



E-Newsletter

November 19 - November 25, 2021

Prayer List

Please remember those on the Prayer List when you pray.

Click link for the list of prayer requests.

Christ the King

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Sermons

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Calendar

This Week at St. Gregory's

Sunday, November 21

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, November 23

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 \(BCP\)](#)

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[Psalms for Evening Prayer](#)

Holiday Gift Cards:

The Outreach Committee is thrilled to announce that, thanks to your generosity, we were able to provide \$8,415 worth of gift cards to the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health. These cards will help families who would not otherwise be able to, to provide Thanksgiving dinners and Christmas gifts for their families. St. Gregory's ROCKS! Thank you for your generosity!

Lunch with the Bishop:

We will be having our official Episcopal visitation on Sunday, December 12th. Bishop Brookhart, the retired Bishop of Montana, who is helping Bishop Taylor with visitations, will be with us that day to dedicate the William T. Dalessi Memorial Chapel and to perform a baptism. A Christmas-themed lunch will be served following the service, and we hope you can join us for lunch. (This is in lieu of our annual Christmas Dinner). Please stop by the sign-up table outside the narthex and let us know you will be joining the celebration. We are also looking for volunteers for help with set-up, serving and clean up. If you have any questions, please Jane Alt (562-429-1425) or Kevin in the office (562-420-1311). Due to covid restrictions, space is limited.

Q3 Community Update Infographic:

We continue to worship, study and pray together - welcoming friends both near and far; celebrating our community which transcends the confines of the sanctuary walls. Through our generosity, parish operations and ministries remain financially stable. And our collective donation of 30 filled backpacks, plus a box of supplies and a check for \$1400 to the Long Beach Rescue Mission Backpack Drive exemplifies our support of neighbors in need, including outreach and feeding ministries, and essential activities conducted on campus. The Q3 Community Update (included [HERE](#)) is our story of strength and love as we continue to do God's work in the world.

Thanksgiving Eve - Dinner and Service:

St. Thomas of Canterbury is having their usual Thanksgiving Eve Service with the Blessing of the Buns on Wednesday, November 24 at 7:00 PM and, as in recent years, we are invited! We are very happy to be able to offer a simple dinner before the service! The St. Thomas Men's Group will be making fresh pizza for all, and we will have simple side dishes and drinks, as well. While you don't need to make a reservation for the service, we do ask that you email the St. Thomas church office (stlb47@verizon.net) to make dinner reservations, so we know how much food to prepare. We are capping reservations at 75

people, so be sure to get your order in early. Reservations will close on November 20 or whenever the limit is reached. Dinner will be \$5 per person.

Holiday Craft and Bake Sale:

St. Thomas of Canterbury is having a small craft/bake sale in front of the church on Saturday, December 11, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. They have extended an invitation to all at St. Gregory's to stop by and see what they have to offer. Also, the St. Gregory's ECW and anyone else who has craft or baked goodies to sell are more than welcome to come and set-up a table and sell their own items. Contact Mother Sharon for details at stlb47@verizon.net.

Feed My Lambs & Food Bank Needs:

Our parish feeding programs need your help!

- **Feed My Lambs** has the following needs:
 - **Thank You!! Thank You!! To everyone who donated the Bear Creek Broccoli Cheddar soup mix. We have plenty to get us through this quarter and into next!!**
 - **Announcing a NEW Outreach Opportunity!** Each month we will designate a clothing item that we would like donated for our friends down at St. Luke's. We will coordinate with them according to their needs. You can bring them to church and put them in the Feed My Lambs Bin, or drop them off during the collection days prior to when we serve at St. Luke's. For December, Wednesday December 1 from 10am to 12pm or on Thursday, December 2 from 11am - 12 noon, or on Friday, December 3 from 11am to 3pm.
 - **DECEMBER is JACKETS!!!** Please bring any gently used or new jackets. Even ones you might pick up in a Thrift Shop. Medium sized or larger any gender.
 - **Hardboiled Eggs --** Please contact Tamera (562) 301-6800, if you will be donating eggs in December. **We really need to have 200 donated at the most.** They can be dropped off Wednesday, December 1 from 10am to 12pm or on Friday, December 3 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, December 1 from 10am to 12pm or on Thursday, December 2 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:
 - **Special Request for the Food Bank** -- We are working through a generous donation from the LDS church. Please do NOT donate tomatoes or tomato sauce, peanut butter, or pasta of any kind. We can still use pork and beans (28 oz cans), macaroni and cheese, and soups other than chicken noodle.
 - **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 25 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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