



# ST. GREGORY THE GREAT COMMUNITY

*Celebrating the Traditional Latin Mass*

**November 7, 2021**

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## Schola

Volunteers are needed.  
Practice is held on  
Wednesday.

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

### **Thanksgiving and Its True Origin and Meaning**

I know, you might be thinking, "Thank God for them godless heathen Indians who saved the pilgrims from certain death by sharing their land and teaching them how to live in this new land which lead to their first bountiful harvest." But this is far from the truth of what we celebrate today. Although the "woke" and other liberal white man hating groups like to think of it this way.

Remember that the celebration of Thanksgiving is a secular holiday. It is not religious, though it has christian sentiments running throughout it. The first true United States celebration of Thanksgiving was declared by President George Washington in his 1789 Thanksgiving Proclamation.

You can find it here: <https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Washington/05-04-02-0091>

As you read it, you will find that at no point does George Washington ever even mention the pilgrims or the Indians or some big fancy dinner with a Turkey. Rather, you find that it is about praising and thanking God for this great nation. It is about seeking pardon for our sins. And it is about maintaining a good government.

There were then a few other presidents who also had Thanksgiving Proclamations. These also did not mention the pilgrims or the Indians. It was then made an official holiday of the United States to be celebrated every year.

It is true that the pilgrims did have a thanksgiving, but not as the United States, that did not exist yet. Rather, what they celebrated can be best described as the defeat and elimination of socialism and the success of free enterprise and self reliance and for taking responsibility for themselves.

In short it went like this - When the pilgrims came here, they first signed the Mayflower compact. This contract was a legal agreement between them that everything they had was all held in common. The land and everything they produced was to be held in common. Everyone was then distributed to equally from this store. No matter how hard they worked - no matter how much they produced - no matter how much they needed - everything was distributed equally. If you worked less, you still got the same share as those who worked more.

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## This Weeks Schedule

- Sun: 24 Sun after Pentecost  
Open 7:15 am - 12 noon  
Mass 8 am Erin Papic  
10 am Parish
- Mon: Feria  
Open 11 am - 1 pm  
Mass 12:10 pm - Adult Children of George Family
- Tue: Dedication of the Arch basilica of our Savior  
Open 5 pm - 7 pm  
Mass 6:30 pm - Kiki Gio Eli
- Wed: St. Andrew Avellino  
Open 7:30 am - 11 am  
Mass 8 am - Minor Children of George Family
- Thur: St. Martin  
Open 5 pm - 7 pm  
Mass 6:30 pm - +Jonas Souza Santos
- Fri: St. Martin I  
Open 7:30 am - 11 am  
Mass 8 am - Fr. John Lovell
- Sat: St. Frances Xavior Cabrini  
Open 8:30 am - 11 am  
Mass 9 am - Barb Hawkins
- Sun: 25 Sun after Pentecost  
Open 7:15 am - 12 noon  
Mass 8 am +George Markara  
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

Linda Cremer  
Renee Irrer

#### Next Week

Julie Snitgen  
Connie Mille

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### Last Sunday's Collection

# Of Contributions 18 + Cash  
Sunday Total \$ 2880  
Capital Campaign \$ 110

**Thank you for your generosity**

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### Meetings

Pastoral Council – Nov 9  
Security Council –  
Men's Group – Nov 18  
Woman's Group – Nov 11  
Church Cleaning – Nov 6  
Schola – Every Wednesday @ 6pm

So what do you think happened? No one worked any harder than their neighbor. And ultimately, no worked at all. They almost starved to death. Many died because of it.

They eliminated the contract and each owned his property and everything they produced. What happened next was a bountiful harvest, because everyone worked hard to care for themselves and their families.

They were happy and they celebrated.

Now, did the Indians help them? Yes, read up on Squanto.

The whole pilgrim-Indian thing is irrelevant though. What was celebrated is not that Squanto helped them survive, but that the elimination of socialism is why they survived.

The other point is that they over produced and so shared their bounty with each other and they were able to start up commerce with each other and with the Indians. The free market is born in the new country.

So what do I want you to take away from all this? I want to you remember that socialism is defined by the Catholic Church as an **INTRINSIC EVIL**. Remember that socialism was tried in the early church. It is right there in the New Testament. It did not work then either and it was quickly abandoned.

On the flip side, the Church has defined Capitalism as acceptable, but with one caution; we are to be careful not to fall into the trap of greed and selfishness, and should remember always charity for the less fortunate.

Scripture says - let those who do not work not eat. But it also says that those who have plenty should share.

Balance is important. We must take care of our selves. That is the way God intended it. But not all CAN do for themselves. So these we must help according to their needs. Remember that human dignity lies in doing for ourselves, therefore we must not do more for them than what they need. In other words, in justice, they must do for themselves what they can do for themselves. We are only to help make up the difference. To do more for them

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## **Pastoral Council**

This Tuesday at 7 pm

This should be a quick meeting.

## **Mens Group**

This Thursday at 6:30 pm

Come join the men of the parish for prayer, food and camaraderie.

Bring your young men with you too. They tend to sit in the back and play cards and other things with each other. But we know that they are watching the men to see what real men do to have fun. So guys, as usual, behave yourselves.

In this world today where manhood is belittled and torn down, it is good for the young men to see that there are good men who are proud to be men.

Some men have been beaten down and need the support of other men to help them not give in to this perverted culture or to reclaim their manhood. And what a better place than with Catholic men who choose to honor the Father by living in His image.

## **Schola**

God gave you a voice - SHARE IT!

Please consider joining the Schola. They meet on Wednesday nights at 6 pm.

As a goal, we have a Missa Cantata on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month.

**God is better than good.**

**He is Grrrrrrrrrate !!**



Perfect actually.

If you want to get all technical about it.

would let them slip into the sin of sloth. It would also use up precious limited resources that would better help someone else in need who actually NEEDS it.

In light of all this, what is Thanksgiving truly about? Just give thanks to God. Any good we have received is reason enough to give thanks.

- For our country
- For our bounty
- For our life
- For our faith
- For our family
- For our friends
- For Fr. Robideau and this great parish
- For our job
- For the possibilities and opportunities we have
- For our liberties
- For the Church and the sacraments
- For the love we share with each other
- For our Children
- For my parishioners
  
- For God's good, **great, perfect** mercy
- For our little furry friends that we include in our family (cats excluded:)
- For each new day
- For our responsibilities and duties that give purpose and meaning to life
- For our impending death that brings us new hope and a reason to live life well.

For more information you might want to listen to these talks given by Rush Limbaugh. The first two are very similar.

- True Meaning of Thanksgiving (2015) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s10TGTWXP8I>
- The Truth About Thanksgiving (2019) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H5hbKOEftyM>
- George Washington's 1789 Thanksgiving Proclamation - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zocLmCGpvm8>

With Much Love - Fr. Robideau

This blank space is provided for you to write in other things that will remind you what we are thankful for.

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## Contributions and Donations are greatly appreciated

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- You may contribute electronically with a credit card by going to: [www.continuetogive.com/gregorythegreat](http://www.continuetogive.com/gregorythegreat)