



E-Newsletter

October 8 - October 14, 2021

Prayer List

Please remember those on the Prayer List when you pray.

Click link for the list of prayer requests.

20th Sunday after Pentecost

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Sermons

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This Week at St. Gregory's

Sunday, October 10

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

Bulletin is available [HERE](#). **Note that Los Angeles County has issued a mandate requiring masks for all people attending indoor events, regardless of vaccination status. So please be sure to wear your mask to church!**

Tuesday, October 12

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

Ordo is available [HERE](#).

Thursday, October 14

Bible Study in Fireside Room 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](#)

[Calendar](#)

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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](#)

Holiday Gift Card Drive:

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year! We are blessed with the honor of assisting families from the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health to provide food, clothing, and gifts during the holiday season. By donating gift cards, the families we serve are empowered to shop for themselves. This year we have fine-tuned our shopping locations to better meet their needs. Please purchase gift cards from Target, Walmart, Food for Less, Albertsons, and Smart & Final in denominations of \$25, \$50, and \$100. The cards may be sent to the church or placed in the collection plate. You may also make donations through the church website. Thank you for your generosity!

Veterans Book Drive:

St. Thomas of Canterbury is inviting us to participate in the Second Annual St. Thomas Veterans Day Book Drive, in partnership with "Heinlein for Heroes" (H4H). The Heinlein Society puts science fiction and fantasy books in the hands of active military personnel and veterans in VA 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. Last year H4H shipped 4,900 books to veterans and service personnel around the world. Let's help them exceed that number this year. Please bring new and gently-used science fiction and fantasy books to church or to the parish office between now and November 10, and we will get them over to St. Thomas. Thank you for your generosity!

Feed My Lambs & Food Bank Needs:

Our parish feeding programs need your help!

- **Feed My Lambs** has the following needs:
 - **SOUP!!! Bear Creek Broccoli Cheddar is their favorite. We are almost out. Please bring to church on Sundays or have it delivered to Tamera's house. Her information is listed in the online directory.**
 - **Hardboiled Eggs** -- Please contact Tamera (562) 301-6800, if you will be donating eggs in October. We really need to

have 200 donated at the most. They can be dropped off Wednesday, September 29 from 10am to 12pm or on Friday, October 1 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, November 3 from 10am to 12pm or on Thursday, November 4 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** -- Only men's or women's belts, shoes, and underwear or bras at this time, please.
 - **Volunteers** -- We have plenty of volunteers at this time!
- Thanks for all your support!!!

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

- **Food Bank** has the following needs:
 - **Donations of Food** -- We especially need canned corn, canned green vegetables, pasta sauce, rice and ramen.
 - **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

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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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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