



# ST. GREGORY THE GREAT COMMUNITY

*Celebrating the Traditional Latin Mass*

**September 5, 2021**

## **Fr. Robideau - What will he say next? I can't wait!**

### **Labor Day**

A most blessed labor day weekend to you all. Labor is a beautiful thing. It all started with God laboring for 6 days with creation. Everything was going well at this point. Then our first parents broke it and God said, you broke it, you fix it! We have been laboring ever since. It seems that we just keep making it worse. How bad can we break this silly thing? Scratch that, I really do not want to know. Unfortunately, it seems like we are going to find out.

Enough with the negativity. Work is actually a beautiful thing. When God threw us out of the garden and told us that we would have to work, it was not a punishment. It is viewed that way, but it was a gift from God.

God spent 6 days creating. But creation is still ongoing. He never stopped. The most beautiful part of creation is each and every new soul He creates at conception. He has been doing this for centuries. Notice in this example how God creates this new soul. He does so with the cooperation of man. Through the labors of a man and woman coming together, God cooperates with them and then WHA-LA, we have a new body and soul; ongoing creation.

Seeing this in this dramatic example, we need to see this in all our labors. God works with us, in us, and for us. We can do nothing without Him, but that being said He chooses not to do things without us. He wants us to cooperate with him in the ongoing creation. Not just with children, but also:

- Planting a vegetable garden
- Building a house, a car or anything else
- Beautifying the world by cleaning up garbage or planting flowers or a tree.
- Playing music or singing a song
- Participating in making commerce happen
- Participating in all aspects of society
- Governing
- Raising a family
- Putting up with parishioners (I mean loving your parishioners)

And so much more...

In all these things, we are building something. We are building the kingdom of God on Earth. That is to say, if we do it right. It may seem that we are building the kingdom of satan right now, but it

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Planning - Patrick Hawkins  
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## This Weeks Schedule

- Sun: 15 Sunday after Pentecost  
Open 7:15 am - 12 noon  
Mass 8 am High School RE Class  
10 am Parish
- Mon: Feria  
Open 11 am - 1 pm  
Mass 12:10 pm - Reparation to the Twin Hearts
- Tue: Feria  
Open 5 pm - 7 pm  
Mass 6:30 pm - Mathew & Christina Biewer
- Wed: Nativity of the BVM  
Open 7:30 am - 11 am  
Mass 8 am - +Michelle Gray
- Thur: St. Peter Claver  
Open 5 pm - 7 pm  
Mass 6:30 pm - Madonna House
- Fri: St. Nicholas of Tolentino  
Open 7:30 am - 11 am  
Mass 8 am - Lora Klein
- Sat: Feria  
Open 8:30 am - 11 am  
Mass 9 am - Reparation to the Twin Hearts
- Sun: 16 Sunday after Pentecost  
Open 7:15 am - 12 noon  
Mass 8 am Sacramental Prep Class  
10 am Parish

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### Confessions

Confessions are available Monday - Saturday during open hours outside of Mass times.

You may also call to make an appointment outside of these times.

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### Weddings

Please call me as soon as you can after the engagement so we can get things started.

Do not schedule a date or rent a hall until church matters are cleared first (That will take 1-2 months)

The marriage prep process can take 9 or more months of prep.

### Please pray for:



**Oh Lord,  
hear our  
prayers for  
our family  
and friends  
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

#### This Week

Greg Snitgen  
Linda Cremer

#### Next Week

Ben Schneider  
Michael Nickerson

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### Last Sunday's Collection

# Of Contributions	20 + Cash
Sunday Total	\$ 2488
Capital Campaign	\$ 160

**Thank you for your generosity**

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### Meetings

Pastoral Council	– Sep 14
Security Council	–
Men's Group	– Sep 16
Woman's Group	– Sep 9
Church Cleaning	– Sep 4

## Pastoral Council

Next week

September 14 @ 7 pm

## Altar Server Training

This is for new altar servers only.

If you want a refresher course, you can attend also.

If you want to serve, please contact

Fr. Robideau.

Date and time to be set soon

does not have to be that way.

I know, we are not alone on this planet and that we seem outnumbered in deciding as to who's kingdom we will build. There are only the two, God's and satan's. Everything we do honors one of these two kingdoms. We remember that who's kingdom we try to build here is the kingdom we will have to live in for all eternity.

Now, I am quite sure that in God's kingdom, He is not trying to give everyone the "jab." So, I know which kingdom I want to build. Sorry, I just had to get in my own jab and have a little fun in this crazy world we live in right now. Humor too is part of creation. Just think, that little joke did not exist until I wrote it. And I could not have done it without God.

Let's look at this a little deeper. Humor is a fun little thing. We get a little carried away with it at times, but it serves a purpose. It helps entertain, but more, it also helps soothe, comfort, and relieve stress and tensions. It makes seeing difficult things from different angles that we might not be willing to look at a little easier. It takes the seriousness and ugliness of what we are seeing and thinking and allows us to laugh at it rather than blow up about it. And it can give us a temporary escape. It makes life better which makes the world better.

## Religious Education Sign up

You can still sign up.

Please see Fr. Robideau

or

Barbara Hawkins

or

Emma George

Oh! Reminds me... of the cannibal who was complaining about his mother-in-law all through dinner. His wife finally told him to shut up and just eat the potatoes.

Labor is not just about a job or just some of the practical things in life. It is about greater labor still.

We are to build peace and justice in the world. We are to love (some make that really hard work). We are to bind wounds (not physical wounds, but yes those too). We are to forgive. We are to seize opportunities to be kind and generous. We are to banish hatred, resentments, all uncleanness, vice and evil of every kind. Goodness is to be striven for.

All these things require effort. They require work. They do not happen alone or in a vacuum. They require us to do what is necessary.

Now we wonder why the world is not a better place. If people only did this kind of work, WOW! Now think about it. If people are unwilling to do the more practical things of life, what makes us think they are going to do the more difficult things. Less than half our country actually work, have a job and contribute to the practical things that make society work. Most of these due to laziness. I am not referring to the retired or disabled, I am talking about able bodies.

If these people will not do the minimum (work) what makes us think that they will do the more difficult tasks of love, justice, peace, and such like? They wont. They are not only lazy, but they are selfish. They prefer to take from those who work hard to provide for themselves, their

families and contribute to society. They benefit, where they did not contribute and they call it justice. Good, hard working Americans call it theft.

(Yes, a good time for a transition)

Work gets even better still. We are talking about the greatest work on Earth. Do you know what it is? Liturgy. The word "liturgy" means public work or duty.

This liturgy (public work or duty) includes: Mass, sacraments, benediction, divine office and the official blessing of the church.

We note that this work is public. We do not just do them for ourself, but for the good of the whole world, every time, every place and every generation, past and future.

This work is made possible only through the cross. So God has done His work and now He calls us to do our part. By doing this this work of liturgy, we call upon the graces that God has for us and the whole world. We ask Him and direct Him to apply those graces now to this or that and to everything needing His special touches of love. We notice that the graces are there, but that God, as usual, wants us to cooperate with Him in bringing them about. He looks at what and who we pray for. He looks at the times we pray. When it is more difficult, the greater the grace. He looks at the depth of the prayer. The more sincere and selfless, the greater the grace. He looks at the effort. The more we persevere, the greater the grace. He looks at our affection. The greater our love, the greater the grace. He looks at sacrifice. The more we give, the greater the grace. He looks at our sorrow, pain and suffering. The more we need, the more He gives. He looks at our hopes and dreams. The more we aspire, the more He lifts us up. He looks at our difficulties, worries, and fears. The more we tremble, the more He calms our hearts.

"Father, what about our wants. Does He listen to

our wants?" Yes, He does. And the more we want, the more He whispers in our hearts, "Yes, and I want YOU."

Imagine all these things and more being a part of our worship, our liturgy, our work. It is so powerful, so beautiful, so invigorating.

And yet, people do not want to do this work either. It is asking way, way too much. Like those who will not do the practical work of life due to laziness and selfishness, they will not do this work either. They would rather that we pray for them, and we do. We pray they get off their lazy butt and get a job and do their part to make this a better world by building the kingdom of God. But they will not. The EBT card is too easy and the spiritual life is too difficult.

But setting them aside for a moment, we still need to look at ourself. Take this weekend to look at all the good there still is in this world. Can we build on this? Do we remain resolved to build God's kingdom? We see all the ways He blesses us in liturgy, let us remember that He blesses us in all aspects of our labor, the practical to the spiritual. I know how much you love liturgy, love this Mass. Let us put the same passion in all our labors of life. And at the same time renew our love of labor in the Mass itself. To do the work of being holy and being the people God calls us to be.

God sent our First Parents out to labor, let us continue their work of fixing what we have broke.

With much love - Fr. Robideau

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