



# ST. GREGORY THE GREAT COMMUNITY

*Celebrating the Traditional Latin Mass*

**November 14, 2021**

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### Music Consulters

Patrick Hawkins  
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## Organ

Lee Schneider

## Schola

Volunteers are needed.  
Practice is held on  
Wednesday.

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

### **Advent**

I spoke of preparation for Thanksgiving last week. It is coming up soon so please keep thinking about what all you thank and appreciate God for in your life.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, a secular holiday, we remember that we are quickly coming to Advent also, a Religious season. As a religious season, it is more important than the secular holiday and so all the more important that we put proper preparation into it.

The word advent means: arrival, appearance, emergence, materialization, surfacing, occurrence, dawn, origin, birth, rise, development; approach, coming, looming, nearing, advance. Something is coming, arriving and is here. Something important, something momentous (big).

As we know, the season of Advent is not there for itself. It leads to something. It leads to the advent (arrival) of Jesus on Christmas day. The purpose of Advent, then, is to prepare us to truly understand, enter into and to celebrate this momentous occasion; this great event that is the birth of our God, our Lord and King into the world as one of us. This is nothing short of "WOW!" As if any word could ever express the true significance of the incarnation, nativity, teaching, suffering and death of our Lord Jesus.

Since no words can express this reality, we need to prepare ourselves, not by dialogue (words) but spiritually in our hearts where the Holy Spirit speaks to us in words that transcend our oracular (learning by hearing) limitations.

One of the impediments to preparing for Christmas is satan. He is a slick one. He would have us not believe in Jesus as God and man.



He would have Jesus be a messenger of God. This is the sin and hearsay called Arianism. If satan were to succeed in this hearsay, Christmas would have a completely different and significantly lessened meaning. So to keep us on the right course, Good of Saint Nick (Some know him as Santa) Punched Arian right in the face. Some might remember as I talked about this a few years ago, how I had my good friend St. Nick reenact the event with me so I could see

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## This Weeks Schedule

- Sun: 25 Sun after Pentecost  
Open 7:15 am - 12 noon  
Mass 8 am +George Markara  
10 am Parish
- Mon: St. Albert the Great  
Open 11 am - 1 pm  
Mass 12:10 pm - Jeanne Hawkins
- Tue: St. Gertrude  
Open 5 pm - 7 pm  
Mass 6:30 pm - +Don Pohl
- Wed: St. Gregory the Wonderworker  
Open 7:30 am - 11 am  
Mass 8 am - +Sheryl Beacon
- Thur: Dedication of the Basilicas of SS Peter and Paul  
Open 5 pm - 7 pm  
Mass 6:30 pm - For helping fix up the classroom  
Patrick Lind, Dan Beaudrie  
Michael & Alberto Nickerson  
Josh Papic
- Fri: St. Elizabeth of Hungry  
Open 7:30 am - 11 am  
Mass 8 am - +Ron Shaver
- Sat: St. Felix of Valois  
Open 8:30 am - 11 am  
Mass 9 am - Jeffrey Nusbaum
- Sun: 26 Sun after Pentecost  
Open 7:15 am - 12 noon  
Mass 8 am Barbara & Barry Virgin  
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

Julie Snitgen  
Connie Mille

#### Next Week

Linda Cremer  
Jim Miller

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### Last Sunday's Collection

# Of Contributions 26 + Cash  
Sunday Total \$ 2399.25  
Capital Campaign \$ 250

**Thank you for your generosity**

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### Meetings

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

## Confirmations

Our Confirmations are scheduled for Friday  
Jun 3, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

They will be done by Bishop Earl Boyea, our bishop. This will be his first time here with us so I ask that as many of you who can, to please mark your calendars and be here to show the bishop how much we appreciate his willingness to not only let us be here, but also for supporting us.

such a great sight as a heretic being punched like the vermin they are. However, I did not know that he would demonstrate on me. After I picked myself up off the floor, we had a good laugh or a Ho Ho Ho in his case.

My point is that we need to be on guard as we prepare for this holy and sacred event. Satan will certainly try to get in the way with his lies and deceit. He will try to get us to be busy about many things and not find time to pray in preparation. For this, we remember Mary who chose the better part.

So, to fully appreciate Christmas, we have to fully appreciate WHO Jesus is, what He came for, what He taught, and just how much He loves us.

During Advent, we should already be looking toward the Christmas season and the various events and points of Faith that we celebrate during that time.

We should be think about, meditating upon, mulling over, researching and coming to know and understand several points of the Christmas season.

These include, the incarnation, and nativity in particular, but more: the feast of St. Stephen the first martyr (Dec 26), the feast of Holy Innocents, the children who die in Jesus' stead (Dec 28), the Circumcision (Jan 1), the Epiphany (Jan 6), Holy Family (Jan 9), Baptism (Jan 13), and as far out as February 2, the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

These name only the feast days, but there is more: There are also all the variations of what

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## Mens Group

This Thursday at 6:30 pm

FOR REAL THIS TIME

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.



each of these feasts mean and teach.

As you get older, you may think that you have been through how many Christmas', there is nothing new to see here and just let it pass by without another thought. But like I have said, one of the gifts the Church gives us is the liturgical calendar where we revisit all the major teachings and doctrines of the faith each year.

God is infinite and our human intellect is so puny, we will never fully understand the mysteries of God, not at least on this side of death.

We need to take advantage of these opportunities every year so that we may come to know, love and serve Him more and more each year.

Think about it this way. We are slow to learn, so God gives us a simple fact to learn about Him this year. More than likely it is only a small part of a fact. We can only handle so much. But that is it. We know something more about Him. But then that little fact, or partial fact, grows in our heart so that next year He is able to make us feel the emotions, zeal or whatever about that fact and then it is another year more until we are settled in it enough that now we chose to live it. THREE YEARS! BOY! Is God patient or what?

OK - now that He got that piece pounded into our head, are we ready for the next part, or the next truth? Well, that is what Advent is there for. It is there for us to take that long (4 weeks) hard look at ourself and to do the work to hear what God is trying to have us take away from this Christmas season.

With Much Love - Fr. Robideau

## Are You a Busybody?

We need to be careful how we use scripture and the teachings of the faith. We are indeed called to correct our brothers and sisters, it is even a spiritual work of mercy. But how we do it matters.

If someone does something to us directly that is sinful or something we do not like or appreciate, then we can tell them and even correct them if they persist.

That, however is not what I am talking about. I am talking about people who talk to or about what people are doing in the form of:

- Gossip
- Detraction
- Calumny
- Making yourself look better (pride, arrogance...)
- Pay back - Out of resentment

Remember to take care of the beam in your own eye first then you can look to the speck in your brother's eye.

Still, we must be careful. The right to correct someone is earned. When you correct someone you do not know or barely know, they will just see you as a busybody or a real %\$#@\*&, even if you say you do it out of love. Only when you really know someone and have gained their trust and respect, do you approach them and correct them. Remember, you need to know more than what they are doing, you need to know all the whys, wheres, and what fors. If you do not know these things, then you are just being rash or judgmental.

If you correct someone out of turn, it may be you who are sinning.

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