Saint Gregory the Great Parish

A Catholic Community of Faith in Cambridge since 1967 The Epiphany of the Lord – January 8, 2023



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed Tuesday — Friday: 8:30am—4:00pm

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Please call to arrange the appropriate preparation at least two months in advance.

Reconciliation:

Saturdays 10:00 am — 10:30 am Tuesdays 6:00 pm — 6:30 pm and by appointment.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation: Please contact the Parish Office 519-623-3111

Marriage: Please contact the office at least one year in advance of expected date.

Holy Orders : Contact Fr. Khalid Karomi at the Parish Office or contact Fr. Mike King at the Diocese at 905-528-7988

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the Parish Office 519-623-3111

When entering a hospital please register as a member of St. Gregory's Parish. When confined at home, contact the parish.

St. Vincent De Paul Society - Voucher Program 519-622-2232

PASTOR

Fr. Khalid Karomi

PASTORAL AND SUPPORT TEAM Mrs. Maria Ditner, Office Administrator

MASS SCHEDULE

Lord's Day Saturday @ 5:00 pm Sundays @ 10:00 am Weekdays Tuesday @ 7:00 pm Wednesday Thursday & Friday @ 8:15 am

DEVOTIONS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesday—6:00pm—6:45 pm

Rosary

Sunday @ 9:30 am

Tuesday @ 6:20 pm

Saturday @ 4:30 pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet Tuesday @ 6:00 pm

Blessing of Expectant Parents Fourth Sunday of the month following Mass

> SUBMISSIONS to the bulletin due TUESDAY AM

Christmas Day—The Nativity of the Lord



Pray for our Priests and Religious

Monday	Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday	Rev. Fernando Ferreira Pinto, C.S.Sp.
Wednesday	Sisters of St. John the Baptist (C.S.J.B.)
Thursday	Rev. Allen Varlaki
Friday	Rev. Jerzy Tomon
Saturday	Rev. Aurimas Paulius Rudinskas



2023 Offertory Envelopes

Can be found in the Atrium (off the Parish Center). Current envelope users should find a box labeled with their name and address (please check for any errors).

If you would like to begin using weekly envelopes you will find a box of unlabeled sets. *Before you take*

the envelope set insure that your contact information is provided on the sheet that is on the table.

If you are unable to pick up your envelopes before/ after Mass, please pick them up during office hours Tuesday—Friday from 9:00am—3:00pm.

Wishing Everyone a very HAPPY NEW YEARS

Happy New Year from Knights of Columbus Council 4916.

Council 4916 next meeting is <u>Thursday January</u> 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm at St. Clement Church Hall. Enter via the Westminster Drive door. Dan Schmalz, Grand Knight

BEYOND THE PEW Speaker Series 7:00—8:30pm St. Clements Parish, 745 Duke Street Cambridge Come join us as insightful speakers with "boots on the ground experience" share stories on Homelessness, Addictions, Mental Health, Youth in our community. A wonderful opportunity to really get to know what is going on, followed by discussion. Not to be missed. Jan 24—Joe Mancini, Co-founder, the Working Centre

Feb 21- Wayne Paddick, Executive Director, Bridges and Bryan May, MP Cambridge March 21—Lisa Legault, Society SVDP Ava Vlasov, Executive Director, Argus Residence & Region of Waterloo Police Officer Free Will offering To register contact the parish office @ 519-653-6123 or email @ stclements@rogers.com

2023 Living with Christ Sunday Missal CAN BE FOUND AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH COST \$5.00 EACH

As Sr. Marie Paul writes in <u>Soul of Christ</u>, "Jesus, Son of God and Son of Man, calls himself our Way and shows us how to be truly human, how to live as God's beloved.... The next time we are frustrated by our limitations—perhaps when we run out of time or energy—we can remember that the Son of God lived within those same limits....

Every human experience ... can lead us to holiness when we seek to live it in union with Christ."



Sunday Offering

EFT weekly Collection	\$ 521.00	
Christmas	. \$3,474.00	
December 24 & 25	\$4,398.15	
January 1, 2023	\$860.15	
Thank you for your Generosity!		

January 8, 2023

REFLECTION: Stopping to gaze at and perhaps pray before a Nativity scene is one of the best ways to remember the real meaning of Christmas, Pope Francis said.

"In its genuine poverty, the crèche helps us to rediscover the true richness of Christmas and to purify ourselves of so many aspects that pollute the Christmas landscape."

"Simple and familiar, the Nativity scene recalls a Christmas that is different from the consumerist and commercial Christmas. It reminds us how good it is for us to cherish moments of silence and prayer in our days, often overwhelmed by frenzy." Pope Francis encourages everyone to find some quiet time to spend before a crèche at Christmas.

"Silence encourages contemplation of the child Jesus and helps us to become intimate with God, with the fragile simplicity of a tiny newborn baby, with the meekness of his being laid down, with the tender affection of the swaddling clothes that envelop him." "If we really want to celebrate Christmas," he said, "let us rediscover through the crib the surprise and amazement of littleness, the littleness of God, who makes himself small, who is not born in the splendor of appearances, but in the poverty of a stable." To truly encounter Jesus, the pope said, people must meet him in the manger, leaving their own vanity and pretense behind.

"Prayer is the best way to say thank you before this gift of free love, to say thank you to Jesus who desires to enter our homes and our hearts." "Yes, God loves us so much that he shares our humanity and our lives."

"Even in the worst moments, he is there, because he is the Emmanuel, the God with us, the light that illuminates the darkness and the tender presence that accompanies us on our journey."

The lights on the Christmas tree, are a reminder that Jesus came "to lighten our darkness, our existence often enclosed in the shadow of sin, fear, pain." But, the tree also should make people think about the importance of roots.

Like a tree, he said, only a person who is "rooted in good soil" remains firm, grows, matures, resists the winds and so the Christmas tree is a reminder of the need to remain rooted in Christ. Vatican News



This month we are collecting: Soup (canned or dried) Thank you for your support!

FORMED Pick of the Week

Go to http://formed.org Click on Sign Up found in the top right hand corner of the formed welcome page. Click on "I belong to a parish organization" A search dialog will appear, asking you for the name of your parish. Type "Saint Gregory the Great Cambridge"

and choose us from the list. Enter your name & email address into the dialog boxes. Watch:

Catechism is the faithful echo of a God who wishes to reveal himself to us and desires us to respond.



Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him.

Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Saviour. As we begin a New Year let us be like the Magi and discover Jesus in our lives.

St. Gregory prayer chain

As a faith community that recognizes God's blessing in our lives we come together in prayer for the needs of our community and for our world.

Our prayer chain gives us the opportunity to pray in private and yet also as a united voice for those who may not have a voice.

For more information on how to be part of our prayer chain or if you would like your name or the name of a loved one added to our list please contact the office. 519-623-3111.

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Our Parish Schools

Elementary

Saint Gregory

Bryan Cinti Principal 519-621-6770

Saint Augustine Angie Carroll-Boeyenga Principal 519.740.3530

Secondary

Monsignor Doyle Lou Bellini, Principal, 519.622.1290 On you do I set my hope, O my God, that you shall enlighten my mind and understanding with the light of your knowledge, not only to cherish those things which are written, but to do them. For you are the enlightenment... and from you comes every good deed and every gift. Amen. (St. John Chrysostom)