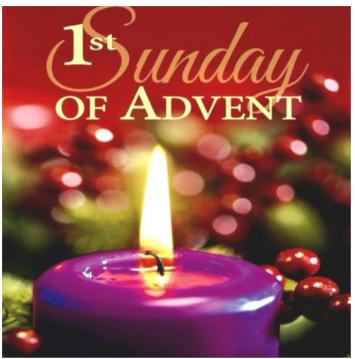
Saint Gregory the Great Parish

A Catholic Community of Faith in Cambridge since 1967 First Sunday of Advent — December 3, 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

HOPE

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

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

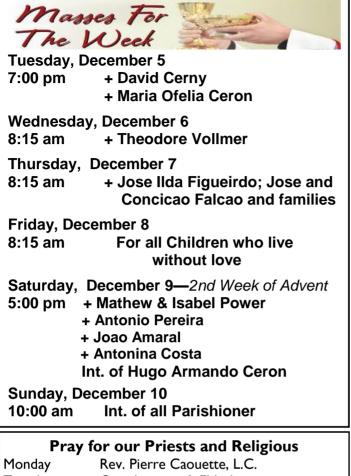
Tuesday—6:00pm—6:45 pm

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

First Sunday of Advent



MondayRev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.TuesdayGrandparents & ElderlyWednesday-Order of Preachers (Dominican, O.P.)ThursdayRev. Donald SanvidoFriday - The Immaculate Conception Blessed VirginMarySaturdayRev. David Perrin

Raffle Tableset up in the AtriumTickets can be purchased after Mass on Dec 2/3Draw Sunday, Dec. 3th at 11amRaffle tickets: 3 tickets for \$5all proceeds support our church

SALE ITEMS: Items can be found in the Atrium of the church this weekend after Masses. All proceeds support our church

2024 Living with Christ Sunday Missal CAN BE FOUND AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH COST \$5.00 EACH

Sunday Offering

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EFT weekly Collection	\$	595.00
November 26, 2023	\$	1,250.00
Thank you for your Generosity!		

Light the candles on the ADVENT WREATH A Sign up sheet is available at the main entrance of the church. A beautiful way to start Advent

Coming Soon: Holy Land Artifacts

The main income for the Christian community of Bethlehem-The Birth Place of Jesus-is selling their handcrafted olive wood religious items to the pilgrims who visit the area.

The past years have been extremely hard for the community. Some Christians responded by fleeing the Holy Land, and the absence of a living Christian community is very dangerous for the Holy Sites such as the Church of The Nativity.

Saturday, December 16 & Sunday, December 17 we will be having some of their beautiful art for sale to strengthen the Christian presence in the Holy Land. God blessings Jenny from Holy Land Wood Art 647-292-4462 Or jihanwoodart@hotmail

K of C news: The Special Olympic flag will be on display here at St. Gregory on December 2/3, 2023. The purpose of the Flag Relay is to raise awareness for the Special Olympics and also the close relationship the Knights have with them, which continues to grow for over 50 years.

The goal of the Flag relay is to have as many people sign the flag. The Flag will then be displayed during Special Olympic events in 2024. Paul O'Neill

K of C - CHRISTMAS BUTTONS

Are available at both entrances of the Church during the month of December. The buttons are free any donations are appreciated as monies received will support the K of C charities.

ARE YOU REGISTERED IN THE PARISH?

Even though you attend Mass at our parish, you may not be registered if you have not submitted a registration form in the past. Please register your family in preparation for Baptisms, First Communion, Confirmation, weddings, pastoral references, etc. Registration forms are available in the hallway across from the Parish Hall or by contacting the office for the forms 519-623-3111

Angel Tree - Please return gifts/monies this weekend. If you are unable please call the office to make other arrangements.

December 3, 2023

Advent is upon us. In this season of penance, we lay aside what distracts us from the Lord and wait for his coming, confident that he alone can save.

But the world does not wait with us. The Christmas music and box store discounts began weeks ago, and in the bustle of everything, it can be hard to slow down, acknowledge our restlessness, and wait for the Lord to fill the emptiness inside without trying to do it ourselves.

How do we live the Advent summons to "wait for the Lord" in a fast-paced, one-click world?

Francis Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận tells us that it is actually quite simple. He urges us not to overcomplicate discipleship.

He writes "Cherish one desire, "'Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as in heaven,' so that throughout the earth all nations will know God as he is known in heaven; so that on this earth everyone will begin to love one another as in heaven; so that also on this earth there will be the beatitude that there is in heaven. Begin now to bring the happiness of heaven to everyone in this world." Think back to the last time you really desired something. How did this desire occupy your thoughts? Influence your feelings? Motivate your actions? How did it affect your life? This Advent, let your one desire be for Jesus Christ. In Christ, *Daughters of St. Paul*

COME HOME for Christmas

Prayer Vigil for the Unborn: <u>Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023,</u> from <u>10 am to 11:00 am</u>



Opposite <u>Freeport Hospital</u>, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park, for more info contact Cathy <u>kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com</u>

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Interested in learning about spirituality/aging?

The Encore Webinar Series features six speakers over the next six months. Free of charge, these hour-long online webinars are open to anyone interested in spirituality and aging, and offer a combination of research and practical topics. **Register for any and all of these webinars at** <u>uwaterloo.ca/grebel/events/</u> <u>spirituality-and-aging-seminar</u>. Join us for the 1st webinar on December 14th, with Chris Pomfret. Conadian Food For Children This month we are collecting: COOKing Oil Thank you for your support!

FORMED Pick of the Week

Go to http://formed.org Once on the home page it will ask you "how do you want to sign in" click on "Sign in as a

Parishioner" it will take you to the next screen. Type in Saint Gregory the Great, Cambridge and choose us. The next screen type in your name and email and you are



in. Watch: a production from K of C

Even if your life has been marked by sufferings of the worst kind, by betrayals and crushed hopes, this part of the journey will not last," writes Sr. Anne. "Give thanks for everything. This will lead to amazement with God, and less preoccupation with self." "Make this ... a day of amazement and gratitude for the gift of existence." In Christ, *Daughters of St. Paul*

What is the role of the Church in secular society? How do we bring diverse views together? How does leadership change something in motion? Can you renew without change? These questions will be addressed at a four day online workshop: "Leading The Church Through Transformation, Change and Renewal," offered by Conrad Grebel University College's certificate program (Conflict Management & Congregational Leadership). January 23-26, 2024. uwaterloo.ca/conflict-management

Commitment is doing what you said you would do after the feeling you said it in has passed.— St. Camillus de Lellis





The word 'Advent' is from the Latin *adventus* for "coming" and is associated with the four weeks of preparation for Christmas.

Advent begins on the Sunday after the Solemnity of Christ the King and continues for four weeks until Christmas Vigil Mass.

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