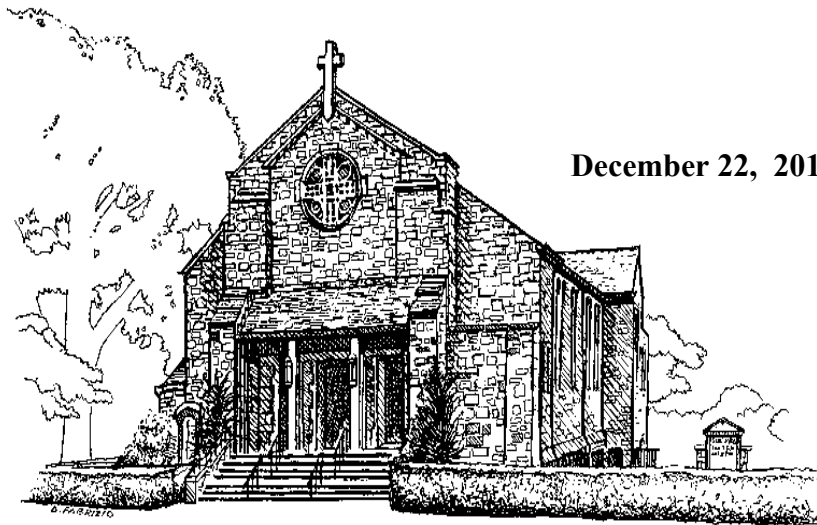


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December 22, 2013

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Mass Schedule

Masses for Sunday

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,
& 5:00 p.m.

Weekdays

Monday to Friday: 6:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

Holy Days

7:30 p.m. (eve), 6:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 12:00 noon,
7:30 p.m.

Devotions to Our Lady

Novena

Monday at 9:30 a.m.

Matrimony

The engaged couple is to inform the Parish priest usually one year prior to the celebration. A marriage preparation program is required.

Religious Education Program

Grades 3 & 4 Monday 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Grades 5 & 6 Tuesday 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Grades 7 & 8 Wednesday 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Grades 1 & 2 Thursday 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Meetings

Parish Council: Third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Lower Church Hall.

Finance Committee: Meets periodically.

Rosary Altar Society: First Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. for the Rosary, and 7:30 p.m. meeting.

Legion of Mary: Meets every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

Folk Group: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays - 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.

St. Gregory's Choir: Sundays, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass

RCIA: Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Youth Ministry: Sundays at 7:00 p.m.

Respect Life: Second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Baptism

Celebrated every Sunday at 1:00 p.m. Please call the Parish House to make an appointment for Pre-Baptismal instructions.

Penance

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:55 p.m.

Day Before a Holy Day: 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

All Other Times: On Request

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2013
Mass Intentions

SAT. 12/21	5:00 p.m.	LYNN CUTTS
SUN. 12/22	7:00 a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30 a.m.	PAUL, DOMINICK, ROSA & MARIO DAMIANO
	10:00 a.m.	GATTO & GAUDELLI FAMILY
	11:30 a.m.	LEE MIGLIACCIO
	5:00 p.m.	ROSE "BABE" SHAVER
MON. 12/23	6:45 a.m.	UMBERTO & ROSA MASI
	9:00 a.m.	GRACE SPOSATO
TUES. 12/24	6:45 a.m.	MARINA & GIACOMO ARCARA & JOSEPHINE & DOMINIC PEZZELLA
	9:00 a.m.	GARY & MICHAEL DELZIO
WED. 12/25	6:45 a.m.	CHRISTMAS EVE - 4:30 P.M.
		10:00 P.M. - PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	9:00 a.m.	CHRISTMAS DAY
		7:00, 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 A.M.
THU. 12/26	6:45 a.m.	ROSE DE FONCE
	9:00 a.m.	HENRY, MAR & RICHARD ZUCCARELLI
FRI. 12/27	6:45 a.m.	GLORIA ROBERTO
	9:00 a.m.	ANDREW ANIXT & DOTI & MARONE FAMILIES
SAT. 12/28	9:00 a.m.	GAETANO & PAT PROTANO
	5:00 p.m.	RALPH TANCREDI
SUN. 12/29	7:00 a.m.	ARCARA FAMILY
	8:30 a.m.	LYNN CUTTS
	10:00 a.m.	ANNAMAY COLLETTI
	11:30 a.m.	MSGR. JOSEPH J. RAIMONDO
	5:00 p.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY



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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: is offered each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY: The Rosary is prayed in the Church from Tuesday to Saturday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Each Monday morning after the 9:00 a.m. Mass, a novena is held in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. The Rosary is prayed following the novena.

A CHRISTMAS WISH As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Savior, we would like to express our gratitude to you, our parishioners, for your goodness, kindness and generosity. We pray that God will bless you with health, happiness and peace during this holy season and throughout the new year. You will all be remembered in our Christmas Masses.

Sincerely,

Father Richard M. Guarnieri,
 Father James Teague, Father John Edison
 And Father Soosairaj Michael

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ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE:

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24 -
4:30 and 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25th -
7:00, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 a.m.

New Year's Eve - Tuesday, December 31st -
5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day - Wednesday, January 1, 2014
7:00, 9:00 a.m., 12:00 and 5:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL CORNER: The average weekly church expenses are \$12,168.00. Our Sunday collection for Sunday, December 15, 2013 and Christmas Collection will be posted at a later date. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS

A young mother, her eyes shining with fatigue, who is arranging her hair; a father who finds himself alone with his pretty wife and baby, straightening the stable to make himself useful in some way; shepherds who bring cheese and perhaps also some curdled milk; sheep who look at their shepherds while bleating; a donkey who is eyeing his manger changed into a cradle; an adorable swaddled baby whom one calls Savior, Christ and Lord: This is the manifestation of the goodness and the tenderness of God. This is the most fantastic birth in the history of humanity, the one which changed the face of the world! This is how far God humbled and compromised himself with us! This is Emmanuel!

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joan Anixt, Joelen Becker, Mary Ellen Beyer, Clara Biehl, Frances Bodycott, Maria Cardascia, Silvio Catalano, Maureen Coster, Matthew Coulter, Mary Crescenzi, Gabrielle Di Carlo, Donna DiMaggio, Susan Di Silvestro, Barrett Dorn, Dolly Mae, Sabrina Marciante, Joanne Mayne, Elaine Noll, Mark O'Donnell, Maria Sisca, Lee Ann Thomas, Marie Thomson, Monica Toro, Margaret Valeri, Peter Valeri, Concetta Vasile, Frank Volpe, Gregory Westfall—and for all who have requested a remembrance in our prayers.

Wine & Hosts, Candles & Flowers

The Wine and Hosts to be used in the celebration of the Eucharist this week have been donated in memory of Petja Maria Kroner and have been requested by her daughter, Vivian G. Kroner.

The Altar Candles this week have been donated in memory of Petja Maria Kroner and Madja Korosec and have been requested by her daughter and niece, Vivian G. Kroner.

The Altar Flowers this week have been donated in memory of Michael and Gary Delzio and have been requested by Millie Delzio.

The Flowers at the Shrine of Saint Anthony this week have been donated in memory of the Santucci and Stout Families and have been requested by Jean and Joe Stout.



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*They shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."*

— *Matthew 1:23*



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You will be given this sign: The virgin shall conceive and bear a son (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalm — Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:18-24).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
- Tuesday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
- Wednesday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
- Thursday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
- Friday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
- Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

- Sunday:** Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Monday:** St. John of Kanty
- Tuesday:** Vigil of Christmas
- Wednesday:** The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
- Thursday:** St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins; Boxing Day (Canada)
- Friday:** St. John
- Saturday:** The Holy Innocents



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Why are there two Christmas stories in the Bible?

I just found out there are two versions of the Christmas story in the Bible. How can that be? What's the difference?

One Christmas story is in Matthew, and the other is in Luke. They differ on some details - but at their hearts, the teaching is the same.

In both, Mary is a virgin engaged to Joseph but not yet living with him, and Jesus is conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit. Both also have Jesus born in Bethlehem.

In Matthew, the angel announces Jesus' birth to Joseph; in Luke, Mary receives the announcement. Jesus is named by Joseph in Matthew and by Mary in Luke.

The biggest difference involves the Christmas visitors. Matthew's Magi were educated Gentiles from a pagan country. They worshiped Jesus and brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, showing us at the start of the Gospel that Jesus is King, Priest, and Savior. Luke is always partial to the poor, so he has shepherds rather than Magi witness to Christ.

The Christmas stories are different because the authors and their audiences were different. But there's no need to get lost in the details. Read both accounts, and allow God's grace to deepen your faith.

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