



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT COMMUNITY

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Volunteers are needed.

Practice is held on
Wednesday.

This Weeks Schedule

- Sun 3rd Sunday after Epiphany**
- 22 Open 7:15 am - 12
Mass 8 am Silviono Alvarado & Family
Mass 10 am Parish
- Mon St. Raymund of Pennafort, C OP +1275, 3cl**
- 23 Open 11 am -1 pm
Mass 12:10 pm Ryan, Peyton, Harper Thomas
- Tue St. Timothy, B of Ephesus, M +97, 3cl**
- 24 Open 5 - 7 pm
Mass 6:30 pm Msgr. Jerome V. MacEachin
- Wed Conversion of St. Paul, 3cl**
- 25 Open 11 am -1 pm
Mass 8 am Michelle Gray
- Thr St. Polycarp, B of Smyrna, M +169, 3cl**
- 26 Open 5 - 7 pm
Mass 6:30 pm Gage Canter
- Fri St. John Chrysostom, BCD +407, 3cl**
- 27 Open 7:30 - 11 am
Mass 8 am Peter Pung
- Sat St. Peter Nolasco, C +1256, 3cl**
- 28 Open 8:30 - 11 am
Mass 9 am +Marilyn Hatt
- Sun 4th Sunday after Epiphany**
- 29 Open 7:15 am - 12
Mass 8 am +Fr. Louis Maday
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 12 + Cash
 Sunday Total \$ 1255
 Capital Campaign \$ 90

Thank You for your generosity

Counters

Today

Ben Schneider
 Angela Ambrosia

Next Week

Renee Irrer
 Tom Schauben

Ushers

Today

8: Coming soon

10:

Next Week

8:

10:

Meetings

Pastoral Council – January 17
 Security Council –
 Church Cleaning – February 11
 Woman's Group – February 9
 Men's Group – February 16
 Schola Practice – Every Wednesday @ 6pm

Parish News

Heating & Cooling

I hear that it was a bit cool in the Hall and in the Choir Loft. I have a solution for the Hall, but I am not sure about the Choir Loft. Be assured I am working on them both.

We knew the system would need a little tweaking and so I appreciate the feedback.

Usher Recruitment

Men, If you are thinking, wanting, will to be an usher, please sign the signup sheet in the back of Church this week or next.

Many parishes are using the term "Greeter." We will not be using this term. I have had too many bad experiences (as I am sure you have too) with people who are "Greeters." They skip up to you and want to hug and slap you on the back and talk and all the while you are saying, leave me alone, I just want to come and worship and who are you anyway, can we do this after Mass in the Hall where it is more appropriate.



	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Sacramental Prep	Y	Y
Teen Ed	Y	Y

Latin Classes	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Tuesday	Y	Y
Thursday	Y	Y

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



Please Pray for:

Denise Ignatowski	JoAnn Brock	Cozette Oxley
Tim Copernoll	Hal Schneider	
Amy Sobie	Timothy McLin	
Rachelle Koenigs knecht	Rhoda Greenhoe	
Ed Reichstetter	David Makara	
Melissa Dorbeck	Bob Wilson	

News & Editorial

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

Usher Recruitment Cont.

Ushers greet people formally, acknowledging their arrival without distracting them from what they are here for - to worship. This is not to say that we are not all friends and family and that being together is not fun and a great time to chat and such. It is. But before that happens, we have something we have to do first - worship.

The usher's job is not so much to welcome people. Certainly "All are welcome." Forgive the phrase, I could not resist.

In my home growing up, we all had keys to get in. We opened the door, walked in and you were lucky if anyone even noticed you were home, let alone acknowledged it.

The same here. We are already family. We do not need to be "welcomed" into our own home. Rather, we need a security guard, because there are bad actors in the world. So this is one of the important duties of the usher, to police. They do this by knowing who we all are and then noticing that this person is new and then to apply what I call Catholic Profiling.

These new people are who need greeting and to determine:

- Do they need help
- Do they have questions
- Do they look dangerous
- Do they look out of place
- Do we need to keep an eye on them
- Do we need to ask them to leave

The other important task for the usher is to be the coordinator. We are all here to worship and if we know that there is a person who is there to take care of things while we worship, then we can relax and just pray.

- If someone needs help - the users got it.
- If someone is sick - the ushers got it.
- If someone is disruptive - the ushers got it.
- If something needs to be taken care of - the ushers got it.

My job is to just praise God. Thank God for the ushers.

The users Job as coordinator also includes emergencies: fire, power outage, medical emergencies, tornados, storms, salting sidewalks, helping people up and down stairs or direct them to the elevator (when we get it fixed), helping visitors know where stuff is, All that kind of stuff.

The term "Greeter" does not describe their primary function nor does it represent the great role they play in our worship.

For this reason, I point out the spirituality of being an usher.

Some might say that being busy ushering, these men do not worship as they should during the mass. I would agree if they do what I have seen at some places, where they stand in the vestibule and talk and laugh throughout the mass. But this would not and is not appropriate behavior for an usher.

To better understand, let us look at the Mother. She fusses with her child all though mass, feeding, calming, quieting and even having to take them out of church when too noisy or in need of discipline. Did that mother worship? Yes. Mothering is part of her duties, caring for her child, even on Sunday and even at Mass. God would have it no other way.

The Usher is the same. So we are looking for men who see it as their duty to serve and care for the community. They must

see this as more than a duty, but a calling from God as part of their spirituality, as part of their way to worship and serve God by serving and caring for brother and sister. Ushering needs to be incorporated into their form of praising God at Mass. That means that they are able to be spiritually present at Mass while at the same time caring for the needs of others. They are not mutually exclusive of each other any more than mothering and worshipping.

We can even take note of the man's role to be leader and head of the family. This means caring for, providing for and protecting them. It is very much a manly role and one that God respects and so He would grace them in special ways for their sacrifice and service in fulfilling this duty.

Being an usher is not a time to play or an excuse to not have to sit in the pew and say that "But I was at Mass."

Because of the importance of this role, I will be having training soon. For now, please sign up by signing the signup sheet in the back of church.

Thank you in advance for your being a part of the community in this special way.

Much Love. Fr. Robideau

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