



E-Newsletter

December 4 - December 10, 2020

Prayer List

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

*Click link for the
list of prayer
requests.*

Second Sunday of Advent

*Click link to read
the Sunday
Bulletin.*

This Week at St. Gregory's

Sunday, December 6

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

Bulletin is available [HERE](#).

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

Tuesday, December 8

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

Ordo is available [HERE](#).

Thursday, December 10

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](#)

Christmas Flower Donations:

Christmas is just around the corner! And even though we will not be able to celebrate Christmas in our beloved church, we will still decorate the sanctuary so it looks festive for our live streamed Christmas Eve service and the other services during the Christmas season. If you would like to make a donation to help offset the cost of the wreaths and poinsettias, you can do so by sending a check to the church with "Christmas Flowers" in the memo line. Or you can go through the parish website or the Vanco app and use the Other Designated Gift category (just be sure to put Christmas Flowers in the adjacent box). And if you would like to make your donation in Memory of, in Thanksgiving of, or in Honor of someone, you can call the parish office or send an email to Kevin at info@stgregoryschurch.com with the appropriate information. Poinsettias will be available for pick-up after Christmas. More on that down the road.

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](#).

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 December, the library is also opened on the first and third Thursdays (12/3 and 12/17) from 9 to 10am and from 11 to 12 noon. Please note that the library will not be open on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve. 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 34 people!



Click on the link below to view news from the 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

(562) 420-1311

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