

ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT 2022



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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord Jesus, we give you our hands to do your work. We give you our feet to go your way. We give you our tongues to speak your words. We give you our minds that you may think in us. We give you our spirit that you may pray in us. Above all, we give you our hearts that you may love in us your Father, and all humankind. We give you our whole selves that you may grow in us, so that it is you, Lord Jesus, who live and work and pray in us. **Amen.**

(Adapted from *St. Benedict's Prayer Book*)

AGENDA

- A. Call to Order
- B. Opening Prayer
- C. Approval of 2022 Annual Parish Meeting Minutes
- D. Elections:
 - 1. Vestry Class of 2023-2026 – Elect three members
Nominees = Malcolm Finney, John Mora, and Elizabeth Spencer
 - 2. Delegates to Diocesan Convention 2023 – Elect two or three delegates (depending on circumstances), plus alternates
Candidates = Holly Graham, Dana Lindsay, Elizabeth Spencer, Sarah SpencerNominations from the Floor
Ballots are Cast
- E. Reports
 - 1. Rector's Report -----The Rev. Michael Fincher
 - 2. Financial Summary & Budget----- Bob McRae
 - 3. Stewardship----- Holly Graham
 - 4. Other Reports/Comments
- F. Appointments
- G. Decommissioning of Outgoing Vestry Members
- H. Commissioning of New Vestry Members
- I. Adjournment

MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCH

(A Summary of the Canons)

The National Canons address membership in the Church and the expectations the Church places on those members:

1. Members of the Church are those persons who have been baptized in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with water, and whose baptism has been duly recorded in this Church. Adult members are those persons sixteen years of age and older.
2. All adult members of the Church are expected to be confirmed in the Church, or if they have been confirmed in another Christian Church by a Bishop in Apostolic Succession, to have been received into this Church.
3. All members are considered to be communicants of this Church who have received Holy Communion at least three times during the previous year in this Church.
4. All persons in this Church are expected to celebrate and keep the Lord's Day and participate in the Church's public worship.

Communicants in good standing are those who have:

1. Attended corporate worship on a regular basis in their Church unless they have been prevented from doing so for good cause;
2. Have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.

MINUTES OF THE 2022 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

February 6, 2022

- A. Call to Order: 11:35
- B. Opening Prayer
- C. Approval of the 2021 Annual Parish Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve the 2021 Annual Parish Meeting minutes: MSP Tamera Benedict/Beth Eldon
- D. Elections
 1. Vestry Class of 2022-2025: Elect three members
Vestry Class of 2020-2023: Elect one member
 - a. Nominees: Holly Graham, Charlotte Nelson, and Carol Roberts-Corb (3-year term) Cheryl Rodi (1 year term)
 - i. ***Motion to close nominations: MSP Patrick McDonough /Tamera Benedict***
 - ii. ***Motion to elect nominees by acclamation: MSP Donna Woolverton/Lurlie Edgecomb***
 2. Delegates to the Diocesan Convention 2022: Elect two or three delegates (depending on circumstances), plus alternates
 - a. Candidates: Holly Graham, Elizabeth Spencer, and Sarah Spencer. No nominations from the floor

- i. ***Motion to close nominations and elect Holly Graham, Elizabeth Spencer, and Sarah Spencer by acclamation: MSP Patrick McDonough/Dana Lindsay***

E. Reports

1. Rector: Fr. Michael Fincher
 - a. These last two years we have learned flexibility and opportunity. We have begun taking a critical look at all of our ministries in order to better serve our targeted audiences.
 - b. Over the last few years, we have been working together with St. Thomas. Fr. Michael and Mother Sharon are working on capitalizing their strengths to better serve both congregations. For example, Michael could lead a men's retreat for both parishes, and Sharon could lead a women's retreat.
 - i. They have presented a five-year plan to the Bishop, and he was very impressed.
 - ii. This could be the model for the future because we can do more together than by ourselves.
 - iii. They are hoping that this model will live beyond their tenures.
 - iv. There will be an oversight body of three people from each parish so that this truly is a bond between the members of the churches.
 - v. This is by no means a plan to merge the churches.
 - c. Questions/Comments:
 - i. What is the size of St. Thomas? 100 on the roster with about 40 attending in person and 40 on-line
 - ii. Will Stephen Ministry be expanding to St. Thomas? Perhaps, but it has not been discussed.
 - iii. This is a terrific idea, and our environment has changed; therefore, we must evolve.
 - iv. Allen Stout, Bishop's Warden from St. Thomas, shared that they were very invested in this process.
 - v. What is the St. Gregory's attendance numbers? 400 on the books, 45-50 in person and online 35-45
 - vi. Perhaps an online members should be on the oversight body.
 - d. We are one family in Christ, and this will be an opportunity to really strengthen this relationship and impact our world. If we can do this in a pandemic, imagine what we can do when we can be together more fully.
 - e. Our congregations will grow because of this relationship.
2. Financial Summary & Budget: Fr. Michael gave the report because Alfonso Lemus was participating via Zoom and could not easily be heard by the gathered assembly.
 - a. The generosity of the congregation has allowed us to end the year with a comfortable surplus.
 - b. We have developed a balanced budget based on our projections.
 - c. The Church contributes to the Diocesan Mission Share Fund. The expected contribution is 12%, and this budget accomplishes this.
3. Stewardship: Alfonso Lemus
 - a. To date we have \$267,000 in pledges. Our average sized pledge is \$3,200.

- b. Thank you for your generosity.
- 4. Other Reports
 - a. Early Christian Education
 - i. We need someone to run the nursery.
 - ii. Our goal is to get our Sunday school up and running.
 - b. ECW
 - i. They are resuming monthly meetings.
 - ii. By May we will have to decide whether we will have the Holly Faire.
 - c. Food Bank
 - i. The number of people being served is declining.
 - ii. We are fully stocked and looking into sharing our surplus food with other food banks.
 - d. Men's Fellowship
 - i. We are developing our combined relationship with St. Thomas.
 - e. Music
 - i. David appreciates the dedication to the music ministry.
 - f. Sharing Library
 - i. Sarah needs volunteers.
- F. Appointments
 - 1. Holly Graham will continue as Altar Guild Director.
 - 2. Sarah Spencer will continue as Director of Early Christian Education.
 - 3. Tamera Benedict will serve as Senior Warden.
- G. Decommissioning of Outgoing Vestry Members: Bruce Graham, Alfonso Lemus, and Donna Woolverton
- H. Commissioning of New Leaders
 - 1. New Vestry Members: Holly Graham, Charlotte Nelson, Carol Roberts-Corb, and Cheryl Rodi
 - 2. Continuing Vestry Members: Tamera Benedict, Michael Johnston, Dana Lindsay, Leah Southwick, and Sarah Spencer
 - 3. Delegates to the Diocesan Convention: Holly Graham, Elizabeth Spencer, and Sarah Spencer
- I. Adjournment: 12:47

Motion to Adjourn: MSP Tamera Benedict/Elizabeth Spencer

Respectfully submitted,
 Dana Lindsay
 Clerk

PARISH DATA FOR 2022

Number of Baptized Members (as of 12/31/22)-----	429
Baptisms-----	4
Confirmations-----	0
Weddings-----	1
Deaths-----	5
Transfers into St. Gregory's-----	1
Other Additions to St. Gregory's-----	2
Transfers out of St. Gregory's-----	2
Average Sunday Eucharist Attendance (In-person + Online)-----	84
Average Thursday Eucharist Attendance (In-person + Online)-----	7
Average Weekday Evening Prayer Attendance (Online)-----	13
Average Tuesday Centering Prayer-----	9
Average Thursday Bible Study-----	10
Easter Attendance (In-person + Online)-----	228
Christmas Attendance (Christmas Eve + Christmas Day, In-person + Online)-----	151

PROFILES OF VESTRY CANDIDATES

Malcolm Finney

Nominee for Three-Year Term

Years at St. Gregory's: 12+ years

How have you been involved in St. Gregory's congregation and your personal community?

I have been an Usher at St. Gregory's since May 2010 and served in the Vestry for 3 years. I served as Rector's Warden and Vestry Member of St. Alban's Anglican Church, Ottawa, Canada for 6 years and as Vestry member in charge of Christian Education at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Torrance, for 6 years.

I served the Long Beach Community as Partner Member, Long Beach Public Library Foundation; and as Member, Family Learning Center Committee of the Long Beach Libraries. As faculty, I helped coordinate children and adult literacy activities at the Long Beach Libraries, at the Carmelitos Housing Development of Long Beach, and at the Villages of Cabrillo Housing Development of Long Beach. I served as member on Aloha Elementary (Lakewood) and Lampton Elementary (Norwalk) PTA School Boards.

What skills/gifts would you bring to the Vestry?

I bring leadership skills as former Chair of the Linguistics Department and as Director of the CSULB Faculty Development Center.

Why do you want to be a member of the Vestry?

I am always happy to serve in a leadership or support role if needed.

John Mora

Nominee for Three-Year Term

Years at St. Gregory's: 30 years

How have you been involved in St. Gregory's congregation and your personal community?

At St. Gregory's I have participated as an usher, greeter, Sunday school teacher, vestry member, rector search committee, building and grounds committee, men's fellowship member and leader, member of the stewardship committee and a Stephan Minister. In the community I have served as a soccer coach, and as a member of the Volunteers on Patrol and Emergency Communication Services with the LASD Sheriff Department.

What skills/gifts would you bring to the Vestry?

I have 48 years of experience working as an operations manager in the refinery and petroleum coke industry as a maintenance and operations manager. Many of my duties included handling bids and contracts for projects as well as functions in HR, environmental and safety.

Why do you want to be a member of the Vestry?

Saint Gregory's is part of Susan's and my home. So, I would like to work to keep it moving in the good direction that the previous vestries have worked so hard to keep it moving forward.

Elizabeth Spencer

Nominee for Three-Year Term

Years at St. Gregory's: 7 years

How have you been involved in St. Gregory's congregation and your personal community?

I am a Stephan Minister leader. I am a member of St. Gregory's choir. I serve on Alter Guild and assist the directress with weddings and funerals. I am an active L.E.M.

I have served as a delegate for the Diocesan convention. I regularly attend centering prayer. I have helped run the kids games at the annual picnic. I oversaw and organized parish 3rd Sunday hosted breakfasts. I have helped with local food drives and clothing donations.

What skills/gifts would you bring to the Vestry?

I have served on the Vestry in my last parish and was on the search committee for their new rector. I have served on the St. Gregory's Vestry and was the liaison to the music ministry and served as head of Parish Life, coordinating the Parish picnic, 3rd Sunday breakfast, hosting Centering Prayer in Father's absence. I have volunteered for many church projects and will continue to do so.

I work as a customer service representative and organize a crew of 7 brokers. I have good people and organizational skills. I do my best to look for the good in everyone.

Why do you want to be a member of the Vestry?

Serving on my parish Vestry is an honor. It puts me at the pulse of the church; look at the present and preparing for the future. Helping to keep our beautiful home running smoothly and assisting our rector were I can.

Is there anything else you want to share with us?

Thank you for this opportunity to serve my parish and rector

RECTOR'S REPORT

The single-most defining event in the history of our Jewish ancestors was the Exodus—the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness, as they journeyed from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. Early in the pandemic, our Bishop often referred to our journey through the pandemic as a “wilderness experience.” Calling on the image of our ancestors in the faith. And while it has only been three years (although there have been times when it seemed more like 40), our journey through the pandemic certainly has many parallels to that of the Hebrews. In our Thursday morning Bible Study, in which we are currently wandering through the Book of Exodus, the question occasionally comes up, why did it take the Hebrews so long to get from Egypt to Canaan? The distance isn't THAT great that it would take 40 years. The reason it took so long was because the time in the wilderness was a time of formation. It was a time when the people needed to become reacquainted with who God was as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Who God was as THEIR God. It was a time when God was shaping the Hebrews into who they needed to become as God's Chosen People. It was a time when God was teaching them what it means to be a free people after 400 years in slavery. It was a time of preparing them for what they faced and who they would become when they did finally come out of the wilderness and enter the Promised Land—their home.

Certainly 2020 was very much a time of wilderness, as we went into lockdown and had to figure out how to worship in completely different ways. Which, at that time, was solely online. A time of figuring out how to continue with some of our vital outreach ministries, like Feed My Lambs and the Food Bank. A time of figuring out how to reach out and connect with one another in new and different ways. A time of figuring out how to be the Body of Christ in new ways. And that wandering and figuring out continued well into 2021, until we started to see the Promised Land of “normalcy” in the distance. When we were able to slowly return to in-person worship. When we were able to start coming together again and have meetings and share in fellowship in our beloved church facilities.

As we look back on 2022, the year we have just traveled through, we see that we made even more progress in our journey through the wilderness. We have made even more significant strides in our returning to some semblance of normalcy. Almost as if, upon glimpsing our final destination on the horizon, we picked up the pace, excited to be back home in the fullest sense. Not that we did this recklessly. And we are obviously not quite back to where we were before March of 2020. But we are certainly closer than we have been in three years.

During this past year, we were able to continue with those regular activities we resumed in 2021. In some cases, we were able to resume things that had been on hold. And we were even able to add a few new activities that we had not even done prior to the pandemic. I would like to briefly highlight the major events of the past year, to show just how far we have come. And to highlight how close we are to being at the end of the wilderness journey.

We started off the year with something new. As part of our shared ministry with St. Thomas of Canterbury, St. Gregory's hosted a joint service on the feast of the Epiphany, followed by dinner. The season of Lent saw even more cooperation between our two congregations. We prepared for Lent with a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper hosted by St. Thomas. Part of those preparations was also distribution of Lenten Pilgrim bags with devotional materials for our Lenten journeys, which were a joint project. We officially kicked off Lent with two Ash

Wednesday services: a 7:00 AM service at St. Thomas and a 7:00 PM service at St. Gregory's. Our two congregations also shared activities on the Thursdays in Lent, alternating between our two congregations for soup suppers and the opportunity to experience different versions of the Stations of the Cross each week. We wrapped up our shared Lenten journey with our siblings at St. Thomas by "splitting" Holy Week services. The Maundy Thursday service was held at St. Thomas, and the Good Friday service was held at St. Gregory's. Between the two services, at noon on Good Friday, we again processed the consecrated bread and wine (the reserved sacrament) from the altar of repose at St. Thomas to the altar of repose at St. Gregory's. A distance of nearly four miles through the streets of Long Beach. This year, we stopped at various points along the route to do a simplified version of the Stations of the Cross, what we referred to as "Stations of the Cross Walk" (traffic engineering humor).

Backing up ever so slightly, here at St. Gregory's, we celebrated Palm Sunday with the usual Palm Sunday liturgy, including the return of wine at Communion for the first time in two years. (As you may recall, we resumed Communion with use of bread only at our Pentecost service in 2021, but were not permitted to use wine until Spring of 2022). However, we were not able distributed wine from the "common cup," using individual cups instead. Then, a week later, we celebrated the Great Vigil of Easter—the first at St. Gregory's in three years. To add to the festivities, Fred Cornett was baptized at the Vigil. Such a joyous celebration of Christ's Resurrection! And, in many ways, symbolizing the resurrection of our parish community.

In May, we added something new to our liturgical celebrations, with an Ascension Day service hosted by St. Thomas. We also invited our siblings from St. Luke's, having an all-Long Beach service! And then a week and a half later we celebrated our first "Mass in the Grass" in three years. While a regular annual event for us, for the first time ever this was a joint service with St. Thomas. And, of course, it was followed by a picnic lunch. To add to the joyous nature of this return, we also baptized Noah Grucca as the newest member of the Body of Christ.

Later in the year, after the lazy days of summer, we held our annual Blessing of the Animals in October. Later that month, we had a Halloween Taqueria, sponsored by the Parish Life Committee and ECW, which was also attended by members of St. Thomas. A month later, we returned to St. Thomas for our joint Thanksgiving Eve service.

The start of Advent brought several "returns" to St. Gregory's. On the first Sunday of Advent, we again changed how we do communion, bringing back distribution of the consecrated wine from the common cup—a move that was well-received. Two weeks later, we saw (or heard?) the return of our Music at Four programming, with the Choir Christmas Concert. And the following week, we were blessed with the return of Bishop Taylor to St. Gregory's for an Episcopal Visitation—his first as our Bishop Diocesan. Bishop Taylor and I shared in the joy of baptizing Eloise and Marissa Furtado Laursen. All of which was followed by a festive Christmas luncheon. And you need to know, Bishop Taylor was very impressed with how well St. Gregory's is doing and how we embody what it means to be the Body of Christ. A real testament to all of you and what we have built together here at St. Gregory's!

Throughout 2022, our various ministries have returned to near-normal, if not normal, levels of activity. Our mid-week Eucharist and Bible Study are going strong. The ECW is back in full-force. Our Outreach ministries are as strong and vibrant as ever. Our Men's Fellowship is back to regular meetings, although in an online format to include members who have moved out of the area. We have reopened the Nursery and are now turning our attention to reopening our

Sunday School program. The Choir is back in full-voice. The Altar Guild, Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs), and Ushers are in the process of returning to pre-pandemic operations. And most of the “outside” groups that use our facilities have returned. Undergirding all of this is the work of the Parish Engagement Committee, which continues to look at our ministries and our parish as a whole, seeking to find ways that we may continue to become stronger, more relevant, and more energized to do the all-important work of being the Body of Christ in our community.

None of us knows where this pandemic journey will take us. Thus far, it has led us to places we had never expected. At times, it really did feel like we were wandering, lost in the wilderness. But as with our Jewish ancestors, we now are able to look back at where we have been, at what we have experienced, at what we have accomplished, and see that God was with us every step of the way, guiding us and forming us into who he needs us to be in this place at this time. We may not be completely through with our wilderness journey just yet, but we are far enough along that we can see what lies ahead: a future filled with hope, promise, and opportunities to continue to live into the fullness of who God is calling us to be as St. Gregory’s Parish.

Thank you all for your faithfulness and support during our wilderness experience. And blessings on you and our parish family, and on our continued journey and ongoing life together.

Fr. Michael Fincher
Rector

SENIOR WARDEN’S REPORT

2022 has been another year of transition from the pandemic. We are continuing our hybrid worship of both in-person and online and were able to bring back more of our services and special events. As the cases of COVID decreased and the county and city restrictions relaxed, we were able to ease up on restrictions on indoor gatherings.

We continued to share our ministry stories and hope to continue to re-imagine and renew them. We were glad to have our choir back and were able to celebrate with special concerts. Some of our other ministries and meetings have also returned to in-person meetings. The groups who rent from us were able to return and we even had people rent our hall for their special events.

As a Vestry, we have been using this time of renewal to look at all our processes and operations. The Wardens and Father Michael embarked on a review of all staff job specifications, to make sure we all have the same expectations and to plan for our future. Toward the end of the year, we hired a Nursery attendant and are very glad to have a dedicated person for that vital ministry.

My term as Senior Warden has been looking at how our community has changed and grown. We have grown spiritually and in numbers. Our continued support both in time and tithe has been inspirational and humbling. As Bishop Taylor pointed out in his recent visit, “It’s a joy to visit a parish that is doing just about everything right and brims with life and hope.” I am inspired and invigorated by the spirit in our parish to keep serving each other, our community, and God.

Tamera Benedict, Sr. Warden

MINISTRY REPORTS

ALTAR GUILD

St. Gregory's Altar Guild is responsible for beautifying and cleaning the church, and setting up for all church services, including decorating for holiday services, weddings, and funerals. We care for candles, arrange flowers, clean Communion vessels, care for vestments, and most importantly, assist Father Michael and visiting clergy. For Palm Sunday the guild folds and prepares palm crosses. All parishioners are welcome to assist us with this most enjoyable task.

The Guild is composed of four teams, each headed up by a Team Captain. Each team serves for a two-week period, then is "off" for six weeks. The rotation is smooth and we all work well together performing our duties.

Our operating funds come mostly through Christmas and Easter flower donations. These donations help fund the purchase of new linens, weekly sanctuary flowers, repairs, and service supplies. We are in need of weekly flower donations. The cost of a weekly arrangement is \$125.00. If you would like to enhance our worship space by your donation, please speak to an Altar Guild member or Kevin Wood in the parish office.

During this year of pandemic, Altar Guild duties have been altered somewhat. We have scaled back our preparation for services. During most of the year, we worked with just two members to set up for services and to clean the church. We've started our regular "team" rotations in the last few weeks. It certainly has been a blessing to be working with a full compliment of members. Always, as in the past, we welcome new members.

I must give a big thank you to all parishioners who have so generously donated their time in helping lift things that had to be lifted, cleaned things that had to be cleaned, and assisting us in any way to make our worship space more beautiful.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Gergen Graham, Altar Guild Directress

BIBLE STUDY

Fr. Michael leads this group each Thursday morning. We meet in the Fireside Room at 11 AM following Thursday morning Eucharist. We are continuing to encourage everyone to exercise Covid precautions by wearing masks and distancing from each other. Bibles are available or you may bring your own. Zoom is available to those who wish to participate but are unable to join the group physically. This is a devotional time of prayer, bible reading, discussion and warm interaction with other class members. The focus is Jesus. Our textbook is the bible. Everyone is welcome, applauded and spiritually fed.

We are saving a seat for you. Please join us.

Respectfully submitted
Thursday Morning Bible Study

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

This year has been one of many projects for Buildings and Grounds. Listed below are some of the larger projects that were seen to throughout 2022.

- The AC unit in the Parish Hall was repaired.
- In September a large tree branch that had fallen down in front of the church was removed.
- The large dead fig tree by the front doors to the church was removed. A new fig tree was donated and dedicated to Larry Curry (who had originally been working on replacement of the dead fig tree).
- The sink in the woman's restroom that had broken off the wall was reattached.
- We have made some significant upgrades to the Wi-Fi system throughout the church.
- We have fixed the irrigation system issues.
- A crack in the roof outside the Fireside Room has also been fixed.

These are just some of the many projects that Buildings and Grounds have undertaken over the last year. I would like to thank everyone who helped in tackling all of these projects to make our campus a more beautiful and updated space. I look forward to seeing how our campus will continue to improve through the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Spencer, Vestry Liaison for Buildings & Grounds

EARLY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

2022 was a tough year but we have made it through the pandemic and now have a stronger than ever early Christian education program and active nursery. I have been assisted by two wonderful co-directors/collaborators, Dana Lindsey and Tamara Benedict. Together we have powered ahead and reopened our Sunday school and nursery. Over the year we have worked on cleaning and decluttering our classrooms, making them a safe and inviting environment. Tamara and Dana also have taken it upon themselves to purchase new toys for our children to enjoy. We have also changed the curriculum to reflect the lessons and gospel that coincide with the Sunday bulletins. We have hired Dina Garcia to serve as our regular nursery attendant. She started January 8, 2023. We have devised a rotation of volunteers for the nursery to assist Dina. Dana and Tamara are also planning on reintroducing the Sunday school in the coming months. Thank you all for your continuing support as we make great strides to strengthen and grow our Early Christian Education program.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Spencer
Head of Christian Education

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

2022 found ECW introducing more activities while still following Covid-19/flu restrictions. During Lent we had 3 soup and salad dinners while inviting St. Thomas to join us and then we shared with them for the other 3 Thursdays. Attendance at our Sunday coffee hours has picked up. Easter Sunday we enjoyed deviled eggs, fresh buns, and mimosas or orange juice.

Our Mother's Day flowers were appreciated as are the root beer floats for Father's Day. Three funeral receptions were a special time for the families and friends of Anne Ruffner, April 30th; Ralph Wong, September 24th; and Larry Curry, October 15th. In later October, we had our first-ever Taqueria--a taco meal with a Halloween accent. But, once again, we did not have the Holly Faire.

The well-attended Christmas and Bishop's luncheon was held December 18th after the baptism of the twins, Eloise and Marissa Furtado Laursen. I have thanked the Lord many times for bringing us the Kelas. Diane is a good organizer and great cook. Her expertise has led us through many receptions and other occasions. We have a core group of helpers, but can always use more for Sunday coffee hours or special meals. Come join us, we'll show you what to do. Sign up at the kitchen counter on any Sunday.

Our United Thank Offering (UTO) was again a successful effort bringing in \$1901.00 that was sent to the Diocesan UTO. These funds then go to the UTO for the Episcopal Church, which distributes grants to fund various projects. Thank you all very much. This effort was outstanding! At the end of 2022, we had a bank balance of \$9030.58. We paid \$27 in state taxes after making \$868.50 in the Christian Cove. The Sunday coffee hour donations cover the kitchen expenses.

We facilitated the replacement of the toilet in the Parish Hall/Handicapped bathroom. Now it is at the proper height and is quiet! Earlier in the year we had the carpet cleaned in the Fireside Room.

The results of our election for 2023 officers are: President-Kathy Stein; Vice-President-Pat Adams; Secretary-Shirley DeMent; Treasurer-Diane Kela; Corresponding Secretary-Phyllis Comiskey.

We have appointed Chairwomen to help with other functions: Phone calls-Gloria Neal; Hostess/Hospitality-Diane Kela' Parliamentarian-Julie Robinson' Devotions-Mary Jacob; Christian Cove-Sara Kastagir and Carole Heidary' and Liaison to Outreach-Lurlie Edgecomb.

Our meetings are usually held in the Fireside Room at 10 am the 4th Wednesday of the month from September to June. We would be pleased if you would join us. Bring us some new ideas. We are open to suggestions.

Lurlie Edgecomb, now Past President

FOOD BANK & FEED MY LAMBS

St. Gregory's Feeding Programs are funded by donations directly to the ministry's fund, not through parishioners' regular pledges or the church budget. We appreciate the congregation's enthusiastic support of these vital programs, both of cash and in-kind donations, so please consider St. Gregory's Feeding Programs when choosing charities to support. You can make donations by check, separate from your regular pledge, made out to St. Gregory's with "Feeding Programs" in the memo and through the online portal on the website or the QR code in the bulletin every week. As of this writing, our fund has recovered from the near-deficit of several years ago and is currently very healthy. The Outreach Committee is currently exploring ways to apply these resources beyond the in-person services.

Our Food Bank continues to serve the local community as one of the larger elements of our Outreach program. In 2023, our volunteers soldiered on through COVID restrictions by maintaining our inventory, receiving, sorting and stocking donations of food items from the congregation and outside groups, purchasing and stocking additional items, and setting up and running the monthly distributions. We have received several generous donations of food from the East Long Beach Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and their Bishop's Pantry, from our Scout troop and pack as well as from other groups who use our facilities and expressed a desire to assist.

In 2022, we provided 410 bags of groceries during our monthly distributions, 18 fewer than in 2021, for an average of 34 bags per month. We have seen a continuing decline in the number of clients coming to us, even after moving from the first to the third Wednesday, expecting greater need later in the month. In mid-2022, we began a partnership with DAYS Long Beach; for over 50 years, DAYS Long Beach has supported low-income, under-served families in Long Beach. DAYS Long Beach supports achievement by providing children and families with opportunities to develop skills, apply concepts they have learned, and build positive relationships. We are now providing 25 bags of staples to DAYS each month. In addition to our monthly distribution on the third Wednesday of the month, bags are given out when needy individuals ask at the church office during the month.

Feed My Lambs has been generously supported by St. Gregory's parishioners since 2004. We have continued to feed on average 100 people at our sister church, St. Luke's, on the first Saturday of every month. We provide coffee, hot chocolate and a pastry as well as a sack lunch. This year, at the request of the guests at St. Luke's, we changed the sandwich to bologna & cheese (we had been doing peanut butter & jelly). We provide packets of mustard & mayonnaise for them to apply themselves. The guests have been very happy with the change and it certainly makes sandwich building MUCH faster on our Friday work parties. The rest of the lunch includes hard-boiled eggs, a banana, bottle of water, chips, and homemade cookies from parishioners. We also provide a bowl of soup with crackers.

Our generous parishioners and others provide gently used or even new clothing. We began a new Outreach opportunity each month highlighting a need the guests at St. Luke's have identified. One month it might be jackets, another socks. Our Thursday team bags the cookies brought in by parishioners, and the Friday team prepares the sandwiches (100+), hard-boiled eggs donated by parishioners (12-15 dozen), and 400+ cookies in baggies, and organizes the

totes full of supplies. The first Saturday team transports everything for a 7 AM setup and is ready to serve at 7:45. The clients are always grateful and gracious.

We would like to gratefully acknowledge our volunteers without whom we would not be able to participate in this significant work. Thank you all for your kind and generous support to these two very important Outreach Ministries.

Submitted by Bill Eldon and Tamera Benedict

GREETERS

The Greeters are back in session on Sundays, saying “hello” or “goodbye” to mostly everyone who enters or exits the church. Our team of 7 or 8 has returned with full enthusiasm. We are now working to be in full force to have teams available at both the 8am and the 10:15 services. That means that we need you! Please consider becoming a Greeter! The ministry welcomes the congregation to the church upon entrance and guides them on their way with a pleasantry as they leave the church and go off to face the upcoming week. This is a ministry that can be easily done, even if you are already on one, or several other ministries. Often, the Greeters are the first person that newcomer to the church meet, and much later on, we will hear rewarding comments such as “you were the first person I talked to at the church, and here I am, a member, actively helping in...” This results in you getting a warm cuddly SMILE! Our impact in church stories is noted as the first person that new members interacted with and made a positive initial impression. Also, Greeters get to benefit from their service by being able to connect names with faces, often from passing out name tags to members, or relaying questions from congregants to connected personnel. Plus, being a greeter does not require a large time commitment. Greeters start about 20 minutes before the start of the service on their scheduled day, and 15-20 minutes after that service, averaging one Sunday per month. Come join the Greeters by contacting Susan Mora at (310) 894-0731 or any other active Greeter. We welcome you!

Submitted by Susan Mora

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP

Finally, 2022 was the year we were able to get back to what passed for normal. Meaning – we were allowed to start back to church and begin being with people again. However, as a group the Men’s Fellowship elected to keep meeting through zoom. This allowed us to keep in contact with some of our members who participate in our group but no longer live in the area. The main core of our group still consists of Ron Dixon, Bruce Graham, James Trears, Steven Cleantis, Charlie Malonson, Darry Takaki, and Mike Sheffield. Although many of our members live out of state we were still able to participate by donating funds to many of the outreach programs sponsored by Saint Gregory’s. This year members of our Men’s Fellowship joined the men’s group from Saint Thomas of Canterbury by participating in their monthly men’s breakfast at Denny’s in Lakewood on the second Saturday of each month. In 2023 we would like more men from Saint Gregory’s to attend these Saturday breakfasts.

On an emotional note, our group lost one of our long-time members with the passing of Bob Huff. Bob was one of the originating members of our fellowship group when it started many years ago. Bob was a great contributor to the group with his time, talent, treasure and wonderful insights. Although, he couldn't participate in the group in the last few years due to his health he will surely be missed by all who knew him.

Respectively submitted by John Mora

MUSIC MINISTRY

After the Covid outbreak, the choir is once again singing at the Sunday services. The choir presented a Christmas concert for Music at 4 on December 11th and sang on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and Lessons and Carols on the last Sunday of December. As finances permit, the Music at 4 concerts will be once a month. Thank you to the congregation for your support.

Respectfully submitted,
David Feit-Pretzer, Director of Music/Organist

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

St. Gregory's Church remains generous. We began in April collecting a car-full of purses and feminine hygiene products for Lydia House. We donated 240 pairs of shoes to Soles for Souls. We began having a table out periodically for those who wished to donate birthday presents for Miller's Children's Hospital patients. Our tenth annual backpack drive yielded 21 filled backpacks, a box of miscellaneous supplies, and a check for \$1,800 to the Long Beach Rescue Mission in August. Not to leave our furry friends in need, we gathered food, toys, treats, and bedding during the month of August to conclude at our Blessing of the Animals on October 1. We wrapped up the year with the Holiday Gift Card Drive serving families from the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, and we collected \$5,250 in gift cards to assist those in need. We still continue to serve approximately 100 meals monthly to the guests at St. Luke's while they wait to shower.

Through the generosity of our parish, we continue to be blessed to bless.

Respectfully submitted,
Dana Lindsay, Outreach Committee Chair

PARISH ENGAGEMENT

By December 2021, we had collected over 50 stories of experiences in our various ministries. An appreciative inquiry process guided the collection of stories. The stories were heartfelt, personal, and inspiring. Select stories were shared during worship and through word art. The full collection was distributed to the Vestry and to all ministry leaders in January 2022. Working around COVID, the committee re-scheduled and then facilitated two meetings in April with leaders from the majority of parish ministries. With the theme of *Re-Gathering and Re-Imagining*, the group reflected upon the stories, imagined the future of our ministries, and began creating vision and action steps for each ministry. These leaders seemed delighted to gather after years of COVID distance and were energetic in creating vision together. These leaders completed draft Vision and Action Worksheets for each ministry.

These leadership workshops were followed by meetings with volunteers of each ministry who offered feedback and revision of the vision and the action items. The process of re-gathering itself seemed to stir a re-motivation and re-commitment among these volunteers. These gatherings produced significant and useful ideas for moving forward in ministry. The committee collected 18 Vision and Action Worksheets from these ministry discussions. This collection was distributed to the Vestry at its December meeting.

At future meetings, the committee will review the process experienced, reflect upon the stories, visions, and action items collected, and identify next steps in our intentional process of parish engagement.

Committee members: Jane Alt, Fr. Michael Fincher, Michael Johnston, Susan Mora, Carol Roberts-Corb, Donna Woolverton

Submitted by Michael Johnston

PARISH LIFE

Parish Life is responsible for organizing and presenting parish functions and recognitions and to assist any parish group or ministry with their projects or events. We are continuing to emerge from Covid. Face masks and social distancing are still being recommended for inside activities, but not required.

January 6, 2022 – We had our first combined worship service and Epiphany dinner with St. Thomas of Canterbury.

June 5, 2022 – We resumed our festive “Mass in the Grass” in association with St. Thomas of Canterbury. Noah Grucca was baptized during the service.

October 22, 2022 – Parish Life, ECW and Hospitality partnered to sponsor St. Gregory’s Halloween Taqueria. We would like to make this an annual event.

December 18, 2022 – Our worship service was lead by Bishop Taylor. Eloise and Marissa Furtado Laursen were baptized during the service. Our annual Christmas luncheon followed the service.

Parish Life is looking forward to partnering with our ministries for more opportunities for us to gather in fellowship and joy. Parish Life would love to return the “Ugly Christmas Sweater” contest to our Christmas festivities, and we are exploring the opportunity to provide information for home celebrations for the feast of the Epiphany.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Alt

SHARING LIBRARY

No report was prepared due to ongoing work on cleaning up the library and preparing it for reopening. Sarah Spencer serves as coordinator for this ministry.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Our ministry work continues to thrive. We caregivers all share a passion for bringing Christ’s love and care to people of the community. We have several care givers that are actively caring for their care receivers, with more waiting to serve. We did not have any new education classes last year, but we are planning to have a refresher and some continued education going over some new subjects in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Spencer, Stephen Ministries Co-Leader

STEWARDSHIP

The stewardship campaign for 2022 had the theme of “More Than Enough” and the campaign ran from Sunday, October 16th through Sunday, November 20th. An initial welcome letter along with an invitation and pledge card from the Committee Chairperson were sent out. Each Sunday during the campaign, parishioners shared their reflections on how the theme of “More Than Enough” was reflected in their lives and ministries at St. Gregory’s. Our stewardship speakers were Sarah Spencer, Elizabeth Spencer, Michael Johnston, David Feit-Pretzer, and Holly Graham. The pledges we received were then blessed on the last day of the campaign.

As of today, we have received 83 pledges, with total commitments of \$256,758. We are thankful to all who have given so generously as we make our way out of the pandemic. Of all pledges received, 33 were the same as 2022, 29 increased, 16 decreased, and we had 5 new pledges. Pledge numbers and envelopes have been assigned and made available to our parishioners. End of year statements have also been mailed out.

It has been a blessing to have been the Stewardship Chair this year. Thank you for being a part of our “More Than Enough” Campaign.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Gergen Graham, Stewardship Chair

USHERS

When open for in-person worship, the ushers continue to support St. Gregory's as greeters and helpers to the priest and congregation. We open the church and classrooms, start the HVAC, start the coffee, bring out the welcome desk, turn on the fountain and bring out the Feed My Lambs and Food Bank containers. We assist parishioners in any way they need. After the services, we clean up the pews, shut down all systems and lock up the campus. The Ushers are made up of men and women who serve once a month either at the 0800 AM or 1015 AM services. We have openings at both services. If you would like to join us, please talk to any usher or contact Father Michael. We are un-funded and have no budget.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Graham, Head Usher (Retired)

FINANCIAL REPORTS

2022 FINANCIAL REPORT & 2023 BUDGET

Operating Costs	Actual 2019	Actual 2020	Actual 2021	Budget 2022	Actual 2022	Budget 2023
Rector	73,200	74,666	74,666	82,133	82,133	82,133
Supply Priest	2,663	271	856	2,100	2,520	2,520
Parish Administrator	14,543	15,021	14,961	15,264	15,600	17,473
Music Director	22,868	23,329	23,311	23,755	23,751	24,700
Nursery Care	1,752	294	0	2,100	0	2,100
Pensions	13,635	13,299	15,635	15,635	17,527	16,357
Social Security & Medicare	9,928	9,472	8,670	10,716	9,802	9,910
Total Salary & Wages	138,591	136,352	138,099	151,703	151,332	155,193
Administration						
Office Supplies & Expenses	3,402	2,433	2,441	3,000	2,692	2,500
Telephone	2,186	1,689	1,935	1,800	2,495	2,200
Postage	637	1,039	1,039	1,600	723	600
Computer & Internet Fees	2,269	2,268	2,908	3,000	2,867	3,000
Leased Equipment & Copier	11,777	9,054	10,396	11,600	12,407	13,500
ADP Payroll, ASC, Audit	6,572	6,770	6,899	6,500	6,502	6,995
VANCO Expenses	388	533	627	520	688	680
Rector's Business Expense	1,803	198	406	2,100	1,021	2,100
Rector's Auto	1,457	769	313	1,500	370	1,500
Total Administration	30,489	24,758	28,038	31,620	29,765	33,075
Insurance						
Property & Liability	15,157	15,721	15,908	16,700	16,166	15,910
Rector Insurance	10,739	11,873	11,239	11,800	11,922	12,360
Administrator Insurance	0	4,090	3,909	4,170	4,171	3,252
Worker's Comp	253.91	755	700	1,000	426	600
Total Insurance	27,100	32,769	31,756	33,670	32,685	32,122
Worship & Parish Life						
Worship/Altar Supplies	2,503	2,574	1,498	2,600	1,973	2,400
Music	6,910	5,950	5,440	7,000	7,675	7,000
Parish Life & Picnic	2,9610	2,453	1,493	2,500	3,773	3,500
Stewardship Programs	271	218	223	300	0	0

	Actual 2019	Actual 2020	Actual 2021	Budget 2022	Actual 2022	Budget 2023
Vestry Retreat	1,254	1,485	0	0	0	0
Total Worship & Parish Life	13,899	12,679	12,679	12,400	13,421	12,900
Christian Education						
Youth Christian Education	140	0	0	600	52	600
Adult Christian Education	339	500	30	600	60	600
Rector's Professional Devel	0	1,500	4,628	1,500	1,960	1,500
Total Christian Education	479	2,000	4,658	2,700	2,072	2,700
Maintenance & Utilities						
Maintenance	4,540	11,783	12,206	9,000	8,779	10,500
Contract Services	17,467	15,318	14,950	18,500	19,199	18,500
LA County Assessments	2,495	2,013	3,497	3,500	2,615	3,500
Utilities	24,431	21,184	18,577	23,700	24,888	25,700
Total Maintenance & Utilities	52,933	50,299	49,229	54,700	55,481	58,200
Outreach						
Rector's Discretionary Fund	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
Total Outreach	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
Diocesan Pledge	32,000	35,150	36,240	40,212	40,212	41,251
Major Facility Repairs	7,200	6,000	5,000	5,000	2,553	5,000
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS	303,542	301,717	303,473	333,805	329,321	342,240
TOTAL INCOME	329,432	335,101	343,757	323,612	347,486	342,240

2023 budget was approved by the Vestry on November 16, 2022

2022 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Operating Costs

Coming into 2022 the Vestry approved an operating budget that projected expenses of \$333,805 and projected income of \$323,612. This budget assumed that we would operate with a deficit of \$10,193 for the year. The actual expenses for 2022 were \$4,484 below the budgeted amount, and the total annual income exceeded the budgeted amount by \$23,874. Given these results we were able to make up the projected budget deficit and end the year with an operating surplus of \$18,165. Some of the factors that led to this surplus were:

- The continued generosity from our parishioners resulting in our income surplus
- There were no Nursery Care expenses in 2022
- Rector's expenses (Business & Auto) were below budget.
- Insurance costs were lower than projected.
- Major Facility Repairs were below budget projections.

Income

The combination of pledge income, weekly plate offerings and income from third-party usage of our facilities totaled \$347,486. This was \$23,874 higher than projected for the year. Our pledged income came in right at the budgeted amount, while the combined plate collections and other income (primarily third-party facility rental fees) were \$24,454 above the budgeted amount for the year.

Non-operating Costs

The 2022 budget estimated \$5,000 would be spent on larger facility repairs and upgrades not funded through the Maintenance line item in the Operating Budget. For the year we only incurred \$2,553 of these types of expenses.

MISSION STATEMENT BUDGET FOR 2023

2023 Mission Budget

Our estimated income for 2023 is \$342,240. This is based on actual income from 2022 and the results of our 2023 pledge campaign. The budget approved by the vestry at the November meeting projects a balanced budget for 2023. The operating expenses are projected to be \$342,240 which is equal to our projected income. The 2023 budget again is estimating \$5,000 in non-operating (major facility repairs or upgrades) costs for the coming year.

It continues to be our goal to have adequate income on a yearly basis to fund both the operating and non-operating expenses included in the budget. As in prior years we are including fees from third-party usage of our facilities to help achieve this goal.

The following are highlights of the 2023 Mission Budget:

- Budget assumes no salary increases for 2023.
- We will resume Nurse Care in 2023.
- All outreach programs will continue to be funded outside of the Mission Budget.
- The Diocesan Pledge is set at 12% of our 2021 standard operating income, thus attaining the 12% of standard operating income that the Diocese has set for all of its functioning parishes.

Cash Balances

Cash balances at year end 2022 totaled \$608,060 of which \$325,202 is invested in the Diocesan Investment Trust. The balance of the cash in the Operating and Savings Accounts at F & M Bank. The cash balances increased by \$8,320 in 2022.

RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND SUMMARY FOR 2022

The Canons of the Church allow for the establishment of a fund separate from the Parish General Fund accounts, for purposes of providing financial assistance to parishioners and others who are in need. This fund, the Rector's Discretionary Fund, to which the Rector is sole signer, and which is solely under the control of the Rector, is set-up to provide for complete confidentiality of the recipients.

The Parish budget provides the Rector's Discretionary Fund with \$150 per month as a form of outreach ministry. Additional income is provided by parishioners and others who donate to the Fund periodically. Honoraria from weddings and memorial services may also be deposited in the Fund as the Rector so chooses. Following is a summary of the Fund's receipts and disbursements (by category only) for 2022.

Balance as of December 31, 2021	5,072.08
Receipts	
Parish Contributions	1,800.00
Contributions from Individuals	2,123.92
Honoraria	1,000.00
Other	0.00
Total Receipts	4,923.92
Disbursements	
Assistance	
General Assistance	(566.00)
Food	0.00
Housing	(2,050.00)
Utilities	(555.52)
Gas and Transportation	(308.00)
Medical	0.00
Other	(407.00)
Total Assistance	(3,886.52)
Parish Organizations	(250.00)
Charitable Organizations	(3,100.00)
Administrative Expenses	(120.00)
Total Disbursements	(7,356.52)
Excess (deficit) receipts over disbursements	(2,432.60)
Balance as of December 31, 2022	2,639.48

Prepared by the Rev. Michael Fincher, Rector

RITE AT THE CONCLUSION OF VESTRY SERVICE

Rector: Michael, Cheryl, and Sarah, you were called by the people of God, to serve them as a member of the Vestry of this parish. You answered their call. You have been faithful in attendance at meetings. You have been a responsible steward of the congregation's resources. You have considered our future course and your views have informed our planning. You have led by example, especially in attendance at worship and in sharing your time, talent, and treasure with Christ's church. Now, others must step forward to take your place among the leaders of this congregation. As you leave the Vestry, we thank you for your service, saying with Jesus, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." We offer you our prayers and our support as you move on in the service of our Lord, Jesus Christ. And we ask you to reaffirm your commitment to this parish as a fitting capstone to the duty you have so faithfully discharged.

Michael, Cheryl, and Sarah, do you reaffirm your commitment as a member of this congregation?

Member: I do.

Rector: Will you seek new ways to serve Christ in his church?

Member: I will, with God's help.

Rector: Will you continue to support the work of this parish with your time, talent, and treasure?

Member: I will, with God's help.

Rector: Will you refrain from meddling, and offer advice and counsel to the next Vestry only when asked?

Member: I will, with God's help.

Rector: Will you reject gossip and backbiting about your successors, and respect the integrity of their efforts?

Member: I will, with God's help.

Rector: Will you respect the confidentiality of the new Vestry's deliberations, and be content to learn about such matters when the rest of the parish does?

Member: I will, with God's help.

Rector: Will you trust the Spirit to work through our newly elected leaders to guide this parish and all its members in their life and work?

Member: I will, with God's help.

Rector: Will you continue to pray for this parish, its members, its clergy, and its Vestry?

Member: I will, with God's help.

Rector: O God, who sent your Son to show us that the last shall be first and that the one who would be greatest must be the least, help your servants Malcolm, John, and Elizabeth, who have been faithful members of the Vestry of this parish, find new ways to exercise ministry and leadership in your church. Help them to keep the promises made here today before. Grant that they, free from the burdens of this office, might discover anew the joy of our Christian faith. Inspire them to be supportive of and helpful to those who take their place on the Vestry. And grant that they, along with all good and faithful stewards within your kingdom, may enter into your joy, in this life and in the life hereafter. Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

All: **Amen.**

COMMISSIONING OF VESTRY MEMBERS AND DIOCESAN CONVENTION DELEGATES

Sr. Warden: On behalf of St. Gregory's Parish, I present: Tamera Benedict, Dana Lindsay, Leah Southwick, Holly Graham, Charlotte Nelson, and Carol Roberts-Corb continuing in their terms as members of the Vestry;

_____, as newly elected members of the Vestry; and

_____, as delegates to Diocesan Convention.

Rector: Have these leaders been elected by the congregation in accordance with the bylaws of our congregation?

Sr. Warden: They have.

Rector (to the new leaders):

Do you commit yourselves to carry out the responsibilities of the office to which you have been appointed?

Leaders: I do.

Rector: Do you reaffirm your commitment to follow Christ and to serve this congregation in his name?

Leaders: I do.

Rector (to the congregation):

Will you do all in your power to support these leaders with your prayers, your honest yet gracious communication with them, and your willingness to help them carry out Christ's ministry in this church?

People: **We will.**

Rector: In the name of this congregation I commission you for this work, and pledge you our prayers, encouragement, and support. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in this, and in all things, you may do God's will in the service of the kingdom of Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor upon these persons who have now reaffirmed their commitment to follow Christ and to serve in his name. Give them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world, and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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ST. GREGORY'S MISSION STATEMENT

God has called us into Christian community and gifted us for ministry:

- To worship and glorify God
- To transform faith into action
- To share the love of Jesus Christ

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