



## E-Newsletter

### August 5 - August 11, 2022

#### Prayer List

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

*Click link for the list of prayer requests.*

#### Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

*Click link to join the Service on Facebook*

#### Sermons

#### This Week at St. Gregory's

##### Sunday, August 7

**Sunday Service** in the Church and [ONLINE](#): 10:15 AM.

Bulletin is available [HERE](#).

##### Tuesday, August 9

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

Ordo is available [HERE](#).

##### Thursday, August 11

**Mid-Week Eucharist and Healing Service** in the Chapel: 10:00 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. Thomas of Canterbury [ONLINE](#). Documents for Morning Prayer are:

[Morning Prayer Text \(BCP\)](#)  
[Psalms for Morning Prayer](#)

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Sermons*

**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**

*Click here for  
Parish Calendar*

### **Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed:**

We are in need of two or more volunteers to assist with the coffee hour after church on Sundays. Duties include: Making coffee, setting up the counter with supplies, making iced tea and lemonade, wearing masks and gloves while serving, cleaning up and locking up. All items needed are in stock in the pantry – no need to buy or make anything. A sign-up sheet will be available outside the church on Sundays and on the kitchen counter. For more information, please contact Diane Kela (714) 366-4212 or Lurlie Edgecomb (562) 598-1458.

### **Q2 Community Update Infographic:**

We continue to celebrate our community which extends beyond our parish walls. The second quarter of 2022 saw a further expanding of our impact in several ways. We held our annual “Mass in the Grass” service at El Dorado Park on June 5<sup>th</sup>, the Day of Pentecost, during which we increased the size of our community with the baptism of Noah Gruca. The service was a great joy, with 140 people in attendance, including our brothers and sisters from St. Thomas of Canterbury and many from Noah’s extended family. The service was followed by a lunch provided by our Hospitality Committee. Our ministry impact also increased this past quarter. We not only hosted our usual groups, but also served as a community voting center, bringing another 744 people to our campus. And on top of that, because of a new partnership with DAYS Long Beach, the number of families served by our Food Bank also increased. Through your generosity, parish operations and ministries remain financially stable, allowing us to continue our amazing ministries. The Community Update (included [HERE](#)) is our story of strength and love as we continue to do God’s work in Long Beach and beyond.

## **Host Families Needed:**

For two weeks in September (1 through 14), 28 women from Gifu, Japan will be in Long Beach for the Intensive English Program at CSULB. The program needs host families who can provide housing for students (preferably two), provide three meals a day, and provide transportation to CSULB on weekdays for the two weeks. The program provides a small stipend to help offset costs of food and transportation. Those interested can contact Fr. Michael for more information, or contact Jackie Riley, a coordinator for the program, at 562-544-8849 or [jriley@cwo.com](mailto:jriley@cwo.com).

## **St. Thomas Country Fair:**

We are invited to join our sisters and brothers at St. Thomas of Canterbury for the First Annual St. Thomas Country Fair on Saturday, August 13 from 5:00 to 9:00 PM. There will be food, fun and games, Bingo, and a small silent auction for your enjoyment. Signups will be requested closer to the event, so they know how much food to prepare. If you are interested in helping with the event, please email the St. Thomas office at [stlb47@verizon.net](mailto:stlb47@verizon.net). We look forward to seeing you at the fair!

## **Roamin' Gregorians August Gathering:**

The next event for the Roamin' Gregorians will take place on Saturday afternoon, August 20th at 4pm. This will be a beverage tasting including wines, Galco sodas and other tasty drinks. This will take place in the Fireside Room. All are welcome! There is a sign-up sheet at the Greeter Table, and if you have other questions, please call Susan Mora (562) 531-1883. We are looking forward to a great, fun event!

## **Memorial Children's Hospital Birthday Party:**

Children who find themselves in the hospital on their birthday are really brightened and grateful when the Auxiliary team gives them a birthday party with a gift. A few of our parishioners are members of the Auxiliary and are asking for donations of new unwrapped gifts for all ages. We will be collecting on the 2nd Sunday of each month. See Shirley DeMent if you have any questions.

## **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, August 31 from 10am to 12pm or on Friday, September 2 from 12 noon 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, August 31 from 10am to 12pm or on Thursday, September 1 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.
- **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.
- **August Donation Needs** -- White athletic socks.
- **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](mailto: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), chili, cereal, ramen, and soups other than chicken noodle and tomato.
  - **Volunteers** -- We need volunteers to assist with the Food Bank distribution on the THIRD Wednesday of the month between 9am and 11am.

Please contact Kevin at the Parish Office ([info@stgregorychurch.com](mailto:info@stgregorychurch.com), 562.420.1311) 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 Annual Appeal:**

The Diocese has established an ongoing campaign focused on raising funds to assist congregations, schools, affiliated institutions, and their communities who are faced with unprecedented challenges. We are invited to prayerfully consider making a donation to help others in our Diocese who may have unmet needs. More information is available at <https://diocesela.org/annual-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](mailto:info@stgregoryschurch.com)

## **In Case of Emergency...Notify Your Priest!**

With our combined ministry program with St. Thomas of Canterbury comes additional coverage for pastoral emergencies. In the event of a hospital stay, illness, death in the family, or other pastoral emergency, please call Father Michael on his cell phone (909-373-6478) any day except Monday, his Sabbath day. Mother Sharon (562-833-3393) covers emergencies in both communities on Monday, just as Father Michael covers emergencies in both parishes on Friday, Mother Sharon's Sabbath. And PLEASE, no excuses about not wanting to bother me. That's why we are 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!***

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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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Monday - Friday 9am - 1pm

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