



E-Newsletter

January 13 - January 19, 2023

Prayer List

Please remember those on the Prayer List when you pray.

Click link for the list of prayer requests.

Second Sunday after Epiphany

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Sermons

This Week at St. Gregory's

Sunday, January 15

Holy Eucharist (spoken) in the Church:
8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist (with music) in the Church and **ONLINE**: 10:15 AM.

Bulletin is available **HERE**.

Tuesday, January 17

Centering Prayer via Zoom: 6:30 PM.
Ordo is available **HERE**.

Thursday, January 19

Mid-Week Eucharist with Healing Prayers in the Chapel: 10:00 AM.

Bible Study in the Fireside Room and **via Zoom**: 11:00 AM.

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Sermons*

Calendar

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Parish Calendar*

Daily (Tuesday - Thursday)

Morning Prayer: Tuesday through Thursday 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: Tuesday through Thursday 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 5 (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 25. 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 2023 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.

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:
 - **Hardboiled Eggs** -- We need 100 hardboiled eggs each month. Hardboiled eggs can be dropped off at the Parish Office on two occasions: Wednesday, February 1 from 10am to 12pm or on Friday, February 3 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, February 1 from 10am to 12pm or on Thursday, February 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.
 - **Our Guests always need white athletic sock and belts!**
 - **Plastic Sacks Needed** -- We have transitioned from paper sacks to plastic grocery bags. We would appreciate your donation of plastic grocery bags. You can put them in the Feed My Lambs cart on Sundays or bring them to the Parish Office.
 - **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:
 - **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@stgregoryschurch.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

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 38 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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