

The Gregorian



December 31, 2017

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



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.

SOME WORDS OF THANKS

During the Advent season, we celebrated several important parish events, and I want to express my thanks to the many people who generously shared their time and talent to make these events possible.

I want to offer words of thanks to the Filipinos of St. Gregory for hosting our parish celebration of Simbang Gabi on Saturday, Dec. 16. Simbang Gabi Chicago is a Filipino tradition of celebrating a novena of 9 Advent masses at various parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago to heighten the preparation of the faithful for the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ, and in honor of our Blessed Mother Mary. The Mass offered those who attended a wonderful opportunity to prepare themselves spiritually for the coming of Christmas. It was followed by a festive reception in the Social Hall of the gym. Thanks to all the many people who helped with the planning and organization of the day.

I want to offer words of thanks to all those who helped with the planning and organization of our annual Lessons, Lights, and Carols event on Sunday, Dec. 17. It offered those who attended a wonderful way to look ahead and to prepare for Christmas. I want to offer a special thanks to Patrick Godon who put together the musical program and who recruited and rehearsed the musicians and the members of the choir.

Finally, I want to offer thanks to all the many volunteers who worked so hard to clean and decorate our Church for Christmas. The inside of our Church for me is always an awe inspiring experience of beauty. I want to thank those who took our Christmas nativity scene out of storage and installed it in front of the Parish Center. I want to thank Dan Creed, our sacristan, for making sure that all the things we needed to celebrate our Advent and Christmas liturgies were put out and in good order. I want to offer thanks to all those who decorated our Church and who prepared and helped us to celebrate our Christmas liturgies, especially Fr. Brian Fischer, Patrick Godon and all the members of the choir and our lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers and ushers. I also want to offer a special thanks to Bernadette Daniels, my dependable administrative assistant, for all her work behind the scenes in helping us get ready for Christmas. Christmas for me is always a wonderful celebration of good news, joy and hope. In the midst of the many challenges our world faces, it was good to gather together as a family of faith to celebrate the new life and hope that the birth of Christ brought to our world and continues to bring to our world. I hope our Christmas liturgies were for you an experience of heart felt prayer and worship. God bless all of you in the coming New Year. – Fr. Paul



FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

On Friday, January 5, 2018 there will be Eucharistic Adoration in Church beginning at 9a.m and will end with Benediction at 7p.m. Please consider spending time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament as a way of entering more deeply into the discipline of prayer. Please enter the Church through the side door by the handicap ramp off the Courtyard parking lot.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. During our New Year may our families “grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon them.” *This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring Christmas to the hearts of the poor by providing food, gifts and assisting with utility and rent bills.*

PLANNED GIVING

As we approach this holiday season, let us remember the joy in giving and in sharing the blessings we have received. God has cloaked us in His bountiful love, and we can in turn offer our fellow parishioners an extension of this love. By considering a Planned Gift to St. Gregory the Great Church, we can ensure that our parish will continue to serve and grow in its mission. Please contact Elin Schriver, as you prayerfully consider making a gift to St. Gregory the Great Church. She is happy to discuss with you some of the financial benefits of making a Planned Gift, such as an income stream for you during your lifetime and tax benefits for your family after you are gone. There are significant tax benefits you might also consider for your year-end giving. If you make a gift directly from your IRA before Dec. 31st or if you make a gift of appreciated stock held longer than 12 months, you can realize important tax savings.

Elin Schriver eschriver@archchicago.org 312.534.5396 - Planned Giving Relationship Manager

Happy New Year!

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, 2018

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,



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

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

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

Feb. 21, 2018—Horseshoe Casino—Bus leaves at 10:45am—\$5

March 14, 2018—Regular meeting—Corned Beef Sandwiches and Cole slaw

DON'T FORGET! BRING YOUR FAVORITE BIRTHDAY DESSERT TO SHARE DURING THE MONTH OF YOUR BIRTHDAY.



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 31 *New Year's Eve*
 8:30am—Parishioners
 10:30am—Parishioners
MONDAY, January 1 *New Year's Day*
 8:30am—+Frank Colacicco
TUESDAY, January 2
 8:30am—Parishioners
WEDNESDAY, January 3
 8:30am—Parishioners
THURSDAY, January 4
 8:30am—Memorial Fund
FRIDAY, January 5
 8:30am—+America Ruiz
SATURDAY, January 6
 8:30am—Parishioners
 4:30pm—Parishioners
SUNDAY, January 7
 8:30am—Parishioners
 10:30am—+Joan Lycknell
 +Rosalind Abuton

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
Michael Schlee	Rodolfo Nabong
Horace Rutledge	Charlie Bales
Edy Marroquin	Alice Weinstein
Stanley Gnoske	Cathy Hall
Matthew Nilson	Martha Ratcliff
Silvia Muntaner	Mary Ardizzone
Maritza Muntaner	Maritza Muntaner
Gema Barrio	Arlene Blake

Our Armed Forces

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

Anthony DelRosario

Memorial Fund

In Loving Memory:

+Minnie Bolser
Sister Barbara Quinn



Weekly Calendar

December 31 (Sunday) *New Year's Eve*
 5:00pm—Charismatic Prayer group—Fr. Baseheart rm.
January 1 (Monday) *New Year's Day (Parish Center Closed)*
 10:30am—Mass—Church
January 2 (Tuesday)
 PARISH CENTER CLOSED
 7:00pm—Bingo—Social Hall
January 3 (Wednesday)
 6:30pm—Novena—Church
January 4 (Thursday)
 7:00pm—Choir rehearsal—Church
January 5 (Friday)
 9:00am—Adoration—Church
 6:45pm—Women's scripture study—Parish Center
January 6 (Saturday)

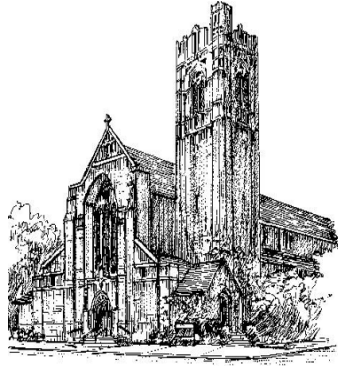
Readings for the Week

Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Liturgical Ministries (January 6/January 7)

	Saturday—4:30pm	Sunday—8:30am	Sunday—10:30am
Presider	Fr. Brian Fischer	Fr. Brian Fischer	Fr. Paul Wachdorf
Lectors/Commentators	Chris Garrity Bob Kustusch	Catherine Rondinelli Kristine Siapno	Carol Hanson Barb Lea
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Corbett Marty Sullivan Nancy Sullivan	Winnie Bowman Michael Janssens Lauren Siapno Riza Siapno	MariaLuisa Clemente Catherine Gruber Isabel Martinez Lenore Thomalla
Altar Servers	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD TBD
	MC-TBD	MC-TBD	MC-TBD

Sunday and Holy Day Collection Totals For Fiscal Year July 1—June 30 November		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
	Total	\$6,516	\$4,691	\$12,562	\$23,769
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 (Reservations: 312-458-0895)
 International Chamber Artists, *Artists-in-Residence*
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 (under the "About Us" tab) for the next scheduled prayer service.