#)

Christ

The King

Click link to read the Sunday Bulletin.

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](#)

Thanksgiving Eve Service:

St. Thomas of Canterbury and St. Gregory's will once again be doing a combined Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00 PM. The service will be done from St. Thomas and will be accessible on the [St. Thomas Facebook page](#) and the [St. Gregory's Facebook page](#).

Q3 Community Update Infographic:

As these uncertain times continue, we persevere - connecting within our community and spreading the love of God in ways that demonstrate love for others. The Q3 Community Update depicts this journey! Worshiping and praying together, we welcome others in. Our generous giving keeps our parish and its ministries financially stable. And we faithfully love our neighbors through feeding and outreach programs, and by hosting essential services on campus. Together, we will weather this storm, emerging a stronger and livelier St. Gregory's community. See the Infographic [HERE](#).

Thank You for Gift Card Donations:

Thank you to all who donated gift cards or money for the purchase of gift cards as part of our annual Thanksgiving and Christmas "adopt-a-family" campaign. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to donate \$5,500 in gift cards to the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health. They will give the cards to families in need of assistance so they can have Thanksgiving dinners and Christmas gifts this year. You are all awesome!

Thank You for Book Donations:

Thanks to your efforts, we collected and blessed eighty-four books for the Heinlein for Heroes program. The books will be distributed to active military personnel and VA hospitals by The Heinlein Society. Thank you all for your support!

St. Gregory's Sharing Library:

By appointment only, 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 or 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, 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, 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.

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://stgregoryschurch.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

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 32 people!

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Diocese of Los Angeles

[The Episcopal News](#)

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9am - 1pm

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