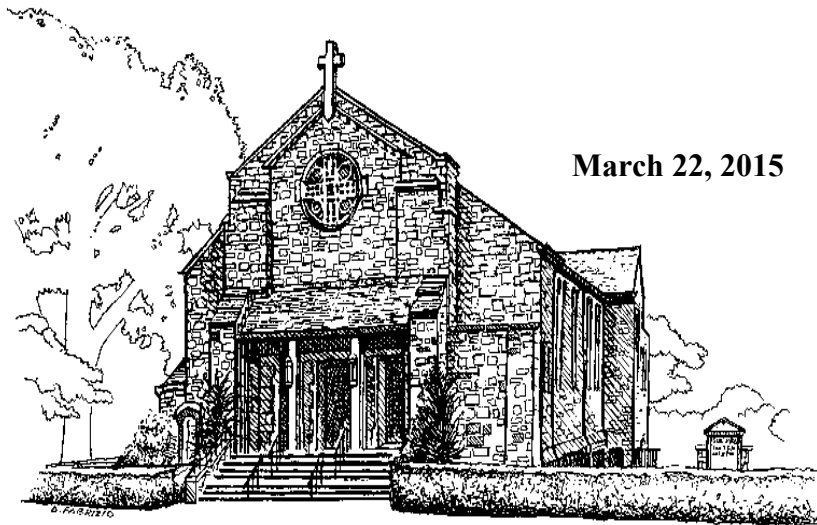


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March 22, 2015

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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.

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

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: Thursdays - 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

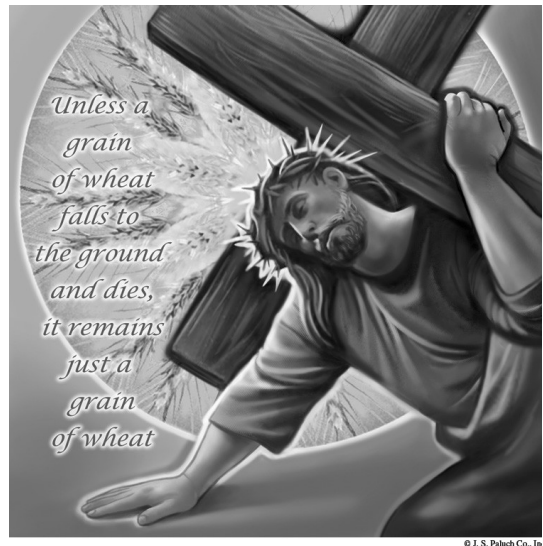
RCIA: Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

March 22, 2015
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Mass Intentions

SAT. 3/21	5:00 p.m.	JOSEPHINE & ANTHONY COPPOLA
SUN. 3/22	7:00 a.m.	FIORE & GERTRUDE ARAGONA & VICTOR ARCARA FAMILY
	8:30 a.m.	LOUIS "CHICK" BELLUSCI
	10:00 a.m.	UMBERTO PIERETTI
	11:30 a.m.	MARIE CARDASCIA
	5:00 p.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
MON. 3/23	6:45 a.m.	TONY CRISTINA
	9:00 a.m.	MICHAEL O'HARA
TUES. 3/24	6:45 a.m.	VINCENZO PAGNOTTA
	9:00 a.m.	MARIA SISCA
WED. 3/25	6:45 a.m.	SALVATORE & FELICIA SORGE
	9:00 a.m.	DOMINICK TRIOLO
THU. 3/26	6:45 a.m.	ADELAIDE KIRBY MC GEE
	9:00 a.m.	ANTONIO MARINO
FRI. 3/27	6:45 a.m.	MATILDA GOMES
	9:00 a.m.	TULLIO SCOCCHERA
SAT. 3/28	9:00 a.m.	MARY & JOHN CASKO
	5:00 p.m.	JOSEPH & LILLIAN VALENTINO
SUN. 3/29	7:00 a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30 a.m.	GATTO & GAUDELLI FAMILY
	10:00 a.m.	MAFALDO ROSSI
	11:30 a.m.	BESS & RITA JONES
	5:00 p.m.	JOSEPH FLYNN



FATHER ROBERT BARRON'S DVD-BASED STUDY PROGRAM On Thursday, March 26th at 7:30 p.m. in the Lower Church, St. Gregory the Great will have the next study program narrated by Fr. Robert Barron. Jesus is the anointed one - the ultimate priest, prophet and king foreshadowed throughout Hebrew Scriptures. Join us as we deepen our relationship with Jesus through Fr. Barron's new DVD-based Study Program.

THE 2015 CARDINAL'S APPEAL To date our parish has received \$37,565.00 in pledges/gifts toward the 2015 Cardinal's Appeal, from 103 families. For this Appeal to be truly successful, we must have support from all of our families. The Appeal is a vital source of funding for the programs and ministries that sustain the parishes across our Archdiocese. It is not too late to make our gift. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you for your kind support.

ADORATION & STATIONS OF THE CROSS There will be one hour of adoration on Fridays during lent starting at 6:00 p.m. Immediately following at 7:00 p.m., we will have Stations of the Cross.

FINANCIAL CORNER: Our Sunday collection for Sunday, March 8, 2015 was \$8,619.00 and for Sunday, March 15, 2015 was \$7,873.00. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

PARISH MASS FOR THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

A special Mass for the Anointing of the Sick will take place on Sunday, April 19, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. Sign up sheets and a box to put the tear off portion in will be in the rear of the Church next week.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK The Catholic Church teaches that the sacred anointing of the sick is one of the seven sacraments of the New Testament instituted by Christ. It is a sacrament of faith, a sacrament of the sick and a sacrament of the living. James, the Apostle, gives us the following description: "Is there anyone sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the Church, and let them pray over him and anoint him in the name of the Lord. This prayer, made in faith, will save the sick man. The Lord will restore his health, and if he has committed any sins, they will be forgiven. (Js:5,14-15).

SACRAMENT OF FAITH The celebration of the anointing is made up of the prayer of the faith, the laying on of hands by the priest and the anointing with oil made holy by God's blessing. No one should be afraid to receive it since the sacrament is a source of hope and comfort to those who are ill. Family and friends are encouraged to participate in this faith filled sacrament.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK Anyone with a serious illness or undergoing major surgery, the elderly in a weakened condition or a child with a serious condition and old enough to understand the comfort of the sacrament may request the anointing. It may be repeated at a future date should need arise.

SACRAMENT OF THE LIVING To refer to the sacrament as "The Last Rites" is misleading. It is a sacrament also meant for the living so that they may be raised up and saved according to God's will. The goal of the sacrament is a deeper spiritual and physical wholeness and wellbeing brought about through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Wine & Hosts, Candles & Flowers

The Wine and Hosts this week have been donated in memory of Michael Orlando and have been requested by Eleanor and Rudy Russo.

The Altar Candles this week have been donated in memory of Frank Policriti and have been requested by the Rosary Altar Society.

The Flowers at the Shrine of Saint Anthony this week have been donated in memory of Helen Teague and have been requested by Sue and Marianne Cipolla.

In Memory



The parish community of St. Gregory the Great extends its deepest sympathy to the loved ones on their loss

John F. O'Connell



We
welcome into the St. Gregory the Great Family through the
waters of Baptism

Mia Nickole Salazar

Child of Nicolas and Dilcia Salazar

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joan Anixt, Mary Ellen Beyer, Frances Bodycott, Carmelita Briotte, Sue Burger, James Castaldi, Silvio Catalano, Adrian and Marisa Colon, Matthew Coulter, Lou Coviello, Mark Davis, Gabrielle Di Carlo, Donna DiMaggio, Barrett Dorn, Brendan Dowd, Camdon Joseph, Caterina Labrosciano, Sabrina Marciante, Joanne Mayne, Stephanie Merenda, Lee Ann Thomas, Marie Thomson, Monica Toro, Robert Travers, Margaret Valeri, Peter Valeri, Concetta Vasile, Gregory Westfall, Donna Williams, Maggie Wunderlick—and for all who have requested a remembrance in our prayers.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts (Jeremiah 31:31-34) *or* Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalm — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) *or* Psalm 130.

Second Reading — Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:7-9) *or* Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) *or* John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny

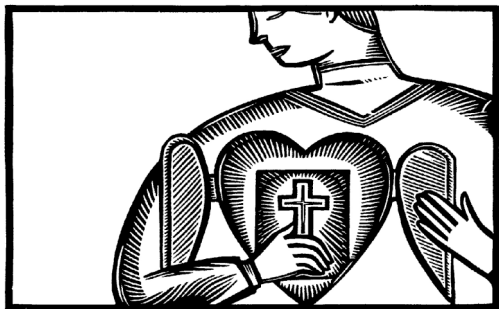
Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Friday: Abstinence

*I will place my law within them
and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.*

— *Jeremiah 31:33*



Does our earthly suffering lessen our time in purgatory?

I've had three miscarriages and have chronic pain from a serious auto accident. Does God look at this as a form of penance for my sins? Will I have less time in purgatory because I suffered so on earth?

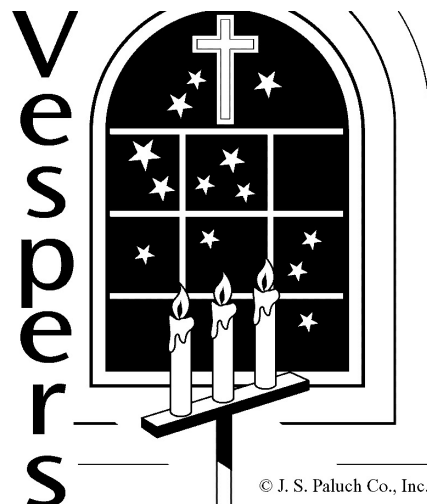
God is love. Jesus revealed this to us in John's Gospel. We enjoy a relationship with God as his children, and good parents don't enjoy seeing their children suffer. Therefore, God doesn't intentionally inflict pain and suffering upon his children or delight in our suffering.

Our illnesses, afflictions, and injuries are simply a sign of our own human weakness, limitations, and imperfections - physical as well as spiritual. They're not a sign of God's desire to teach us a lesson for the mistakes we've made or even for the sins we've committed.

As for the time we'll spend in purgatory, we need to remember that, although our sins are forgiven by our Lord's life, death, and resurrection, sin has an effect on our souls that must be purified before we enter heaven. This last purification, or purging, is the purpose of purgatory.

How much time this final purification takes is up to our Lord, whose love and mercy know no bounds.

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