

St. Gregory the Great Community

Celebrating the Traditional Latin Mass

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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!

I spoke heresy in last weeks article. So that needs to be sufficiently corrected. I said:

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.

The key word that made it heretical was "cannot." This left the impression that I was trying to say that God had to create when in fact God created from His free will. The Holy Ghost did not strongarm the Father into doing something He did not want to do. God, as a free act of His Divine Will, chose to create. At the same time, it is true that The Father loves the Son and the Son loves the Father and that love between them, the Holy Ghost, is so powerful, so strong, so infinite that from this love, God chose to create and share His love with humanity. This is more of what I was trying to say. Creation does not fulfill God in some way that completes Him or his happiness. He did not NEED to do it. He CHOSE to do it. By giving of His love to mankind, He did not lessen the love within the trinity that he might be lacking now in some way as if He gave away some of what he needed to be whole or happy. God is just as whole, complete, fulfilled, and happy now as He has been from all eternity. Within God there is no change.

I hope that suffices for a "*mea copa.*"

Next topic:

I really enjoyed celebrating Ascension Thursday with you. Thank you to all who were here.

Now that Christ has ascended, we wait with the apostles as Christ commanded them, "that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but should wait for the promise of the Father...you shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost, not many days hence."

The historical event of physically waiting for Pentecost is fulfilled. But we wait spiritually with them today as part of our liturgical year where we share in the excitement, joy and enthusiasm of what is yet to come. We do not need to wait for this as part of our liturgical experience. We can do this every day and every moment of our life.

The Holy Ghost is always coming to us like a Pentecost. That is to say, He is always bringing us, sustaining us, guiding us, encouraging us, enlightening us and so much more. As we open our eyes to the spiritual life, we see Him working in our lives. We

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This Weeks Schedule

Sun: Sunday after Ascension
Open 7:30 am – 12 noon
Mass 8 am Kiah & Gabrielle Hester
10 am Parish

Mon: St. Paschal Baylon
Open 11 am – 1 pm
Confession 11 am – 12 pm
Mass 12:10 pm Minor Children, George Family

Tues: St. Venantius
Open 5 pm – 7 pm
Confession 5 pm – 6:15 pm
Mass 6:30 pm Matthew & Christina Biewer

Wed: St. Peter Celestine
Open 7:30 am – 11 am
Confession 8:45 am – 11 am
Mass 8 am Alexis Loebig

Thur: St. Bernardine of Siena
Open 5 pm – 7 pm
Confessions 5 pm – 6:15 pm
Mass 6:30 pm Kiah & Gabriella Hester

Fri: Feria
Open 7:30 am – 11 am
Confessions 8:45 am – 11 am
Mass 8 am Dave Frasier

Sat: Vigil of Pentecost
Open 8:30 am – 11 am
Confessions 9:45 am – 11 am
Mass 9 am Poor Souls

Next Sun: Pentecost
Open 7:30 am – 12 noon
Mass 8 am Helen Makara
10 am Parish

Please Pray for:



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

Tim Copernoll
Amy Sobie
Rachelle 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.
I am now working on the cabinets.
As soon as it is complete, we will have a
training session.

More information to come.

Last Sunday's Collection

of Contributions – 24
Sunday Total – \$ 2572
Capital Campaign – \$ 235

Thank you for your generosity

Meetings

Pastoral/Finance Council -- July 13
Security Council --
Men's Group -- May 20
Woman's Group -- June 5

Meeting:

noun. An assembly of people for discussion.
verb. A civilized way in which to torture people.

see Him bringing us all these blessings. As we open our hearts to Him more and more, we see more and more of what He is doing and how great it is in our life. We see how good it is.

We should be spending every moment like a wide-eyed child on Christmas morning, filled with excitement and curiosity as to what is in all those presents Santa (Holy Ghost) has brought us.

OH! To see and recognize those gifts and to tear them open with complete self-abandonment. That gift becomes our whole world for that moment. Each gift becoming a new Pentecost, a new coming of the Holy Ghost, a new grace, a new blessing, a new act of God's love.

We do not need to wait for the liturgical Pentecost each year, but by doing so, we deepen our love and appreciation for the fact that the Holy Ghost did come and rest upon the Holy Apostles and on each one of us at confirmation. With that, He just keeps coming. The liturgical Pentecost reminds us to wait and look for Him as we never know when or where He will come. Or with what blessing this time. It teaches us patience and gratitude.

The spiritual life is just so WOW! I do not understand why so many think that it is boring, or not worth the time and effort, especially if God already loves me just the way I am. WAIT! Who said that? I did not say that, in fact, I know I have said much to the opposite of that. God loves you in spite of who you are.

It is true that God created us from His great (perfect) love for us. It is true that God love us now. It is also true that God will love us even if we do not love Him and force Him to send us to Hell, He will love us even there.

OK. These things are true. They are givens and they cannot and will not change. But some still take from this, even with the "hell" talk, that we all go to heaven. We talk about hell, but it is more of a scare tactic. While real (if this is acknowledged) only the really bad ones go there. You know, Hitler, Stalin, Obama, Biden, Clintons, Witmer, Soros, Gates, bishops and other such evil people. Heck, even lawyers have hope for salvation.

Now, set humor aside (whether you agree with the list being funny or not), God is not amused with sin. God was perfect before creation and He will not let anything imperfect enter into His perfect infinite eternity (heaven). That is why He created Hell. It is a place completely separate from Him in all ways, except that it depends on Him for existence. He sustains it in no other way. Since God is the source of all happiness, there is none to be found in hell. God is the source of all joy, pleasure, peace, tranquility, and all else that is good. So none of it is found in hell. With that, it is left with all that is not God: pain, suffering, unhappiness, darkness, putrid and death.

That turned ugly and scary real quick. Let's turn back to the Holy Ghost. Thinking of the Holy Ghost like that wide-eyed child on Christmas morning we open our hearts and minds to Him and all that He has to offer us, knowing that what He offers is good for us and will lead us to Christ who will in turn show us the Father.

Unity with the Holy Ghost comes by accepting the Holy Ghost and all He offers through His Gifts. Yes, He will show you God's Love for you, but He will also show you that that love comes at a very high cost. He will show us how to pay this price in our life. That price being living in union with the Will of the Father. He will teach us His Will through His gift of Wisdom. Scripture teaches that Wisdom begins with Fear of the Lord. This Fear is also a gift of the Holy Ghost. Through this Fear, we will respect God and His eternal punishment. It will inspire love and hope. But only if we trust the Holy Ghost working in our life. Without trust, we will not let Him in. Trust Him. Jesus sent Him to us for our good.

COME HOLY GHOST, penetrate my heart of stone. Come deep within and with the fire of your love, purify my heart. Warm the frost that makes me cold like death and unable to love as I ought. By your love, renew me in my resolve to be perfect as my Heavenly Father is perfect.

God Bless
Fr. Robideau

Dispensation

As it stands of now, Bishop Boyea will be removing the dispensation from your obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation next Sunday.

With that, all my wonderful people here at St. Gregory the Great will simply have to keep doing what we have been doing all along.

In the Diocese, all the parishes are scrambling, trying to figure out how to get everyone to come back to church. The Diocese has even hired a propaganda firm to help do some psychological strongarming to manipulate people into coming back.

They have to do this because they have... Well we all know what they did. Many of you are here because they did it to YOU.

What a blessing you have been to me personally through all of this so far. You have been a beacon of hope that has empowered me to be just as courageous as you have been and to speak out what has needed to be said for our salvation.

Scripture says, "as iron sharpens iron." That is what I have seen here. We have given a mutual witness of saying no matter what the world throughs at us, we will worship our God or die

Blessing of Salt

We will be blessing Salt next week. Please bring whatever salt you need blessed into church.

doing so. That strong witness to each other is gift and a true act of love (unlike the mask thing). It has inspired us and compelled us to serve God and neighbor, rather than to fall into fear and hopelessness, cowardice and hiding.

Let us remember this experience as we move forward as a community of Faith and keep pulling together and being that witness to each other that inspires us to greatness. All this in union with and guided by the Holy Ghost of course.

I am looking forward to seeing many great things come from this community in the future. I know you have it in you. Your mettle has been tested and you have been proven like fire tried gold.

Just PLEASE do not get lax or too confident. There is still much ugliness to come in this world. This has just been one battle. I think the worst is yet to come. I am here for you. Help me to stick by your side and I will help you stick by Christ's.

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