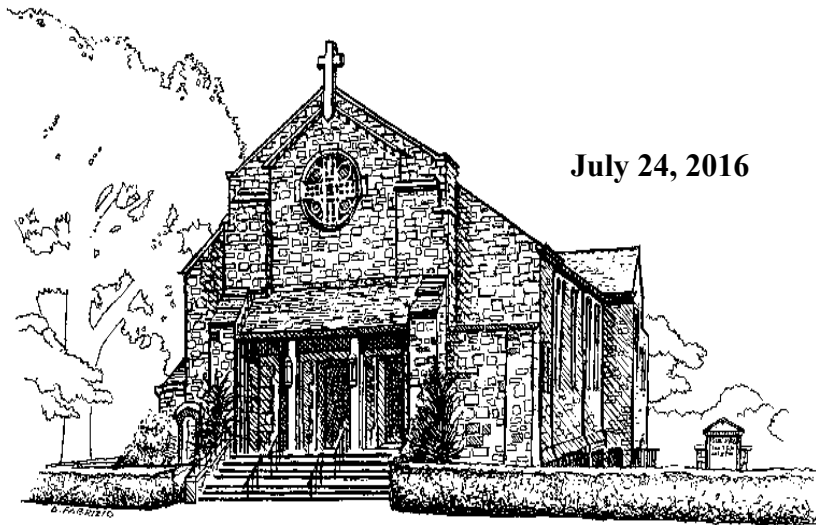


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Mass Schedule

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

6:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 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 Rectory to make an appointment for Pre-Baptismal information

Penance

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:55 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 5 & 6	Tuesday	3:30 - 4:45 p.m.
Grades 3 & 4	Wednesday	3:30 - 4:45 p.m.
Grades 7 & 8	Wednesday	7:00 - 8:15 p.m.
Grades 1 & 2	Thursday	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Meetings

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

Finance Committee: Meets periodically.

Rosary Altar Society: First Thursday 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.

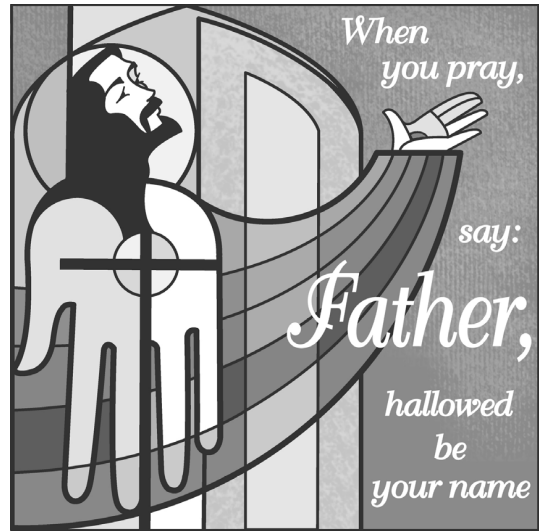
RCIA: Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

July 24, 2016
Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
Mass Intentions

SAT. 7/23	5:00 p.m.	JOSEPH CARINO & MARY & JOHN NICHOLSON
SUN. 7/24	7:00 a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30 a.m.	ANNA & JOSEPH DI SILVESTRO
	10:00 a.m.	VINCENT PATTI
	11:30 a.m.	VIRGINIA MASCIOLA & MICHAEL MASCIOLA, JR.
MON. 7/25	5:00 p.m.	ANITA COLOTTI
	6:45 a.m.	MARION W. KIRBY
	9:00 a.m.	MARY & AMERICO COLANGELI
TUES. 7/26	6:45 a.m.	VIRGINIA MASCIOLA
	9:00 a.m.	THOMAS MC DONALD
WED. 7/27	6:45 a.m.	MARY & RALPH FAVARO
	9:00 a.m.	ROCCO T. ARCESE
THU. 7/28	6:45 a.m.	ANTONIO & JERRY MARIANI
	9:00 a.m.	DULIA CIANCIO
FRI. 7/29	6:45 a.m.	SALVATORE & JAMES MINISHI
	9:00 a.m.	WILLIAM JAMES & PATRICIA L. KIERNAN
SAT. 7/30	9:00 a.m.	JOSEPH TELLA
	5:00 p.m.	JOSEPHINE GONNELLA
SUN. 7/31	7:00 a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30 a.m.	ASCENZO GIORGI
	10:00 a.m.	SHEILA WISEMAN
	11:30 a.m.	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE SAKER & FLOUTY FAMILIES
	5:00 p.m.	JOSEPH ACOCELLA



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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: is offered each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is not offered during July and August.** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume in September.

DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY The Rosary is prayed in the Church from Tuesday to Saturday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and also on Sunday, after the 11:30 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.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC The RCIA process is a journey of faith in the lives of those who seek God. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults invites those who...

- * are unbaptized and want to become Catholic Christians through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist
- * are baptized Christians in another faith tradition who wish to come into full communion in the Catholic Church
- * Are uncatechized Catholics who wish to learn more about their faith or complete their initiation through the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

If you or someone you know is interested or would like to know more about this wonderful opportunity, please call the rectory (835-0677).

FINANCIAL CORNER: Our Sunday collection for Sunday, July 17, 2016 will be posted at a later date. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

KEEP PRAYING

St. Monica, whose feast we celebrate in August, is often known as “the persistent mother.” She watched her oldest son, Augustine, turn his back on his Christian faith.

Monica was exasperated. For years she gave up talking directly to her son on the advice of a local bishop, who told her that it was better to talk to God about Augustine than to Augustine about God.

The mother never gave up praying for her son. Eventually Augustine gave up his wild ways, was baptized, and later ordained and named bishop of Hippo. St. Augustine went on to become one of the Church’s greatest scholars.

Today’s readings address the importance of persistent prayer. Abraham, in spite of trepidation that he is bothering the Lord, continues to ask about the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah. Jesus, in Luke’s Gospel, tells his disciples to “ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you” (Luke 11:9). This is our charge: keep praying.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joan Anixt, Marianne Yusi Barber, Mary Ellen Beyer, Frances Bodycott, Sue Burger, Silvio Catalano, Adrian and Marisa Colon, Anna Coppola, Matthew Coulter, Mark Davis, Gabrielle Di Carlo, Barrett Dorn, Brendan Dowd, Camdon Joseph, Mary Gill, Caterina Labrosciano, William Lawrence, Sabrina Marciante, Angela Margiotti, Stephanie Merenda, Jacqueline C. Noonan, Joanne Opava, Raymond Recchia, Carol Sheridan, Lee Ann Thomas, Marie Thomson, Monica Toro, Robert Travers, Concetta Vasile, Irma Vidal, Elizabeth West, Gregory Westfall, Donna Williams, Maggie Wunderlick—and for all who have requested a remembrance in our prayers.

Wine & Hosts, Candles & Flowers

The Wine and Hosts this week have been donated in memory of Kenneth D. King and have been requested by his wife, Rosemary.

The Altar Candles this week have been donated in memory of Kenneth D. King and have been requested by his daughters, Lisa and Christine.

The Flowers at the Shrine of Saint Anthony this week have been donated in memory of Frank Mustacato and have been requested by the Moretti Family.



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

- Bianca Datino
Child of Stefanie and James Datino
Luke Sundstrom
Child of Ximena and Eric Sundstrom
Anacapri Tenaglia
Child of Veronica and Thomas Tenaglia



- III Mariangela Corvino and Frank Parrelli
II Kathleen Galvao and Peter Kohlasch
II Maria Luisa Prainito and Robert Macchia



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Abraham bargains with God to spare the city (Genesis 18:20-32).

Psalm — Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — Buried with Christ in baptism, we were also raised with him; all our transgressions are forgiven (Colossians 2:12-14).

Gospel — Jesus speaks of God's sure response to those who pray (Luke 11:1-13).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18;
Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Jn 11:19-27
or Lk 10:38-42

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34;
Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17;
Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

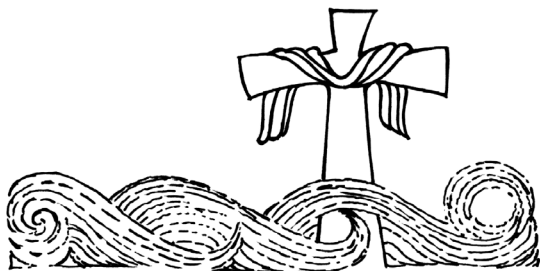
Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. James

Tuesday: Ss. Joachim and Anne;
World Youth Day, Krakow, Poland

Friday: St. Martha

Saturday: St. Peter Chrysologus;
Blessed Virgin Mary



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*You were buried with him in baptism,
in which you were also raised with him
through faith in the power of God,
who raised him from the dead.*

— Colossians 2:12

What to do when distractions interrupt your prayers

For the past year or so I have been trying to pray on a regular basis, but I am constantly distracted. My mind wanders so easily. Do you have any suggestions?

Distractions in prayer are an inescapable part of the human condition and the result of our imagination. Even great saints experienced distractions in prayer. Some of their suggestions may help. When St. Therese of Lisieux struggled with prayer, she would recite an Our Father or Hail Mary or read from the gospels. Praying an act of faith or returning to God's presence and love can turn our focus away from other concerns, but even then, distractions may still arise.

When we become aware of them, we should calmly renew our focus and continue our prayer. Saint Teresa of Avila wrote in *The Interior Castle*, "We should not be distressed by reason of our thoughts, nor allow ourselves to be worried by them....(Thoughts are) inevitable. Do not let them disturb or grieve you." No matter how often distractions return or how long they last, they are not sinful; rather, they are opportunities to show God that we are sincere about praying.

Saint Alphonsus, another great teacher of prayer, reminds us that prayer is necessary, beneficial, and always possible. Hang in there, he says, because the devil would like nothing better than for you to stop praying.

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