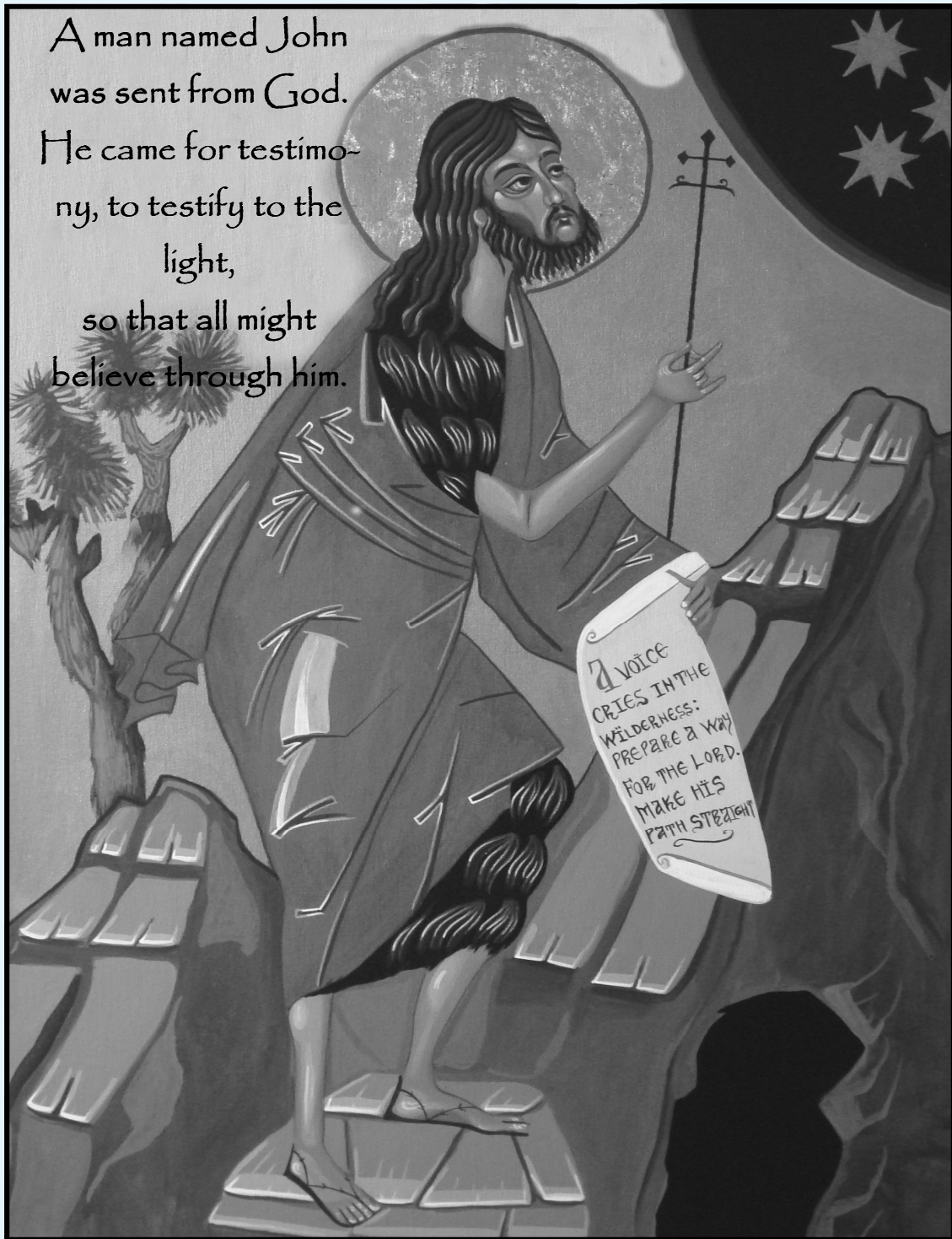


# The Gregorian

A man named John  
was sent from God.  
He came for testimo-  
ny, to testify to the  
light,  
so that all might  
believe through him.



December 17, 2017  
Third Sunday of Advent



## St. Gregory the Great

### Mission Statement

*St. Gregory the Great is a Catholic Church made up of people of many different ages, talents, and cultural backgrounds. We are an urban faith community with a small town feel of welcome and hospitality. Motivated by our baptismal calling, we accept our duty to embody the presence of Jesus Christ in the world and to take up the mission he entrusted to us by our word and example. We glorify God through support and service of our time, talent, and treasure to our church and to the larger community in which we live.*

### LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

On the four Sundays of Advent, there will be a Liturgy of the Word for children during the 10:30a.m. Mass. Children from ages 3-6 will be dismissed immediately after the opening prayer of Mass. They will then have the opportunity to hear the Advent readings geared to their level of understanding to explore the meaning of the Advent Wreath, to focus on Advent as a period of waiting and watching, and to learn about the significance of the prophets, the Holy Family, the Magi, the shepherds, the angels and the Christ child.



### SIMBANG GABI

On Saturday, Dec. 16, a special Mass in honor of the Filipino celebration of Simbang Gabi will take place in Church beginning at 6p.m. Simbang Gabi is a nine day novena in preparation for Christmas that takes place at various Churches throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago. After the Mass, there will be dinner and entertainment in the Gym Social Hall. All are invited.

### GIVING TREE

During the season of Advent, there will be an Advent Giving Tree located in front of the Poor Souls Shrine which is in the Southwest corner of the Church. Parishioners are invited to take one of the cards located on the tree, to purchase the suggested items and to return them to the area surrounding the Giving Tree the weekend of Dec. 16-17. All items will be donated to individuals and families in need as well as to local nursing homes.

### COAT/HAT/SCARF/GLOVE COLLECTION

We will be hosting a collection of new and gently used Winter coats, hats, scarves and gloves on all the Sundays of Advent. They will be given to people in need. Boxes in which the coats, hats, scarves and gloves can be placed are located in the area adjacent to the Baptismal Font in the back of Church.

### BABY DIAPERS AND WIPES COLLECTION FOR THE WOMEN'S CENTER OF CHICAGO

St. Gregory the Great Church will be collecting baby diapers and wipes to help support the Women's Centers of Chicagoland which provide assistance to women experiencing crisis pregnancies. They are in need of sizes N, 1, 4, 5 and 6 but not 2 or 3. A box in which the items can be placed is located in the area adjacent to the Baptismal Font in the back of Church.

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

On Christmas Eve, there will be a 4:30p.m. Mass geared towards children and will feature a blessing of the Christmas crèche, scripture readings taken from the children's lectionary and a homily appropriate for children. Midnight Mass will be celebrated at 10:00p.m. Christmas carols and music will begin at 9:30p.m. On Christmas Day, there will be an 8:30 and 10:30a.m. Mass.

### CHRISTMAS BOOK

Last year at Christmas, we gave all parishioners a free book, *Rediscover Jesus* by Matthew Kelly. This year we are going to give away another free book, *13 Powerful Ways to Pray* by Fr. Eamon Tobin. As we enter into a New Year, this book offers practical suggestions about how we might deepen our relationship with Jesus through prayer in a way that will help us to know, love and serve him better.



### LESSONS, LIGHTS AND CAROLS

On Sunday, Dec. 17 we will celebrate our Festival of Lessons, Lights and Carols. The program will begin at 8p.m. in Church. This annual festival is one of our musical highlights of the year. Please note the time change – 8p.m. and not 7p.m.

Included will be selections from Handel’s Messiah. *Music presented by the St. Gregory Choir and the St. Gregory Chamber Orchestra.*

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In today’s Gospel John the Baptist says, “I am the voice of one crying in the desert; make straight the way of the Lord.” Let us ask for the grace to help others to know the love of the Lord. *Christmas is a time of love and gift giving...please give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.*

### SAVE THE DATE

*Please join us on Sunday, January 7, 2018 for our 1st Annual Chicago Blackhawks “Feed Your Face Off” Viewing Party!”*

**Date: Sunday, January 7, 2017**

**Time: 12-4 PM**

**Location: St. Gregory High School Cafeteria: 1677 W. Bryn Mawr Ave, Chicago, IL 60660**

**Viewing Party: Chicago Blackhawks vs Edmonton Oilers (WGN)**

**Food, Drink, Kids Games, Calcutta, Pull Tabs**

**Food catered by Ranalli’s**

#### Auction Items:

Autographed Patrick Kane jersey, Autographed Jonathan Toews photo / puck, Autographed Patrick Kane photo / puck, Autographed Paul Konerko jersey, Autographed Kris Bryant World Series jersey, and 15 other sports memorabilia auction items



### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Dec. 13, 2017—Christmas Party—La Villa Banquets—Cost \$35

Jan. 10, 2018—Regular Meeting—Menu: Hot Dogs/Baked Beans—Cost \$6

Feb. 14, 2018—Regular Meeting—Menu: Tuna Casserole and Macaroni & Cheese—Cost \$6

**DON’T FORGET! BRING YOUR FAVORITE BIRTHDAY DESSERT TO SHARE DURING THE MONTH OF YOUR**



### BINGO

Bingo at St. Gregory is “Smoke Free”

**TUESDAY NIGHT BINGO  
AT ST. GREGORY**

Games begin at 7:00 PM in the Gym Basement—Social Hall (1609 West Gregory St.)

**\$2,250 in prizes (includes 2— \$500 games)**

*In case of bad weather, please call the Parish Center at 773-561-3546, after 2:00p.m. for possible cancellation.*

**Mass Intentions  
for the week**

**SUNDAY, December 17**  
8:30am—+Bill Murphy  
10:30am—+Martin J. & Alice M. Dungan  
+Joseph & Gloria Creed

**MONDAY, December 18**  
8:30am—Memorial Fund

**TUESDAY, December 19**  
8:30am—+Joan Lycknell

**WEDNESDAY, December 20**  
8:30am—Parishioners

**THURSDAY, December 21**  
8:30am—Parishioners

**FRIDAY, December 22**  
8:30am—Parishioners

**SATURDAY, December 23**  
8:30am—+Eligio Uychocho  
4:30pm—+Tony Ardizzone

**SUNDAY, December 24**  
8:30am—+Marilyn Hohmeier  
10:30am—+John F. Libby  
+ Justina Wachdorf

**Prayer List**

*Please pray for the sick and all those  
who have asked for our prayers.*

Eloise Coughlin	Tom Ahlfeld
Colleen Dwyer	Mary Bredemeier
Ida Scott	Cassandra Christina Morales
James Butler	Jesus Manuel Rosario
Peter Saldanha	Eileen Casey
Virginia Rodriguez	Ida Christensen
Marylyn Ahlfeld	Marilyn Gillis Lading
Mark Dichosa	Rosa Maria Santos
Bill Barker	Tania Rojas
Joan Lycknell	Rodolfo Nabong
Michael Schlee	Charlie Bales
Horace Rutledge	Alice Weinstein
Edy Marroquin	Cathy Hall
Stanley Gnoske	Martha Ratcliff
Matthew Nilson	Mary Ardizzone
Silvia Muntaner	Maritza Muntaner
Maritza Muntaner	Arlene Blake

**Our Armed Forces**

*Please keep in your prayers  
all who are in the armed forces.*

Anthony DelRosario

**Memorial Fund**

*In Loving Memory:*

+Justina Wachdorf  
*Dorothy Torres*  
+Joan Lycknell  
*Dorothy Torres*  
*Debra Melbye*



**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;  
Mt 1:18-25

**Tuesday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;  
Lk 1:5-25

**Wednesday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

**Thursday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;  
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

**Friday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;  
Lk 1:46-56

**Saturday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;  
Lk 1:57-66

**Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;  
Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

**Low Gluten Hosts at St. Gregory the Great**

We now have available low gluten hosts which make it possible for people who have celiac disease or allergies to wheat or gluten to be able to receive communion. If you have celiac disease or an allergy to wheat or gluten, please let me know so that I can make arrangements for you to be able to receive communion at Mass. – Fr. Paul

**Weekly Calendar**

**December 17 (Sunday)**  
5:00pm—Charismatic Prayer group—Fr. Baseheart rm.  
8:00pm—Lessons, Lights Carols—Church

**December 18 (Monday)**  
7:00pm—Finance Council meeting—Parish Center

**December 19 (Tuesday)**  
7:00pm—Bingo—Social Hall

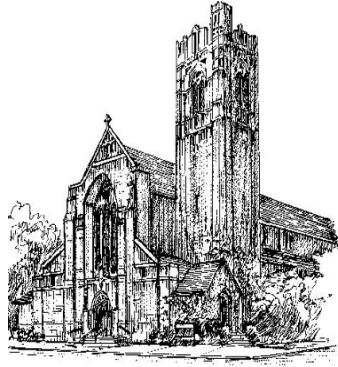
**December 20 (Wednesday)**  
6:30pm—Novena—Church

**December 22 (Friday)**

**Liturgical Ministries (December 23/December 24)**

	Saturday—4:30pm	Sunday—8:30am	Sunday—10:30am
Presider	Fr. Paul Wachdorf	Fr. Paul Wachdorf	Fr. Brian Fischer
Lectors/Commentators	Jon Hageman Millie Slane	Sr. Regina De Vitto Leila Janssens	Winston Buenvenida Judy Nocek
Eucharistic Ministers	Frank Corbett Gerry Malone  Kathy Moore	Letty Baltazar Kelly Chester  Carmen Delgado Joanne Prorok	Mickey Chigas Eunice Daniels  Butch Odulio Ines Odulio
Altar Servers	Spencer O'Brien <i>Volunteer</i>  MC-Dan Creed	Lance Ocupé Virly Ocupé Arhys Ocupé  MC-Nino Ocupé	Nico Hussey Chris Santoni Ian Sheridan  MC-Molly Sheridan

<b>Sunday and Holy Day Collection Totals</b> For Fiscal Year July 1—June 30 <b>November</b>		Envelopes	Cash/Loose	Electronic Giving	Total
	November 5	\$1,684	\$1,202		\$2,886
	November 12	\$1,051	\$ 661	\$12,562	\$14,274
	November 19	\$1,435	\$1,670		\$3,105
	November 26	\$1,520	\$1,138		\$2,658
	Holy Days	\$ 826	\$ 20		\$ 846
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,516</b>	<b>\$4,691</b>	<b>\$12,562</b>	<b>\$23,769</b>
Over/(Under) Monthly Budget—Year-to-Date				(\$4,821)	
Year-to-Date Collected as of November 30, 2017				\$124,054	
Planned Annual Budget for Sunday & Holy Day Collections				\$315,000	
YTD Collected as a percentage of Planned Annual Budget				39%	



**ST. GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH AND SCHOOL INFORMATION AND SERVICES**

**Parish Center**

5545 N. Paulina St., Chicago, IL 60640  
 773-561-3546  
 773-728-3827 (fax)—www.stgregory.net

**Hours:**

Monday-Thursday- 9:00am - 7:00 pm  
 Friday- 9:00am - 4:30pm  
 Saturday-9:00am - 4:30pm  
 Sunday-9:00am - Noon

**Pastoral Staff**

Rev. Paul Wachdorf, *Pastor*  
 Rev. Brian Fischer, *Associate Pastor*  
 Sr. Barbara Quinn, *Pastoral Associate*  
 Sr. Regina De Vitto, *Pastoral Associate*  
 Mr. John Miaso, *Business Manager*  
 Mr. Patrick Godon, *Director of Music & Liturgy*  
 Ms. Bernadette Daniels, *Administrative Asst.*  
 Mr. Dan Creed, *Sacristan*

Mr. Joseph Malham, *Artist-in-Residence*  
 Quest Theatre Ensemble, *Artists-in-Residence*  
[www.questensemble.org](http://www.questensemble.org) (Reservations: 312-458-0895)  
 International Chamber Artists, *Artists-in-Residence*  
[www.ICAmusic.org](http://www.ICAmusic.org)

**Schools**

Northside Catholic Academy (NCA) ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
 Admissions Office: 773-743-6277

**St. Gregory Credit Union**

1609 W. Gregory St., Chicago, IL 60640  
 773-561-5493  
 Sunday 9:30am-12:00pm & Wednesday 7:00pm-9:00pm

**St. Gregory the Great APP**

Can be found at St. Gregory the Great, Chicago IL  
 iPhone Users-Text : great1 to 555888  
 Android Users-Text : great2 to 555888

**Masses**

**Sunday:** Saturday Evening—4:30pm, Sunday—8:30am and 10:30am.

**Weekdays:** Monday - Saturday—8:30am

**Holy Days of Obligation:** Please check the Sunday bulletin for Holy Day Schedules.

**Sacraments**

**Baptisms:** First Sunday of the Month—1:00pm (except during Lent)

**Weddings:** Arrange with a pastoral staff member at least six months in advance. Participation in marriage preparation is essential.

**Reconciliation**

Saturday- 3:30pm - 4:15pm

**Services**

**Prayer Requests:** If you or a family member or relative is ill and would like to be included on the list of prayer requests, please call the Parish Center.

**Mass Intentions:** You may request a Mass intention for someone who is living or deceased or special occasions such as birthdays, special anniversary, get well wishes. Please call or stop by the Parish Center.

**Devotions**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** 1st Friday of each month, 9:00am-7:00pm, except when funerals are scheduled.  
**Novena To Our Lady of Perpetual Help:** Wednesdays 6:30pm

**Taizé Prayer Service**

The Taizé Prayer Service will focus on seasonal icons. Taizé Prayer Service will be held in Church on Sundays at 4:00pm. Please check the bulletin or our website at [www.stgregory.net](http://www.stgregory.net) (under the "About Us" tab) for the next scheduled prayer service.