

St. Gregory the Great Community

Celebrating the Traditional Latin Mass

May 9, 2021



Chaplain:

Fr. Jeffrey Robideau

Address:

St. Gregory the Great
3020 S. Washington Ave.
Lansing, MI 48910

Phone:

517-574-4921

Email:

fr@gregorythegreat.com

Website:

www.gregorythegreat.com

Mission Statement

We have a nice blank spot in the bulletin to put such a thing... if we had one...

Hint, hint pastoral council.

Start writing your ideas.

Fr. Robideau – What will he say this time?

I can't wait!

Ascension Thursday has come quickly upon us. It is this Thursday. We have been celebrating that Jesus walked among us for 40 days after His resurrection. Yep, "40," just like Lent. 40 preparing. 40 celebrating. And a lifetime of trying to figure it all out.

Jesus says that He is going ahead of us to prepare a place of us. This is great news. That means He is confident that at least some of us are going to make it there. You may remember my homily on "How Many Go to Heaven." Remember that scary 1% and why I believe it is so few? What is worse is that it does not have to be that way.

Jesus also said that when He goes, He will send us the Holy Ghost who will continue the work of teaching us and showing us the way. For this, we wait another 10 days for the celebration of Pentecost, the Holy Ghost descending on the Holy Apostles. More so, this day is also the renewal of our hearts and minds of the day we received the Holy Ghost on our confirmation.

Remember the work we put into preparing for that day? Remembering the gifts of the Holy Ghost, the theological virtues, the cardinal virtues and the fruits of the Holy Ghost? Not easy. I still have to look them up today sometimes. But at the heart of the lesson was that we were to trust God that He would give us what we needed when we needed it so that we could avoid sin and to do the good. These graces, these acts of love that God shows us through the acts of the Holy Ghost are not few or rare occurrences, events or encounters in our life. They are happening all the time.

They may not be as dramatic as the day of Pentecost where everyone could hear the Apostles in their own language, but they are no less spectacular. All we have to do is open our hearts and minds to this grace. God is there for us always. Sometimes in big and dramatic ways, but most of the time in little ways with little pushes or nudges to get us going in the right direction or to keep us on the path.

Let us not fall into the trap of the charismatic movement. For them it is all about the spectacular. I cannot tell you how many times I have had charismatics look down on me when they ask me if I speak in tongues and I tell them no.

In a genuine prayer life, we learn that we pray to the Father, through the Son, in union with the Holy Ghost. Jesus tells us that no one goes to the Father except through me. With this we can understand the part of going to the Father through the Son. That is why Jesus tells us that no one even knows the Father except through Him. Without Jesus being the "Way," we have no way of knowing where or how to

Continued on page 3

This Weeks Schedule

Sun: 5th Sunday after Easter
Open 7:30 am – 12 noon
Mass 8 am Rachele Koenigsknecht
10 am Parish

Mon: St. Antoninus
Open 11 am – 1 pm
Confession 11 am – 12 pm
Mass 12:10 pm Poor Souls

Tues: SS. Philip & James
Open 5 pm – 7 pm
Confession 5 pm – 6:15 pm
Mass 6:30 pm Alexis Loebig

Wed: Vigil of Ascension of Our Lord
Open 7:30 am – 11 am
Confession 8:45 am – 11 am
Mass 8 am George Family Adult Children

Thur: Ascension of Our Lord
Open 7:30 – 9 am & 5 pm – 7 pm
Confessions 5 pm – 6:15 pm
Mass 8 am
6:30 pm Reparation to Immaculate Heart

Fri: Feria
Open 7:30 am – 11 am
Confessions 8:45 am – 11 am
Mass 8 am +Judy Rockey

Sat: St. John Baptist de la Salle
Open 8:30 am – 11 am
Confessions 9:45 am – 11 am
Mass 9 am +Joseph Biewer Sr.

Next Sun: Sunday after Ascension
Open 7:30 am – 12 noon
Mass 8 am Alexis Loebig
10 am Parish

Please Pray for:



Oh Lord, hear
our prayers
for the
members of
our family in
need.

Tim Copernoll
Paul Sobie
Rachele Koenigsknecht
Ed Reichstetter
Melissa Dorbeck
JoAnn Brock
Chuck Campanella
Hal Schneider
Timothy McLin
Dean Lind
Rhoda Greenhoe
David Makara
Sharon Etzel
Bob Wilson

Money Counters

I almost have the counting room ready.

As soon as it is complete, we will have a training session.

More information to come.

Last Sunday's Collection

of Contributions – 25
Sunday Total – \$ 5313
Capital Campaign – \$ 90

Thank you for your generosity

Meetings

Pastoral/Finance Council -- May 11
Security Council --
Men's Group -- May 20
Woman's Group -- June 5

Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday @ 7 pm

“know Him, love Him and serve Him in this life so that we can be happy with Him forever in the next.”

We know that our, relationship to the Father comes through the Son, so now we need to look at where the Holy Ghost come in to play when we say, "in union with the Holy Ghost.”

When we talk about the Trinity, we mean Father, Son and Holy Ghost, thee persons, one God, indivisible, co-equal, uncreated, ..." It seems easy to talk about the three distinct Persons according to their function and how each one reveals Himself in space and time. Talking about the inner relationship of the Trinity is more difficult. As we talk about creator, redeemer and sanctifier, we need to keep in mind that they all work in unison, as one for they are one and yet three. Ug! Confusing. Yet there is a relationship within the trinity of the three. The Father loves the Son. The Son loves the Father. And the Love between them is the Holy Ghost. We speak of the Holy Ghost as love. What do we know about love? Love is a binding force. It brings people together, binds them, takes them out of self, and makes them selfless. The Holy Ghost, that is love, is that love that binds us together. How?

As the Father loves the Son and the Son loves the father, that love between them, the Holy Ghost, is so powerful, so strong, so infinite that it cannot be contained even within the Trinity. By the very nature of love, it has to give life; and so Creator. It must also be intimately bound to the good of other; and so Redeemer. At the heart of redemption is forgiveness which love demands. Love reaches out to other, for the good of other, to support, encourage and uplift other. "Charity is patient, is kind: charity envieth not, dealeth not perversely, is not puffed up. Is not ambitious, seeks not her own, is not provoked to anger, thinketh no evil: Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth with the truth: Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never falleth away..." 1 cor 13:4-8.

Now to understand "in union with the Holy Ghost." You see the depth of love that is the Holy Ghost? You see it lived out as Jesus says "no greater love is there than for one to lay his life down for a friend?" You

Holy Day Ascension

Mass will be at 8 am & 6:30 pm

Technically we are still under the dispensation so it is not a day of obligation, but I highly recommend that everyone still attend if they are able.

see what love demands? Jesus says "be ye perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect." Yes, love comes from the Father, and with that love, all that it demands. God created us out of love, with His love, He gives us love and He demands that we use His very love to love in return.

When Jesus sent the Holy Ghost upon us at Pentecost or at our confirmation, He sent us the Love of the Father and the Son, the very love with which they love each other.

It gets more beautiful yet. Jesus says further to the Father, "As you and I are one, I want them to be one in us." Jesus invites us to be part of the inner life of the trinity, where the Father loves the Son and the Son loves the Father and they together love us and we love them. Only by the Holy Ghost can we truly love. Love is of God. Love is God. God shares that love with us that we might love Him. An inferior type of love born of the world, is not worthy of God. That is why we must have the Holy Ghost, why we must be in union with the Holy Ghost. Anything short of that is unworthy of God and will not be allowed into the inner life of the Trinity (Heaven).

When we allow the Holy Ghost to fulfill His role in our life, and we unit to Him, we will then be untied to the mind and the will of God. More so, we will be gifted the very power of God (fortitude), to live a

life in union with Him in this life so that we may be worthy to do so in the next.

Union with the Holy Ghost transforms us. Not unlike how we let people into our life and they end up changing us. He makes us better. He makes us the image of God. He makes us heirs to the kingdom. He does so with His Sanctifying Grace won for Him on the Cross by the Son by the will and the power of the Father.

So pray, “Veni, Sancte spiritus” – “Come, Holy Spirit.”

Let Him in. Let Him unite with your heart, your soul, your spirit, your mind, your body, your hopes, your dreams... Let Him infuse His 7 fold gifts of wisdom, knowledge, understanding, council, fortitude, piety and fear of the Lord.

With this bond that is love, we are united to the Son who is the Way to the Father.

See now why Lent was so important? And why we need to do the work of Lent every year? We need to constantly be doing the work of letting go of our union to the things of earth so that we may have a better and fuller union with the Holy Ghost.

I wrote on this early so that you could have time to take it in and pray about it so you could be ready to celebrate Pentecost in two weeks.

God Bless
Fr. Robideau

Mother's Day

Many blessings to our Mom's. We love you. We take this day to appreciate and remember all that you do for us. You do so much, more than we could ever take notice of.

Remember that you are not alone, for God gives us two Mothers. He knows you need the assistance, not due to incompetence, not even close. It is just that your job is just so big.

I want to take this time to ask our heavenly, spiritual, Ever Virgin Mother, Queen of Heaven and Earth, Meediatrix of all Graces and Coredemptrix to pray with us for you today in a special way.

Heavenly Father, we ask you to bless these our mothers that have been such a blessing to us. You have given them a share in the burden of caring for the life you have created. Bestow on them all the gifts they need to raise your children to know, love and serve you. Give them a sense of calm and satisfaction this day and send your Mother, to embrace them that they may know they are loved by you. Touch their hearts in a special way that they may know the true dignity they share with the Blessed Mother who cared for You. Let that thought bring them joy and a renewed spirit to serve You through their children. Amen.

Contributions and Donations are greatly appreciated

As a parishioner or visitor, you may contribute in the following ways:

- You may use the donation box in the back of Church if you want to use cash or check.
- You may contribute electronically with a credit card by going to
 - www.continuetogive.com/gregorythegreat
 - Of by scanning this QR code.

