



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT COMMUNITY

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Volunteers are needed.

Practice is held on
Wednesday.

This Weeks Schedule

Sun	Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ		
25	Open	11 pm-1am & 8:15 am - 10 am	
	Mass	Midnight	Parish
	Mass	9 am	Parish
Mon	2nd Day of Christmas		
26	Open	11 am -1 pm	
	Mass	12:10 pm	John & Debby Pung
Tue	3rd Day of Christmas		
27	Open	5 - 7 pm	
	Mass	6:30 pm	+Pablo Ponce
Wed	4th Day of Christmas		
28	Open	11 am -1 pm	
	Mass	8 am	Minor Children of George Family
Thr	5th Day of Christmas		
29	Open	5 - 7 pm	
	Mass	6:30 pm	Adult Children of George Family
Fri	6th Day of Christmas		
30	Open	7:30 - 11 am	
	Mass	8 am	Matathew & Janice Newman
Sat	7th Day of Christmas		
31	Open	8:30 - 11 am	
	Mass	9 am	+Pablo Ponce
Sun	Octave Day & Circumcision		
1	Open	7:15 am - 12	
	Mass	8 am	Maraloy Thomas & Family
	Mass	10 am	Parish

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.

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.

Last Sunday's Collection

Of Contributions 15 + Cash
 Sunday Total \$ 3532
 Capital Campaign \$ 10

Thank You for your generosity

Counters

Today

Greg Snitgen
 Tom Schrauben

Next Week

Angela Ambrosia
 Connie Miller

Ushers

Today

8: Coming soon

10:

Next Week

8:

10:

Meetings

Pastoral Council – January 10
 Security Council –
 Church Cleaning – January 14
 Woman's Group – January 12
 Men's Group – January 19
 Schola Practice – Every Wednesday @ 6pm

Parish News

Jan 1 Mass Schedule

8 am

10 am

Starting:

January 7

First Saturday Holy Hours

January 14

SGTG Confraternity of our deceased

&

Church cleaning moves to the 2nd
 Saturday



Sacramental Prep

Today

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Next Week

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Teen Ed

Today

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Next Week

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Latin Classes

This Week

N

Next Week

N

Tuesday

Thursday

N

N

Oh Lord, hear
 our prayers
 for our family
 and friends in
 need.



Please pray for:

Denise Ignatowski
 Tim Copernoll
 Amy Sobie
 Rachelle Koenigsknecht
 Ed Reichstetter
 Melissa Dorbeck

JoAnn Brock
 Hal Schneider
 Timothy McLin
 Rhoda Greenhoe
 David Makara
 Bob Wilson

Cozette Oxley

News & Editorial
Fr. Robideau - What will he say next? I can't wait!

Merry Christmas

What a blessed feast we celebrate this day. God Incarnate. It baffles the mind. I find it helpful to remember that the mind is so limited that it cannot fully grasp what this day is all about. So I turn to something that is able to grasp it a bit better, the heart. Love Does not need explanations and proofs and facts and historical accounts and, and, and. Love accepts it all and basks in its glow. Love is not blind though. It does not accept all this without some understanding. The will, the heart of what makes love possible, needs the intellect. So we say, with St. Thomas Aquinas that we cannot love that which we do not know. The more we know the more we love; when it comes to God at least.

What do we know?

God prepared the world for many many years (centuries even) for His coming into the world. He waited for the young woman, Mary, to be bring Him forth into the world. She was without sin and so it was her womb that would be a worthy tabernacle to host the Son of God. At God's invitation, she said yes and so God's centuries of preparation began to unfold. The shepards and wisemen were notified and they were on their way. The choirs of Angels sang and rejoined. Oops, someone forgot to notify the inn keeper to hold a room for them, so a manger was to be his crib. A lowly stable was to be his roof. Someone cue the drummer boy, oh, sorry, he is not part of the story. A star is set in motion to lead the way for the wisemen.

A beautiful story indeed. I only mention the main points and your intellect fills in all the other details, including your hopes and dreams that makes the reality that we celebrate so personal and intimate. Do we understand it all? No. Not even in hind sight. But there is enough, God always gives just enough, that it stirs our hearts to love.

This love is so great that we cannot contain it to ourselves any more that God contain love within Himself. Love, real love, always spills over. It would be like a pressure bomb if we did not let it spill over. In fact if it does not well up and spill, it is probably not love. Love cannot be contained. What is contained is only self love, and selfishness.

Real love seeks a way to express itself that it may be shared and enjoyed by others. And as we celebrate this feast of the birth of Jesus, we think of children in general. We love babies. We do not horde them, they get passed around to family and friends.

And that is the point of Christmas. Even though it is overly commercialized, the point is ever there to be seen by those who want to see. Christmas is about the love of this child who loves us so much. We share our love in the form of gifts, yes, but more. We share ourselves at meals and gatherings too, or just with casual well wishing, "Merry Christmas."

Knowing what we know is so profound and inspirational. We know the God-Man, Jesus Christ. Our hearts well up with joy that ferments into love, great love that spills over to all we meet.

What a beautiful way to share Jesus with the world and each other.

Please know my deep and abiding love for you and that I say "Merry Christmas" in no casual way, but from the bottom, middle and top of my heart, inside and out.

Much Love & Merry Christmas,
Your spiritual father, Fr. Robideau

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