



E-Newsletter

April 30 - May 6, 2021

Prayer List

Please remember those on the Prayer List when you pray.

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5th Sunday of Easter

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Sermons

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This Week at St. Gregory's

Sunday, May 2

Sunday Service [ONLINE](#): 10:15 AM.
Bulletin is available [HERE](#).

Tuesday, May 4

Centering Prayer [via Zoom](#): 6:30 PM.
Ordo is available [HERE](#).

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](#)

[Calendar](#)

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Returning to In-Person Worship:

We are working toward Sunday, May 16th as the date for reopening to in-person worship. More information will be forthcoming and detailed protocols for reopening will be sent out the first week in May. We need volunteers to help with the check-in protocols. If you would like to help, please email Fr. Michael at rector@stgregoryschurch.com.

Feed My Lambs & Food Bank Needs:

Our parish feeding programs need your help!

- **Feed My Lambs** has the following needs:
 - **Hardboiled Eggs** -- We need 100 hardboiled eggs each month. Hardboiled eggs can be dropped off at the Parish Office on two occasions: Wednesday, May 26 from 10am – 12pm or on Friday, May 28 from 11am to 3pm. If these times do not work, contact Tamera and she will arrange a convenient time to meet you at the church.
 - **Homemade Cookies** -- Any homemade cookies can be brought to church on Wednesday, May 26 from 10am – 12pm or on Thursday, May 27 at 11am so they can be sorted and bagged. If these times do not work, contact Tamera and she will arrange a convenient time to meet you at the church.
 - **Clothing and Comfort Items** -- PLEASE NO WOMEN'S CLOTHES for now. They always need underwear, but no other women's clothing, please. We need towels, wash cloths, men's pants and shorts (sizes 32-38), men's shoes (sizes 10-14), backpacks, and blankets.
 - **Volunteers** -- We need volunteers to help with lunch preparations on the Friday before the first Saturday of the month (2pm), and to help work at St. Luke's on the first Saturday of the month (7am to 9:30am). Contact Tamera if you are interested in helping.

If you have questions about helping out with Feed My Lambs, contact Tamera Benedict at (tlbenedict4@gmail.com, 562.301.6800).

- **Food Bank** has the following needs:
 - **Donations of Food** -- We especially need peanut butter (16.oz), Mac N Cheese, and cereal.

- **Volunteers** -- We need volunteers to assist with the Food Bank distribution on the first Wednesday of the month between 9am and 11:30am.

Please contact Bill Eldon (billeldon@gmail.com, 562.234.9920) for more information about the Food Bank.

Your continued support of our feeding 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 24 people!



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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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