



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT COMMUNITY

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Volunteers are needed.

Practice is held on
Wednesday.

This Weeks Schedule

Sun	Holy Family (1st Sunday after Epiphany)		
8	Open 7:15 am - 12		
	Mass 8 am	+Pablo Ponce	
	Mass 10 am	Parish	
Mon			
9	Open 11 am - 1 pm		
	Mass 12:10 pm	Lindsey & Blake Strank & Family	
Tue			
10	Open 5 - 7 pm		
	Mass 6:30 pm	Josh Newman & Family	
Wed			
11	Open 11 am - 1 pm		
	Mass 8 am	+Pablo Ponce	
Thr			
12	Open 5 - 7 pm		
	Mass 6:30 pm	Cassie Poulin	
Fri			
13	Open 7:30 - 11 am		
	Mass 8 am	Jeremy & Angie Newman & Family	
Sat			
14	Open 8:30 - 11 am		
	Mass 9 am	SGTG Confraternity of Our Deceased	
Sun	2nd Sunday after Epiphany		
15	Open 7:15 am - 12		
	Mass 8 am	James Miller	
	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 13 + Cash
 Sunday Total \$ 1553
 Capital Campaign \$ 125

Thank You for your generosity

Counters

Today

Jim Miller
 Renee Irrer

Next Week

Connie Miller
 Tom Schrauben

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

Starting:

January 14

SGTG Confraternity of our deceased
 &
 Church cleaning moves to the 2nd
 Saturday

Our First

First Saturday Holy Hour

It went well. I forgot to get a count, but I think there were about 20 people there.

Remember - First Saturday after the 9 am mass, we now have a holy hour with benediction.

Consider joining us next time.



	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>	<u>Latin Classes</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Sacramental Prep	Y	Y	Tuesday	Y	Y
Teen Ed	Y	Y	Thursday	Y	Y

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!

Good Answer

I was asked a question this week... Well, I was asked several questions this past week like I am every week, but I refer to a particular one here.

People often ask a question, hoping to get a particular answer. It seldom happens that they get the answer they were looking for. Not fully at least. Sometimes they get part of what they are looking for.

Some ask the same question of several priests until they get the answer they want...

WHAT!

You heard me. Some people go priest shopping to get the answer they want. Then they feel they can say, "But Father so-and-so said its so." Never mind that several other priest said differently.

We need to make a distinction here. There is a difference between doctrine and morality and that of practical matters.

On practical matters it is good to ask a few people and get their opinions, because that is what they are, OPINIONS. This includes the application of practical matters pertaining faith and morals.

On the practical matters, we would expect to get differing answers and one is free to chose which ever one they like. We do this with doctors, lawyers, contractors... and all sorts of experts. Remember that being an expert in a field only means that they have extensive knowledge in that field of study. It does not mean that they have any wisdom or savvy in that field. Knowledge does not equal smart either. People can know all kinds stuff and know trivia like no one else and still not know how to screw in a light bulb or change a tire. This is why

we consult several experts before we make a decision of any importance. I sure hope in the future that people would listen to more experts in science before they shut the economy down, lock people in their homes, impose masks and force a poisonous, baby killing jab on people.

Opinions are not bad and I highly recommend them. Just remember that the one or combination of them that you choose is your decision and your responsibility when it comes to consequences, including eternal consequences. On judgment day, we do not get to tell God, "But Fr. So-and-so said it was OK."

What we cannot do is seek a "truth" that I like. I refer here to things that do not belong to the realm of opinion but to TRUTH.

Truth is not up to opinion. Truth is truth because it is true. $2+2=4$. That is truth. There is no other answer. You can look for someone who will tell you it is 5, but that only makes you the idiot. Only an idiot would want less than the truth, even if the lie makes them feel good about them self or makes them happy or lets them do what they want rather than what they should.

Idiot is a strong word, I know. Would you prefer a fool, nincompoop, halfwit, dunce, ignoramus, imbecile, dolt, dope, ninny, simpleton, chump, dimwit... Any and all could apply.

I say this knowing that you, my wonderful, God fearing, truth seeking parishioners, would not fall into this trap and so are not insulted by my saying so.

With this, it should not matter what priest you consult on matters of faith and morals, you should get the same answer. But, unfortunately, priests can fall into any

number of traps themselves and so give different answers to the same question pertaining to truth on Fatih and morals. Two major traps is that of being a modernist or of wanting people to like him so he tells them what they want to hear.

Keeping in mind that the question I was asked, I believe was in all sincerity, I was still not able to give them the answer they wanted as it pertained to truth. I also then gave my opinion as to how to deal with the situation. I then said, Sorry, I know that was not the answer you were looking for but if I gave everyone the answer they were looking for, my name would be "Legion" and not Father Robideau.

Satan and his minions (not the cute yellow ones in the movies) love to give the wrong answer. That is why we call Satan the Prince of Lies.

This is where I ask that you always be praying for me. Pray that God always help me to know and teach the truth and that I never succumb to lies, deceit, error, misrepresentation, half truth, ignorance, desire for friendship or any other thing that would prevent me from speaking truth. Only the TRUTH can save. And Jesus is the TRUTH. Let nothing less ever satisfy us. Truth, fulness of truth, nothing but truth.

Please know that if I have ever failed in TRUTH, that it was never by design, never meant to deceive or mislead, and never done knowingly.

I love truth and I know you do to. But we all still have a lot to learn. Let us continue to work together and come to know, love and live truth together in Jesus Christ.

Much Love. Fr. Robideau

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