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"Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things."

Psalm 107

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Jesus' day, illness was considered to be punishment from God. (John 9:20) Jesus came to correct this belief. What does he teach us? Jesus healed the sick to call the attention of his contemporaries to the coming of God's kingdom. With him, God's reign has already begun, and it marks the victory of God over evil. This is what Jesus means when John Baptist sends his disciples to him with a question: "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answers, "Go back and tell John what you hear and see: the blind see again, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor." (Matthew 11:3-5). The meaning of illness is the symbol of what we experience in our spiritual lives, and Jesus brings spiritual healing to us.

Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Durante la temporada de Jesús, las enfermedades eran considerados como castigo de Dios. (Juan 9,20). Jesús vino para clarificar esto. Que fue lo que nos enseñó? Jesús sano a los enfermos para llamar la atención al reino de Dios. Con el vemos que el reino demuestra la victoria de Dios sobre el mal. Cuando los discípulos de Juan el Bautista le preguntaron a Jesús: "Eres tu el que ha de venir o tenemos que esperar a otro?" Jesús les contest, "Vayan y cuéntenle a Juan lo que ustedes están viendo y oyendo: los ciegos ven, los cojos andan, los leprosos quedan limpios, los sordos oyen, los muertos resucitan y una Buena Nueva llega a los pobres." (Mateo 11, 3-5) La enfermedad es un símbolo de nuestra espiritualidad.

Cinquième dimanche du temps ordinaire

Au temps de Jésus, la maladie était considérée comme un châtiment de la part de Dieu, (Jean 9, 2) Jésus est venu corriger cette croyance. Que nous apprend-t-il? Jésus a guéri des malades pour attirer l'attention de ses contemporains sur l'arrivée du règne de Dieu. Avec lui, ce règne est déjà commencé et il marque la victoire de Dieu sur le mal. C'est ce que signifie la réponse de Jésus à Jean Baptiste qui envoyait ses disciples lui demander: "Es-tu celui qui doit venir ou devons-nous en attendre un autre?" Jésus répond, "Allez rapporter à Jean ce que vous entendez et voyez: Les aveugles voient, les boiteux marchent, les lépreux sont purifiés, les sourds entendent, les morts ressuscitent, et la Bonne Nouvelle est annoncée aux pauvres." (Matthieu 11, 3-5) La maladie est un symbole de ce que nous sommes spirituellement. La guérison des maladies signifie donc la guérison spirituelle que Jésus vient opérer en nous.

Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them.

When it was evening, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him.



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.

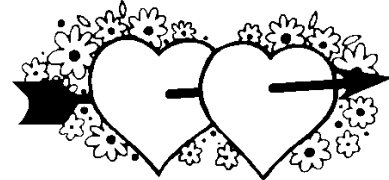
ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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.

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February 14 is Valentines 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 _____

DINNER/DANCE FUND RAISER ON VALENTINE'S DAY

Next Saturday, February 14, from 7:00 PM to 11:30 PM come to the dinner/dance that will be animated by DJ Ponce with music for dancing. All are invited to attend this event at \$20 per person. It promises to be a very festive evening while raising funds for St. Gregory the Great Church. If you would like to help and participate in the planning, please contact Mirsa Morales @ 917-319-0657.



PETER'S PENCE

Next Sunday, February 15th, there will be a second collection for the yearly Vatican's request of Peter's Pence. Please be generous.



FAITH SHARING GROUP

Our Faith Sharing Group will meet in the Church every Monday at 7:30 PM for the entire Lenten Season, beginning on February 16 through the 30th of March. The Sunday scriptures are read with commentary by several Catholic publications and are discussed in relation to our lives today. All are welcomed to attend and participate.



SUNDAY ROSARY

Every Sunday during Lent, immediately following the 11:30 AM Mass, there will be a gathering outside the front of our church to pray the rosary for the survival of our parish. Please invite as many people as possible so that there is a visual inspiration to our congregation, our neighborhood, and to the Archdiocese.



ASH WEDNESDAY--BEGINNING OF LENT

The Lenten season is at our heels, and it is the season when, for 40 days, Christians reflect in prayer, do penance, sacrifice, and good works in preparation for the celebration of the Resurrection. The number "40" has always had special spiritual significance throughout Judaism and Christianity regarding "preparation". Information about the schedule for the distribution of ashes, the weekly Stations of the Cross on Fridays, and retreats and special events for Lent, will be forthcoming.



CARDINAL'S ANNUAL APPEAL

\$4,500,000 of the funds raised through the Appeal helps needy parishes throughout the archdiocese. While continuing the great tradition of educating our youth and providing spiritual refuge and enlightenment, many of our parishes and schools need assistance to meet their day to day requirements. Invest in your faith and parish community and make your gift to the 2015 Cardinal's Appeal.



24th PRECINCT VISIT

Last Sunday, during the coffee hour in the basement, there were officers from the 24th Police Precinct to meet and greet our parishioners. Their main purpose was to amend negative publicity that the police have been receiving lately, to assure the community that they are there to protect and help the citizens of this neighborhood, and to reconfirm that they are our friends.



FESTIVAL DIA DE SAN VALENTIN PARA RECAUDAR FONDOS

El próximo sábado 14 de febrero, de 7:00 PM hasta las 11:30 PM, nuestra comunidad Hispana esta patrocinando un baile/cena. DJ Ponce animara la tarde con música de baile. Todos están invitados a participar, el boleto cuesta \$20 por persona. Promete ser una tarde muy festivo para recaudar fondos para nuestra parroquia de San Gregorio Magno. Si desea ayudar y participar en la preparación, por favor llamen a Mirsa Morales al 212-724-6458.

PETER'S PENCE

El próximo domingo, febrero 15, tendremos una segunda colecta para beneficiar la colecta anual del Vaticano de Peter's Pence, por favor sean generosos.

GRUPO PARA COMPARTIR LA FE

Durante la temporada de Cuaresma el Grupo Para Compartir la Fe se reunirán todos los lunes a las 7:30 PM comenzando el 16 de febrero hasta el 30 de marzo. Las lecturas del domingo son discutidos con comentarios de varios publicaciones Católicas y el significado en nuestras vidas de hoy. Todos están invitados a participar.

ROSARIO LOS DOMINGOS

Todos los domingos durante la Cuaresma, inmediatamente después de la misa de las 11:30 AM, nuestros parroquianos se reunirán en el frente de la iglesia para recitar el rosario para beneficio de nuestra parroquia. Por favor inviten a sus vecinos, amigos para que sea una inspiración para nuestra congregación, nuestros vecinos y la Arquidiócesis.

MIERCOLES DE CENIZA— COMIENZO DE LA CUARESMA

Se aproxima la temporada de Cuaresma, cuando los Cristianos por 40 días hacen meditaciones, oraciones, penitencia, sacrificios y buenas obras en preparación de la celebración de la Resurrección. El numero "40" siempre ha tenido un significado espiritual en Judaísmo y Cristianismo en relación a la "preparación". Publicaremos el horario para la distribución de Ceniza, la vía cruces todos los viernes, retiros y eventos especiales para la Cuaresma.

CAMPANA ANUAL DEL CARDENAL

\$4,500,000 de los fondos recibidos en esta Campaña ayuda a parroquias necesitadas de la Arquidiócesis. Mientras continuamos la tradición de la educación de nuestros jóvenes, y proporcionando refugio espiritual, muchas de nuestras parroquias y escuelas necesitan asistencia para sus programas diarias. Les pedimos que ayuden en esta campaña para ayudar a su comunidad parroquial y hagan sus donaciones a la Campaña del Cardenal de 2015.

DISTRITO JUDICIAL #24

El domingo pasado durante la hora del café, teníamos policías oficiales del Distrito Judicial #24 para hablar con los miembros de nuestra parroquia. El propósito principal era para dar una prueba y asegurar a los miembros que los policías están aquí para ayudar a todos los ciudadanos de nuestro vecindario y confirmar que ellos son nuestros amigos.

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 8 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 : Encarnacion Garcia (dec.)

10:00 : Caridad del Cobre

11:30 : Caridad del Cobre

1:00 :

Monday, February 9

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

Tuesday, February 10

9:00 :

12:00 : All Souls

Wednesday February 11

12:00 In honor of our Lady of Lourdes

Thursday, February 12

9:00 :

12:00 : James and Elizabeth Egan

Friday, February 13

12:00 :

Saturday, February 14

12:00 : Giscombe Family

5:30 : Giscombe Family

READINGS FROM THE LECTIONERY

2/9 Gn 1:1-19

Mk 6:53-56 (329)

2/10 Gn 1:20 — 2:4a

Mk 7:1-13 (330)

2/11 Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17

Mk 7:14-23 (331)

2/12 Gn 2:18-25

Mk 7:24-30 (332)

2/13 Gn 3:1-8

Mk 7:31-37 (333)

2/14 Gn 3:9-24

Mk 8:1-10 (334)

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, 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, Porcia Fontilus, Eileen Ford, Richard
Franco, Rafaela Garcia, Violeta Gomez, Rosa Gonzalez, Yolanda
Gorras, Jacqueline Graham, Aparecida Guimaraes, Luis Carlos
Guimaraes, Sonia M. Guimaraes, Emily Hearn, 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,
Mrs. Rose, Casiano Rodríguez, Evelyn Rodríguez, Maria
Rodríguez, 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, Juniriza Vazquez, 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
Confession 4:30 PM
Prayer Meeting (French) 7:00—9:00 PM

Parish Finances

Last Sunday's collection including Parish Pay was: \$5,842.00
Donations from the various groups are as follows:
Our Haitian community donated \$207.00 as a result of the Day of Prayers.
Our Hispanic community donated as follows:
La Virgen de la Providencia - November 16, 2014 - \$250.00.
Virgen de Guadalupe - December 14, 2014 - \$308.00.
La Virgen de la Altagracia - January 25, 2015 - \$1,053.00.
Thanks so much for your generosity. God bless you

Finanzas Parroquiales

La colecta de la semana pasada fue \$5,842.00 que incluye contribuciones del programa de Pagos Parroquiales. Hemos recibido donaciones de varios grupos:
La comunidad Haitiana hizo una donación de \$207.00 como resultado de su grupo de oraciones. Nuestra comunidad Hispana:
La Virgen de la Providencia - Noviembre 16, 2014 - \$250.00
La Virgen de la Guadalupe - Diciembre 14, 2014 - \$308.00
La Virgen de la Altagracia - Enero 25, 2015 - \$1,053.00
Muchas gracias por su gran generosidad. Dios los bendiga a todos por su amor a nuestra parroquia.