



# ST. GREGORY THE GREAT COMMUNITY

*Celebrating the Traditional Latin Mass*

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A special thank you to these  
voices.

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

### **Redistribution of Resources for Ministry (RRM)**

I have heard a few concerns so let me start here - The diocese has been doing some research over the last few years about how to better use our resources in light of a continuously declining membership.

As part of the process, they have held a few meetings with all the priests and one meeting with the priests individually. They have also held a meeting in each parish (we did not have one as they would not meet with us unless we did zoom or if everyone acquiesced and did the COVID19 paranoia precautions). They also held diocesan wide conferences to talk with the people. And I am sure they had many committee meetings.

The result of all this was unveiled the other day and can be viewed on YouTube. Many of you have seen this now and have asked how it affects us. The answer is that it does not touch us at all. That being said, we should still know what is happening in our diocese and so this is the short of it:

From my understanding, there will be no parishes closing at this time (AT THIS TIME). What happens in the future will depend on the effectiveness of this endeavor and how many people continue to leave. Finances will be an important factor as well, as usual.

The parishes will be clustered together in groups and they will share and combine resources. The finances will not be combined, but the pastoral councils and such things will. Perhaps education programs and youth groups will be combined also.

Priests will still be assigned to parishes and still have the title and rights of pastor, but they will collaborate with each other. There will be one priest who will be the moderator (the mini bishop) over the cluster.

I have also heard whispers that laity may have to run some things too or have a controlling voice in the clusters as they sit on the committee with the priests.

That is the heart of the plan. We will see how it works for them. I

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## This Weeks Schedule

- Sun: 16 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: Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
Open 5 pm - 7 pm  
Mass 6:30 pm - Mathew & Christina Biewer
- Wed: Seven Sorrows of the BVM  
Open 7:30 am - 11 am  
Mass 8 am - +Michelle Gray
- Thur: St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian  
Open 5 pm - 7 pm  
Mass 6:30 pm - Madonna House
- Fri: Feria  
Open 7:30 am - 11 am  
Mass 8 am - Lora Klein
- Sat: St. Joseph Cupertino  
Open 8:30 am - 11 am  
Mass 9 am - Reparation to the Twin Hearts
- Sun: 17 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

Ben Schneider  
Michael Nickerson

#### Next Week

Connie Miller  
Renee Irrer

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### Last Sunday's Collection

# Of Contributions	26 + Cash
Sunday Total	\$ 3334
Capital Campaign	\$ 90

**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

This week

Tuesday @ 7 pm

## Altar Server Training

September 21, 2021 @ 7 pm

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.

am not convinced myself. But I have no choice but to sit back and watch them try.

Here is the problem as they see it. People are leaving the church. That means fewer bodies and few dollars. They say there is a priest shortage, I disagree but we can discuss that at a different time. With fewer people, fewer dollars and fewer priests, we now have too many buildings and too many masses. We have programs with too few people in them to justify the cost. And other such problems.

Their solution as they see it is to readjust the chairs on the Titanic. We will just adjust the administration of the sinking ship. They call this "managing the decline." I call it a "manufactured decline."

Like the government, they say throw more money at the problem or we will start a new program for the problem, or just have a committee about the problem. They do everything but take a real and honest look at the problem itself with a goal to actually fix it. Let's face it, if there is not a problem for these people to "fix" then how could they justify their existence and their pay check. With these problems, they get to have power and influence over the future of the church and your life.

## Religious Education Sign up

Classes Start TODAY

If you have not signed up yet, please see  
Fr. Robideau, Barbara Hawkins or Emma  
George

Again, like the vaccine. They do not make money with medications that already exist, are plentiful and inexpensive so we must ignore and squash such solutions to the problem. They prefer their new and expensive drug so they can get rich off peoples fear (fear that they created through psychological warfare). A drug, now we find out, that does not solve the problem but needs a booster. More money. How convenient.

All the solutions I hear are based in secular (worldly) thinking. There is no faith or spirituality in any of it. Where is God in this picture? Where is salvation of souls? Where is truth and goodness and justice?

We are not called to manage the decline of the Kingdom of God, we are called to build it up. In one sense, I would say they have just lost hope, but in another sense, I would say they want this decline and destruction of the Bride of Christ. Why? That is another discussion.

It comes back to that movie Field of Dreams - "If you build it, they will come."

Our starting point is hope and trust in God. We move in a positive direction knowing that God is with us, empowering us and backing us with His grace to make all things work for His glory and the salvation of souls.

To build, we need to assess the real problem. That is, we have not been catholic. I am not sure in many cases, if we have been good or faithful enough to even be called protestant. Why would anyone be in a church that claims to be catholic but refuses to BE catholic? People know hypocrisy when they see it. Jesus told Peter to feed my sheep, not starve them of faith, truth, goodness and justice.

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Recognizing the problem, we then correct the problem, not just move chairs around on a sinking ship, but come up with a real solution that eliminates the problem. I do not know, perhaps something like BE CATHOLIC! That would be a novel idea.

Teach the Faith in its fullness and in all its glory. Celebrate the sacraments like they really mean something. Stop the showmanship of cult of personality and return to reverence, ritual integrity and a real sense of the sacred. Give true direction in matters of morality and stop tickling the ears of the people to make them happy. ARE THEY HAPPY? No. It does not work. They are miserable. They are starving for faith, truth, goodness and justice.

Teach them of their real dignity as children of the light. Lead them out of the darkness and mire of the world. Give them real meaning and purpose in this world found in service to God, not man.

Give them something more in life than committees and programs. Something more than fundraisers and social events. Give them the task of building the Kingdom of God in their personal life, in their families, in the parish and in the world where they find themselves. Give them the task of defeating evil in the world. Teach them what evil is and what it looks like. Give them the spiritual tools they need to fight the battle. Teach them how to become holy in a world that rejects goodness. Teach them virtue that transcends the idea of being "nice" to being instruments of God found only in self sacrifice.

Stop being apologetic to the world. Live the faith with pride and dignity, like you actually believed that it something good to believe in. DO NOT water it down for anyone or anything.

There is no compromise or commingling with protestants, heretics that they are. We inspire them to come up to us. We do not go down to them.

Clergy need to be men of integrity. Be leaders. Protect your people, their rights, and their human dignity from the attacks of the world. Be there for them. Help them live the faith. Be courageous. For goodness sake, do not close churches when people need them the most. Protect their religious, moral and legal rights by proclaiming them to the world.

Do not submit to the world. They must submit to God and we must lead them to Him that they may submit to Him. Stand up against the tyranny and in justice of the governments. Stop playing footsie with them.

Love your people and be ready to die for them. Get off your comfy couches and get your hands dirty with the people and for the people.

Leave the little boys alone and cease in your perversion.

Boy! I can go on here, but that is enough for now.

When people see us actually being Catholic they will return and new ones will come. And then it will not be a situation of managing the decline, but one of "Oh God, slow down, we can't keep up!"

The diocese has done program after program after program to try to bring people back. Now they have the RRM. Remind me again, what is the definition of insanity?

With Much Love - Fr. Robideau

Answer: Doing the same thing over and over again, expecting a different result.

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