

# St. Gregory the Great Church

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## December 14, 2014

*"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near."* **Philippians 4: 4-5**

### Third Sunday of Advent

As the nativity feast of the Savior is drawing near, the Church invites the faithful to rejoice and celebrate the third Sunday of Advent as joyful Sunday. This tradition finds its source in the letter of Paul to the Philippians: "Rejoice always" (4, 4), the Apostle says. This verse is repeated in the opening antiphon of this Sunday's liturgy. Actually, Pope Francis is someone who embodies this feeling of joy. The Church is not necessarily doing better today than when under previous popes; but Francis gives the impression that he sees better and further. He is the pope for our time: an evangelist pope who looks with a true love over the problems and the needs of his people. In his stimulating apostolic exhortation on the Joy of the Gospel, the pope insists very much on our personal relationship with God and with our brothers and sisters. This is what he calls "the prophecy of brothers" (no. 97). He sets a prophetic tone: "the joy of the Gospel," he says, "fills the heart and the whole life of those who meet Jesus."

### Tercer Domingo de Adviento

Al acercarse la fiesta de la natividad del Salvador, la iglesia invita a sus fieles a celebrar el tercer domingo de Adviento como un domingo jubiloso. Esta tradición lo encontramos en la carta de Pablo a los Filipenses: "Estén siempre alegres en el Señor" (4-4) le dice a los Apóstoles. Este verso es repetido en la antifona de entrada de este domingo. El Papa Francisco también cree en esta antifona. La iglesia no esta necesariamente mejor hoy que durante otros Papas; pero Francisco nos da la impresión de que el futuro de la iglesia estara mucho mejor. El es el Papa de nuestro tiempo: un evangelista con mucho amor quien ve los problemas de la humanidad. El papa insiste en una relación personal con Dios y con todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas. Esto es lo que el llama "la profecía de hermanos" (no 97). El dice que "el jubilo del Evangelio, llena los corazones y toda la vida de los que encuentran a Jesús."

### Troisième dimanche de l'Avent

Traditionnellement, dans l'Eglise, le troisième dimanche de l'Avent est le dimanche de la joie. Cela nous vient de la lettre de saint Paul aux Philippiens qui dit: "Soyez toujours dans la joie" (4, 4), verset cité dans l'antienne d'ouverture de la messe d'aujourd'hui. Actuellement, dans notre Eglise, quelqu'un incarne bien ce sentiment de la joie: le pape François. Aujourd'hui, l'Eglise ne va pas nécessairement mieux que sous les papes précédents, mais on a l'impression que François voit mieux et plus loin: il est le pape pour l'Eglise de notre temps, un pape évangéliste qui se penche avec un amour vrai sur les problèmes et les besoins de son peuple. Dans une exhortation apostolique très tonifiante, La joie de l'Evangile, le pape insiste beaucoup sur notre relation personnelle avec Dieu et avec nos frères et soeurs, ce qu'il appelle "la prophétie des frères" (no 97). Il a quelquefois des accents pathétiques: "La joie de l'Evangile, dit il, remplit le coeur et toute la vie de ceux qui rencontrent Jésus."

Some Pharisees asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.



# Schedule of Masses and Sacraments

## WEEKEND

Saturday: 12 Noon (English)  
5:30 PM Vigil (English)

### Sunday Masses:

8:00 AM (English)  
10:00 AM (Spanish)  
11:30 AM (English)  
1:00 PM (French)

## DAILY

Monday - Wednesday - Friday  
12 Noon -English

Tuesday - Thursday  
9:00 AM - Spanish  
12 Noon - English

Every Monday Miraculous Medal Novena  
and Benediction after Noon Mass.

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on our altar on the first Thursday of the month from 12:30 to 5:00 p.m. for prayer and meditation. All are welcome to participate in this silent devotion.

## FIRST FRIDAYS

Masses are at: 12 Noon (English) 7:00 PM (Spanish)

## HOLY DAYS

There are usually at least two masses on holy days of obligation, but the times may vary. Consult page 3 of this Weekly Bulletin or phone the Rectory Office for mass times for any specific holy day.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 4:30 PM to 5:15 PM  
Any time by appointment.

## BAPTISMS

Call one month in advance.  
Instruction required.

## WEDDINGS

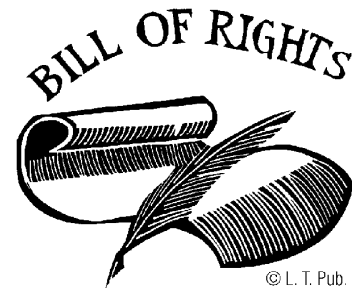
Arrangements must be made with priest at least six months in advance.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In cases of serious illness or advancing age, please call the Rectory to arrange a visit.

## COMMUNION CALLS

Please call the Rectory to arrange a visit by a priest.



December 15th is National Bill of Rights Day

**NEW PARISHIONERS** are welcomed at St. Gregory's Parish. If you wish to register, please fill out the coupon below, and drop it in the collection basket or send it to the rectory.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## THE CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Every Monday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 PM, the Meditation Group meets in the Sanctuary at St. Gregory's. Meditation is an ancient Christian tradition of contemplative prayer directed at attaining harmony of body, mind, and the spirit in order to enter into loving awareness of the Spirit of Jesus deep inside our hearts. Please join us to learn the art of meditation and, by participating, experience the silent presence of God within.



## DINNER/DANCE

Our Haitian community is sponsoring a Christmas dinner/dance on Saturday, December 20th at 8:00 PM in the basement of the church. Music will be supplied by DJ Piouli, the evening will be full of surprises, merriment, dance, food, drinks, raffles and lots more. All are invited to attend this festive event while raising funds for our parish at a cost of \$25.00 per person. Come and bring a friend or two.



## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS SCHEDULE

On December 24 the Christmas Eve Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 PM.

On December 25, Christmas day Masses are scheduled as follows: 8:00 AM English 10:00 AM in Spanish and at 11:30 AM in English. There will be NO 1:00 PM Mass in French.

New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31st, there will be only one Mass that will be celebrated at 12 noon.

On New Year's day, Thursday, January 1, 2015 Masses are as follows: 10 AM in On New Year's day, Thursday, January 1, 2015 Masses are as follows: 10 AM in Spanish, 11:30 AM in English and 1:00 in French (In celebration of Haiti's independence).



## SVDPS

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is pleased to announced that our Christmas Bazaar was a huge success, a total of \$3,800.000 was raised. We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the parishioners who donated sale items, helped with the set up and sale, and to all who purchased goods. God bless you all for your generosity.



SVDPS will hold its monthly meeting in the Rectory on Wednesday, December. 17th at 6:30 PM. All are welcome to attend.

## AVON FUNDRAISER

Our thanks and appreciation go out to Dorothy Holohan, who single-handedly raised \$637.00 to benefit our parish and SVDPA. Again, many thanks to Dorothy, our Avon representative.



## GRUPO DE MEDITACION CRISTIANA

Se reúnen todos los Lunes de 6:30 hasta las 7:30 PM en la iglesia. La meditación es una tradición Cristiana para obtener armonía del cuerpo, la mente y el espíritu. Todos están invitados para tener la experiencia de la presencia de Dios entre nosotros.

## BAILE/CENA

Nuestra comunidad Haitiana esta patrocinando un Baile/Cena para Navidad el Sábado, 20 de Diciembre comenzado a las 8:00PM en el sótano de la iglesia. La música será por el DJ Piouli, la tarde estará llena de sorpresas, entretenimiento, baile, comida, bebidas, rifas y mucho mas. Todos están invitados a esta celebración para recaudar fondos para nuestra parroquia. El costo es \$25 por persona. Vengan y traigan a sus vecinos y amigos.

## HORARIO DE NAVIDAD

El 24 de diciembre la misa de la víspera de la fiesta será celebrado a las 9:00 PM.

El 25 de diciembre, día de Navidad, las misas serán: 8:00AM en Ingles, 10:00 AM en Español, y las 11:30 AM en Ingles. No habrá misa a la 1:00 PM en Francés.

En la Víspera del Año Nuevo, Miércoles, Diciembre 31, solo habrá una misa celebrado a las 12:00 del mediodía. El Jueves 1ro de Enero 2015, Año Nuevo, las misas serán: 10:00 AM en Español, 11:30 AM en Ingles y a la 1:00 en Francés (Celebración de la independencia de Haití).

## SVDPS

La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul tiene el placer de anunciar que su Bazar de Navidad fue un gran éxito. Se recaudo un total de \$3,800.00. Le damos nuestras sinceras gracias a todos los parroquianos que hicieron donaciones de artículos para la venta, todos los que ayudaron en la preparación y todos los que ayudaron también en la venta y también a todos los que compraron artículos. Dios los bendiga por su gran generosidad.

## VENTA DE PRODUCTOS AVON

Le damos las gracias a la parroquiana Dorothy Holohan, quien por su venta de productos Avon, recaudo \$637.00 para beneficiar a nuestra parroquia y para la SVDPS. Nuevamente gracias a Dorothy nuestra representante de venta de productos Avon, y gracias a todos los que hicieron compras.

## ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, December 14 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 : Frank Koniiecki & Paul Dyjack

10:00 : Caridad del Cobre

11:30 : Angel Luis Villegas (dec.)

3:00 : Misa en honor a la Virgen de Guadalupe

### Monday, December 15

12:00 : Judy & Donald Moore (dec.)

### Tuesday, December 16

9:00 :

12:00 : Bruce Leslie

### Wednesday, December 17

12:00 : For the deceased members of the Constant & Perrin Family

### Thursday, December 18

9:00 :

12:00 : Healing Mass for Andy Francois

### Friday, December 19

12:00 : Susana Alvarez (dec.)

### Saturday, December 20

12:00 : Richard (Rick) La Valley (dec.)

5:30 In honor to St. Lazarus & Our lady of Guadalupe & James Allyesa & Nany & Ronald (liv.)

## READINGS FROM THE LECTIONARY

12/15 Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a

Mt 21:23-27 (187)

12/16 Zep 3:1-2, 9-13

Mt 21:28-32 (188)

12/17 Gn 49:2, 8-10

Mt 1:1-17 (193)

12/18 Jer 23:5-8

Mt 1:18-25 (194)

12/19 Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a

Lk 1:5-25 (195)

12/20 Is 7:10-14

Lk 1:26-38 (196)

## PRAY FOR/RECE POR/PRIEZ POUR

This is the list of the sick whom we remember in our prayers. Please notify the Rectory of any corrections, deletions or additions that you require.

Anthony Alexander, Buenaventura Almonte, Collette Austin, Alicia Becerra, Lucia Belzer, Dorise Black, Roger Bresnahan, Josefa Brito, Miriam Burns, Jose Cabrera, Anthony Carreras, Alexandra Castillo, Teolina Cepeda, Christina Coger, Josefina Colkosz, Paula Corredor, Kyle Carbbe, Ernesto Carrera, Roberto Colon, Patricia Collar, Ted Collar, Emmanuella Constant, Leonie Constant, Candita de la Cruz, Maria Cruz, Edna Curley, Elba De Jesus, Migdalia De Jesus, Elizabeth Dillon, Lidia Estrella, Florence Feaster, Patricia Flannery, Maria Fontan, Porcia Fontilus, Eileen Ford, Richard Franco, Rafaela Garcia, Violeta Gomez, Rosa Gonzalez, Yolanda Gorrasi, Jacqueline Graham, Aparecida Guimaraes, Luis Carlos Guimaraes, Sonia M. Guimaraes, Edward Holohan Jr, Michael Holohan, Loretta Hosein, Marie Innocent, Barbara Jones, Ivonne Kennedy, Hebert Laurent, Mr. Louks, Anthony Mahn, Michael Manucci, Ina Martinez, Lili Maury, Juanita Martinez, Lucy Martinez, Ruben Mayen, Kenneth McGahren, Jeanne McGahren, Juan Medina, Isabelle Moldovan, Maria Morales, Helen Murray, Wanda Napolitano, Kervin Narsisse, Ralph Nicolas, John Omelia, Domingo & Nancy Ortiz, Simmilian Paul, Stephen Paul, Juan Jose Perez, Maria Pinedo, Cyril Pinto, Rose Pizzuli, Denise Price, Katrina Rabey, Santa Richardson-Castillo, Thomas Squires Sr., Melina Mae Ridgeway, Aida Robles, Robert Roman, Mrs. Rose, Casiano Rodriguez, Evelyn Rodriguez, Maria Rodriguez, Otilia Rodriguez, Nidia Rosario, Richard Safire, Milagros Santiago, Anne Sayers, Peter Serritella, Joan Shea, Marvin Seldin, Carmen Simon, Nicholas James Sivulich, Paula Solis, Carolyn Stewart, Stephen M. Stewart, J. P. Sullivan, Ana Torres, Regina Trinidad, Maeyle Vargas, Joseph Yelagin.

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### SUNDAY:

Coffee Hour after 10 AM Mass 11:00 AM  
Ultreya 11:30 PM

### MONDAY:

A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) 4:00 PM  
Legion of Mary (Spanish) 5:30 PM  
Faith Sharing Group 3rd Monday 7:30PM  
Christian Meditation 6:30 PM

### TUESDAY:

A.A. 4:00 PM  
Food Pantry 3:30 PM

### WEDNESDAY:

Spanish Bible Class 7:00 PM  
A.A. 4:00 PM

### THURSDAY:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12:30—5:00 PM  
Charismatic Prayer (Spanish) 7:00PM

### FRIDAY:

Coronilla - Divina Misericordia 3:00 PM  
A.A. 4:00 PM

### SATURDAY:

A.A. 1:00 PM  
A.A. 2:30 PM  
Prayer Meeting (French) 7:00—9:00 PM

## Parish Finances

Last Sunday collections including Parish-Pay were **\$6,673.81**. Thanks so much for your generosity. Christmas is right around the corner. Please consider St. Gregory in your holiday giving and be as generous as you possibly can. Please remember that in giving you receive. God bless your generosity.

Our Haitian community donated \$142.00 from the retreat last weekend. Thank you so much for your generosity.

## Finanzas Parroquiales

La colecta de la semana pasada fue **\$6,673.81** que incluye donaciones del programa de Pagos Parroquiales. Le damos las gracias a nuestra comunidad Haitiana por su donación de \$142.00 colectado en su retiro. Se aproxima la Navidad y le pedimos que por favor consideren poner a San Gregorio en su lista de regalos. Recuerden que sus generosidades son recompensados doblemente. Dios los bendiga por su generosidad.