



E-Newsletter

January 14 - January 20, 2022

Prayer List

Please remember those on the Prayer List when you pray.

Click link for the list of prayer requests.

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Click link to join the Service on Facebook

Sermons

This Week at St. Gregory's

Sunday, January 16

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, January 18

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

Ordo is available [HERE](#).

Thursday, January 20

Mid-Week Eucharist and Healing Service in the Chapel: 11:00 AM.

Bible Study in Fireside Room and [via Zoom](#): 11:00 AM.

Daily (M-F)

Morning Prayer: Monday through Friday at 9:00 AM with Mother Sharon Sheffield of St.

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Archive of
Sermons*

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**](#)

Annual Reports:

With the new year comes time to start thinking about our Parish Annual Meeting, scheduled for Sunday, February 6th (more to come on that). In preparation for the Annual Meeting, we will need to produce the Annual Report. All persons responsible for a ministry program in the Parish (you know who you are), should submit written reports of the year's activities to the Parish Office no later than Wednesday, January 26th. Yes, even in the year of COVID, we still need to report on our ministries. And if there was not much activity due to the pandemic, at least a brief report on what you normally do or what your plans are for 2022 would be in order. Reports need to be in Word or Word-compatible format and emailed to Kevin at info@stgregoryschurch.com. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Pledge Envelopes:

If you requested pledge envelopes for 2022 and have not yet picked them up, you can do so in the Narthex. The Ushers will be able to point you in the right direction. Envelopes not picked up by Sunday, January 23 will be mailed out.

Ministry Stories:

More than 50 stories of parishioner's experiences in St. Gregory's various ministries have been collected during the initiative to re-imagine parish ministries. The stories are heartfelt, personal and inspiring, and a sincere thank you goes to all who submitted them - your words will help shape our future. Some of the stories are being read during worship - perhaps hearing one of them moves you in some way. Some of them are being used to create WordArt pictures - perhaps seeing one of them makes you think differently about ministry involvement. All of them will be used by our ministry leads to

create new visions for parish ministries and identify action steps to make those visions come to life. Together, we will build a stronger, more vibrant St. Gregory's community.

COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement:

At the urging of our Bishop, the Vestry is instituting a requirement that all St. Gregory's staff and volunteers be fully vaccinated, effective January 1, 2022. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please see Fr. Michael.

Feed My Lambs & Food Bank Needs:

Here's the latest news on our parish feeding programs.

- **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!!**
 - **Hardboiled Eggs** -- We need 100 hardboiled eggs each month. Hardboiled eggs can be dropped off at the Parish Office on two occasions: Wednesday, February 2 from 10am to 12pm or on Friday, February 4 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, February 12 from 10am to 12pm or on Thursday, February 3 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.
 - **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.
 - **January is HATS and SCARVES!!** -- Please bring any gently used or new hats and scarves. Even ones you might pick up at a Thrift Shop. Any gender.
 - **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@stgregorychurch.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 19 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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