

“St. Gregory the Great Church and School—Where Everybody is Somebody.”



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

San Gregorio Magno Iglesia Católica y Escuela

WELCOME! / BIENVENIDOS!

WEEKEND MASS TIMES/ HORARIO MISAS DEL FIN DE SEMANA

Saturday 5:30pm Vigil
Sunday 8:00am
10:00am
12:00pm Español

DAILY MASS TIMES/MISA DIARIA

Monday - Friday: 8:15am
(Jueves Español) - In the Adoration Chapel
Fridays Mass is held in the Church with the School

CONFESSIONS/ CONFESIÓN

5:00pm - 7:00pm Fridays
Saturdays 4:00pm-5:00pm (Before Vigil Mass)
Third Monday of Each Month: 5:00pm-6:00pm
(*In the Church or by appointment*)

ADORATION CHAPEL

Monday - Thursday - 7:00am - 9:00pm
Friday - 7:00am - 4:00pm
5:00pm - 7:00pm - Adoration resumes in the Church
Saturday - 9:00am - 4:00pm
4:00pm - 5:00pm - Adoration resumes in the church

CLERGY

Fr. Richard Samour - Pastor ext. 312
padrerichard@stgregorys.net
Deacons: Carlos Cerna; John Treviño, Fred Campos
Jr. Choon-Bernard Chan, Joe López (retired)

CHURCH STAFF

Office Manager: Ezekiel O'Campo. Ext. 321
Parish Secretary: Martha Guajardo. Ext. 300
Faith Formation Director: Gloria Silva. Ext. 333
Bookkeeper: TBA
Custodian: Martita Tamayo

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Ana Cortez
Ana.cortez@stgregorys.net
(210) 342-0281 Ext. 368

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00am - 12:30pm
1:30pm - 5:00pm

*Closed Holy Days of Obligation,
Holidays, and Festive Days.*

Check our website for more information

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & LAST RITES

Fr. Richard - 210-342-5271 Ext. 312
Call the office as soon your loved one is
admitted to the hospital.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Call the office six months prior to your wedding day.

BAPTISM, FUNERALS & HOMEBOUND

(210) 342-5271

SEPTEMBER 6 & 7, 2025—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 & 7 DE SEPTIEMBRE 2025—23º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



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ST. GREGORY SCHOOL: School Office Hours 7:30am– 4:30pm

Phone: 210-342-0281



MASS INTENTIONS/ INTENCIONES

Saturday Sept 6—5:30pm Mass

† Bonnie Groff
 † Roland & Thelma Neaves
 † Epifanio & Juanita Arreaga
 † Johnny Arreaga
 Special Intention for Federico Campos III—Birthday

Sunday Sept 7— 8:00 Mass

† Lynroe Tschirhart
 † Frances Castillo
 † George De La Peña
 Altar Society

10:00am Mass

† Arthur Carvajal
 † Juan & Patsy DeLeon
 † Mary Segura
 St.Gregory the Great Catholic School

12:00pm - Misa

† Don Pedro y Anita Macias
 Por las Animas Santas en el Purgatorio
 Misa Pro Populo

Monday Sept 8—8:15 Mass

† Andrea Lopez
 † Arnulfa Flores
 Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday Sept 9—8:15 Mass

Special Intention for Elizabeth Flores
 Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday Sept 10- 8:15 Mass

Special Intention for Magdalena Flores
 Holy Souls in Purgatory

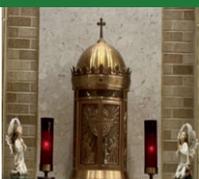
Thursday Sept 11—8:15 Misa en Español

Almas Santas en el Purgatorio
 Vocaciones a la vida Religiosa y al Sacerdocio

Friday Sept 12- 8:15 Mass

† Richard Grimaldo, Jr.
 Holy Souls in Purgatory
 Special Intention for The Homeless in San Antonio

SANCTUARY LAMP



BLESSED MOTHER LAMP

To all the grandparents of the parish

ADORATION CHAPEL LAMP

For Father Richard and everyone who is accompanying him on the Marian pilgrimage.



**PARISH STEWARDSHIP / MAYORDOMÍA DE LA COMUNIDAD
 AUGUST 23 & 24 / 23 y 24 DE AGOSTO 2025**

MASS	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING	2nd Offering Bathroom Renovation \$1,184 Online Giving \$525.00 Mail-ins \$260.00
5:30pm	154	\$1,814.00	
8:00AM	98	\$1,074.00	
10:00M	190	\$2,482.00	
12:00PM	198	\$705.00	
TOTAL	640	\$6,075.00	GRACIAS A TODOS

Thank you all for your generosity, support, and love, to our parish and school... May God Bless you!!!

**READINGS FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2025
 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- MONDAY** Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-3; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
[The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast]
- TUESDAY** Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 6:12-19
[Saint Peter Claver, Priest Memorial]
- WEDNESDAY** Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 6:20-26
- THURSDAY** Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 6:27-38
- FRIDAY** 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Luke 6:39-42
[The Most Holy Name of Mary]
- SATURDAY** 1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49
[Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Memorial]
- SUNDAY** **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
 Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11;
 John 3:13-17

MINISTRY MEETINGS

- Monday, September 8**
 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm - Altar Society Board Meeting - Mary's House
- Tuesday, September 9**
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - OCIA en Español - Mtg Rm# 2
 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm - Talleres de Oracion y Vida - Salon Parroquial
 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm - Core Meeting - Mtg Rm# 1
 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm - Women's One Day Retreat Team Meeting - Mary's House
- Wednesday, September 10**
 11:00 am - 3:00 pm - Crafting Group - Mary's House
 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm - Legion De Maria - Mtg Rm# 1
 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm - Holy Name Society—General Meeting - Mary's House
- Thursday, September 11**
 9:30 am - 11:30 am - Legion of Mary - Mtg Rm# 1
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - St. Vincent De Paul Monthly Meeting - Mary's House
 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm - OCIA - Mtg Rm# 2
- Friday, September 12**
 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm - Adoration - Church
 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Confessions - Church

MEDITATION OF THE SCRIPTURES



St. Paul must have understood today's Gospel very well. Like Jesus, he knew what being a disciple would cost. It landed him in prison. Also like Jesus, he is not afraid to ask others to take that discipleship seriously. And he is not ashamed to ask a favor: Would Philemon accept his runaway slave, Onesimus, back into his home? Not just as a slave, but as a member of his family. In the Gospel, Jesus talks about the cost of discipleship. Paul takes that a step further—he reminds us to accept that cost freely. He could have ordered his friend to free the slave. Instead of giving an order, he called Philemon to respond to his request freely. Perhaps we can learn from that example. Like Paul, when Jesus commands us to love one another, he leaves us free to accept that challenge. Remember, he always says, "Love one another, as I have loved you" (John 13:34). Jesus was never compelled to cure anyone or forgive their sins. Yet how often do we go to church because we were told we have to? Do we volunteer for the picnic only because the pastor twists our arm? We can live life just doing what we have to. Or when Jesus offers us a new motive—love for God because God loves us—we can choose to follow him freely. Let us ask the Spirit to fill us with the freedom to love. -Tom Schmidt

ETIQUETTES FOR ATTENDING HOLY MASS

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PREPARATION AND ARRIVAL



Arrive Early
Allow time for prayer and reflection before Mass begins.



Dress Modestly
Choose appropriate attire that reflects the sacredness of the occasion.



Fasting
Catholics are typically required to fast from food and drink (except water) for one hour before receiving Holy Communion.



Silence
Maintain silence in church to allow for prayer and reflection.



Turn off Devices
Ensure all electronic devices are silenced or turned off to avoid distractions.

SPECIFIC POINTS



Holy Water
Bless yourself with holy water upon entering and leaving the church as a reminder of your faith.



Tabernacle
Genuflect towards the tabernacle before sitting and after leaving your pew.



Eucharistic Prayer
Maintain silence and reverence.

DURING MASS



Sign of the Cross
Bless yourself with holy water upon entering and leaving the church.



Genuflect
Before sitting in your pew, genuflect (knee) briefly towards the Eucharist (if reserved).



Participate
Engage actively by singing, responding, and praying with the community.



Respectful Silence
Refrain from talking, chewing gum, or engaging in any disruptive behavior.



Receive Holy Communion with Reverence
If receiving, approach with a bow and consume the host immediately.



Do Not Leave Early
Stay until the Mass concludes with the final blessing and recessional.

AFTER MASS



Consider staying
for a few minutes of quiet prayer and thanksgiving after Mass.



Recessional
Remain in your pew until the priest and ministers have processed out.

FAITH FORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES START THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH. YOU MAY STILL REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN FOR CLASS. PLEASE CALL GLORIA SILVA TO REGISTER THIS WEEK BY APPOINTMENT.

Sacraments registering for:

Baptism—The catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that "Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to the life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments" (CCC, 1213)

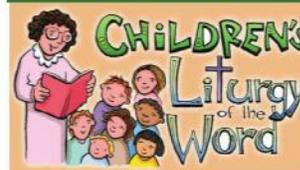
Holy Eucharist—The holy Eucharist completes Christian initiation (CCC, 1322). It is "the source and summit of the Christian life...by the Eucharistic celebration, we unite ourselves with the heavenly liturgy and anticipate eternal life, when God will be all in all" (CCC, 1326)

Confirmation—Confirmation perfects Baptismal grace; it is the sacrament which gives the Holy Spirit an order to root us more deeply in the divine filiation, incorporate us more firmly into Christ, strengthen our bond with the Church, associate us more closely with her mission, and help us bear witness to the Christian faith in words accompanied by deeds" (CCC, 1316)

Reconciliation—The Sacrament of Reconciliation, also known as the Sacrament of Penance or Confession, has three elements: contrition, confession, and satisfaction. In this sacrament, we find God's unconditional forgiveness, and as a result, we are called to forgive others. "Those who approach the sacrament of Penance obtain pardon from God's mercy for the offense committed against him, and are, at the same time, reconciled with the Church which they have wounded by their sins and which by charity, by example, and by prayer labors for their conversion." (CCC, 1422)



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



DURING 10:00AM MASS

Children in elementary school are invited to attend 10:00 am mass to hear the readings at their level. Before mass readings begin, children will be dismissed to go to the parish

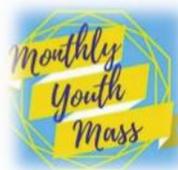
hall where they'll hear the readings and gospel and have an activity. At time of the collection children will be brought back to join parents in the church. No registration is required.

GOOD NEWS—NEW YOUTH MASS HOUR

YOUTH, TEEN MASS FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

EVERYBODY IS WELCOME!!!

Beginning, Sunday, **September 21st** we'll have our first youth mass at **4:00 pm** for all teens in high school. We invite our parish teens to join us once a month, parents are welcome to come!



Refreshments and Fun for all Youth/Teens after Mass
Sept. 21/ Oct. 12/ Nov. 9/ Dec. 1

Teen Prayer to St. Dominic Savio

O Saint Dominic Savio, model of purity, piety, penance and apostolic zeal for youth; grant that, through your intercession, we may serve God in our ordinary duties with fervent devotion, and attain the grace of holy joy on earth, that we may one day love God forever in Heaven. Amen.

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT'S PARISH LIFE

FAITH FORMATION: Office Hours: Sunday – Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Phone: 210-342-3826 / gloria.asilva@stgregorys.net

DEACON FRED'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

DEACON FRED'S ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE
ORDER OF DIACONATE



JOIN US ON
WED., SEPTEMBER 24TH

6:30 PM MASS
ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC
CHURCH

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
IN THE PARISH HALL.

SAVE THE DATE

ST GREGORY'S ALTAR SOCIETY

The Altar Society is seeking donations of newly handcrafted items for our upcoming Arts & Crafts Sale. Items needed include wreaths, ceramics, kitchen aprons, artwork, quilts, baby items, woodwork, tablecloths, etc.

We also welcome cash or checks for the purchase of prizes for the silent auction.

Contacts:

Arts & Crafts items
Barbara Hemicek
210-341- 8092

Silent auction items
Ana Loza
210-340-3580



SAVE THE DATE
Arts & Crafts Sale
November 7 & 8

Deadline to turn in donations: Oct. 3rd

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Collection of Food Items
Weekend of September 20/21
after all Masses

Distribution of Brown Bags with
List of Food Items: Sept. 27/28
after all Masses



A GIFT OF GIVING
THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—KICKAPOO CASINO TRIP



KICKAPOO CASINO TRIP
Wednesday, September 10
Meet at St. Gregory's Baseball
Field Parking lot

Bus leaves at 7AM, Returns at 7PM

\$50 per person

For more information contact:
Alex Alarcon- (210)842-3617
Or David Fuentes (210)364-0995



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SPIRITUALITY

WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT
BRAVE AND BELOVED:
WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
7:45AM - 4:00PM

LOCATION:
OBLATE: MARIAN MISSION HALL

CONTACT
LIZ GARCIA - (210)842-7403
RUSTI GARCIA - (210)627-4185

Holy Mass, Prayer, Friendship, and More!!!
All Women are welcome - parishioners, non-parishioners,
Catholics, non Catholics.

DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Altar Society
Rosary
Devotion to Our Blessed Mother

September 18
6 pm
Adoration
Chapel

*We invite all parishioners to join
us in prayer and devotion to
Our Blessed Mother Mary.*

FEAST OF ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

Thank You!

Thank you to all who participated in the Overnight Adoration and Praise & Worship, and to everyone who shared in the spirit of Fellowship Weekend!

It was truly heartwarming to see so many of our parishioners come together—sharing, talking, and connecting. What a beautiful reminder of Christ's presence on one another.

Blessings to all!



BIENVENIDOS A LA VIDA PARROQUIAL DE SAN GREGORIO MAGNO

SECCIÓN EN ESPAÑOL

REFLEXIÓN DE LAS ESCRITURAS



San Pablo debió comprender muy bien el Evangelio de hoy. Al igual que Jesús, sabía lo que costaría ser discípulo. Hasta lo llevó a la cárcel. También, como Jesús, no tiene miedo de pedir a otros que tomen en serio ese discipulado. Y no le da vergüenza pedir un favor: ¿Aceptaría Filemón a su esclavo fugitivo, Onésimo, de vuelta en su casa? No solo como esclavo, sino como miembro de su familia. En el Evangelio, Jesús habla del precio del discipulado. Pablo va un paso más allá: nos recuerda que debemos aceptarlo libremente. Podría haber ordenado a su amigo que liberara al esclavo. En lugar de dar una orden, llamó a Filemón para que respondiera libremente a su petición. Quizás podamos prender de ese ejemplo. Al igual que Pablo, cuando Jesús nos manda amarnos unos a otros, nos da la libertad de aceptar ese reto. Recuerden, siempre dice: “Ámense unos a los otros, como yo los he amado” (Juan 13,34). Jesús nunca se vio obligado a curar a nadie ni a perdonar sus pecados. Lo hizo por amor. Sin embargo, ¿cuántas veces vamos a la iglesia porque nos dicen que tenemos que ir? ¿Nos ofrecemos ser voluntarios para el picnic solo porque el párroco nos suplica? Podemos vivir la vida haciendo lo que tenemos que hacer. O cuando Jesús nos ofrece una nueva motivación —amar a Dios porque Dios nos ama— podemos elegir seguirlo libremente. Pidamos al Espíritu Santo que nos llene de la libertad de amar. —Tom Schmidt

La Vida en 24 horas

Cada día es una vida entera. Amanece: naces. Avanza el sol: creces, decides, luchas. Llega la noche: mueres simbólicamente, sin garantías de volver. ¿Y aún así vas a esperar al “momento perfecto”? El único momento que existe es este. No subestimes un día por parecer corto. Un solo día bien vivido puede contener más sentido que años vividos en automático.

Pensamos que la vida es una gran obra por estrenar, cuando en realidad es una serie de actos que se cierran cada 24 horas. No dejes palabras por decir, ni gestos por hacer. No acumules amor, ni retengas perdones. Mañana es una hipótesis, hoy es un hecho.

Seneca decía que no es corta la vida, sino malgastada. Si cada día lo vives como una vida entera, nunca te sentirás en deuda con el tiempo.

Celebración del 30 aniversario del diácono Fred



Celebremos el 30 aniversario de ordenación de diácono de Nuestro querido Dcn. Fred Campos. Misa Bilignue Miercoles 24 de Septiembre a las 6:30pm seguido de la recepción en Nuestro salón parroquial. Te esperamos No faltes

Felicidades Dcn. Fred!

Feliz Día de los Abuelos

MISA DE JÓVENES



MISA DE JÓVENES PARA TODOS LOS JÓVENES, JÓVENES ADULTOS Y PARA TODOS AQUELLOS QUE DESEEN VENIR.

A partir del domingo **21 de septiembre** tendremos nuestra primera misa juvenil a las **4:00 pm** para todos los adolescentes de la escuela secundaria. Invitamos a los adolescentes de nuestra parroquia a unirse a nosotros una vez al mes, ¡los padres son bienvenidos a venir!

Oración de los adolescentes a Santo Domingo Savio

Oh Santo Domingo Savio, modelo de pureza, piedad, penitencia y celo apostólico por la juventud; concédenos que, por tu intercesión, podamos servir a Dios en nuestros deberes ordinarios con ferviente devoción, y alcanzar la gracia del gozo santo en la tierra, para que un día podamos amar a Dios para siempre en el Cielo. Amén.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—VIAJE AL CASINO KICKAPOO

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Miércoles, 10 de septiembre

Reúnanse en St. Gregory's Baseball

Estacionamiento de campo

El autobús sale a las 7 a.m.,

regresa a las 7 p.m.

\$50 por persona

Para obtener más información,

comuníquese con:

Alex Alarcon- (210)842-3617 o

David Fuentes (210)364-0995

Colecta de Alimentos de Acción de Gracias San Vicente de Paul



Colecta de alimentos de Acción de Gracias

Recogida de alimentos Fin de semana del 20 y 21 de septiembre después de todas las misas

Distribución de bolsas marrones con lista de alimentos: 27/28 de septiembre después de todas las misas

¡Gracias!

Gracias a todos los que participaron en la Adoración y Alabanza y Adoración de la Noche a la Mañana, y a todos los que compartieron el espíritu de Fin de semana de compañerismo! Fue realmente reconfortante ver a tantos de nuestros feligreses reunirse, compartir, hablar y conectarse. Qué hermoso recordatorio de la presencia de Cristo unos sobre otros.

✠ **¡Bendiciones para todos!** ✠

Growing in God's Love

Pre-K 3 Spotlight

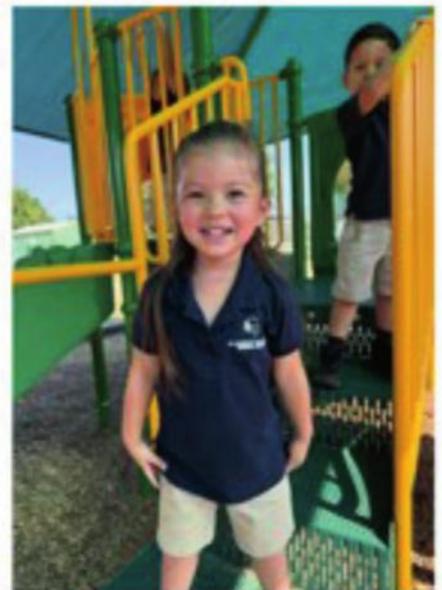
Mrs. Moreno's Homeroom

This week, Ms. Moreno's homeroom began following their full daily schedule. While it may take some adjustments, the students are excited to settle into their classroom routine.

📖 The class is also beginning its curriculum. Each theme lasts four weeks, and the first theme is "Awesome Me"—focusing on the child as a whole and celebrating the unique person God created each of them to be.

🙏 Rooted in Catholic identity, prayer and faith are woven into each day. Students are guided to grow in kindness and love, learning that they are wonderfully made in the image and likeness of God.

Families interested in joining the St. Gregory Community are encouraged to contact the school office for enrollment information at (210) 342-0281 x 366. St. Gregory enrolls year-round and is currently offering a \$1,000 Archdiocese Grant for PK-8th grade transfer students.



UPCOMING SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

CONTACT HOPE RODRIGUEZ
FOR MORE INFORMATION
(210) 342-0281

FALL POP-UP MARKET

Now Accepting Vendors

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH
10 AM-3 PM

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT
709 BERYL ST.
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78213

St. Gregory the Great Catholic School

Fall FESTIVAL

HAUNTED HOUSE-MUSIC-GAMES-FOOD

24 OCTOBER 2025 | 6:00 PM-10:00PM

700 DEWHURST

CASINO NIGHT

St. Gregory the Great Parish Hall 709 Beryl Street San Antonio, TX 78213

15% OFF

SAVE THE DATE

OPEN 6 PM - 10PM

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Touchdown BINGO

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Doors open at 12:30pm; Bingo 1:30pm
709 Beryl San Antonio, TX 78213

Contact Hope Rodriguez for tickets at
(210) 342-0281 x 326

\$15 for 15 games
\$50 for 4 cards
\$50 gift card prizes
3 Specials- 2 for \$5



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