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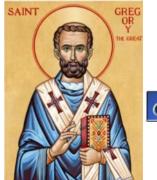
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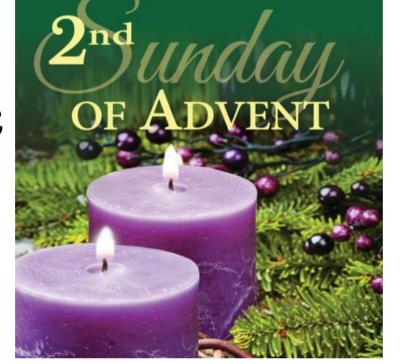
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PASTOR

Fr. Khalid Karomi

PASTORAL AND SUPPORT TEAM

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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

Blessing of Expectant Parents

Fourth Sunday of the month following Mass

SUBMISSIONS to the bulletin due
TUESDAY AM

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

Visit us online www.saintgregoryparish.com

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Tuesday @ 6:00 pm



Tuesday, December 12

7:00 pm + Maria Angelina Amaral

+ Johnson Varghese

+ Hope and Francesco Garcia

Wednesday, December 13

8:15 am For all Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, December 14 8:15 am + Povllik Family

Friday, December 15

8:15 am + Theodore Vollmer

Saturday, December 16—23rd Week of Advent

5:00 pm + Antonio & Maria Figueiredo

+ Rosanna Morretti

+ Abel Avelar & John Mendoca

+ Albino Andrade

Sunday, December 17

10:00 am Int. of all Parishioner

Pray for our Priests and Religious

Monday Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk

Tuesday Married Couples

Wednesday- Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer

Thursday Rev. Wallace Metcalf Friday - Rev. Charles Galea Saturday Rev. Robert Kiffman

Raffle Table Congratulations to all winners! \$405.00 was raised for our church

SALE ITEMS: Items are still available in the Atrium. 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

COME HOME for Christmas

Sunday Offering

EFT weekly Collection	\$ 595.00
Raffel table	\$ 405.00
December 3, 2023	\$ 2,143.75

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 celebrate

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 - 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.

ADVENT RESOURCE FOR TEENS

The Office of Youth Ministry is pleased to announce the release of the 2023 Advent Resource, "Shine Your Light". This resource has been developed for youth aged 13-16 in mind. The resource is an interactive journal, inspiring prayerful reflection on the Sunday Gospels, in addition to suggestions for living out the Advent Season. Special links and videos are included to help teens meditate on the weekly themes. You are invited to share this resource with the teens. The resource is located: https://tinyurl.com/2s3h2ejs

I'm Sister Maria Goretti, a Sister of Our Lady Immaculate. I'm writing to let you know of our fundraiser for our retirement home, Marian Residence. The campaign is called "Renewed by Love" and it seeks to transform the living spaces for our residents at Marian Residence Retirement Home by nurturing an environment that fosters the five values of our organization: Faith, Compassion, Dignity, Respect and Responsibility.

For more information visit our GoFundMe page at <u>bit.ly/renewedbylove</u>.

Thank you so much! God bless

December 10, 2023

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

We all know that God gave Moses ten commandments. But in the centuries after Moses, Israel became dissatisfied with just these ten. Like children who argue against their parents, the people of Israel nit-picked the Ten Commandments, in order to justify themselves and their actions. By the time of Jesus, the common teaching of the Law of Israel involved 613 commandments.

Jesus wanted to bring focus back, just as He wants for you and your family today. He wants to bring focus to the rhythm of your daily life, as it unfolds week after week. This focus will strengthen your life, in proportion to the time you give to living Jesus' answer: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment."

He makes clear that the second-greatest commandment is very important. Reflect for a moment on the Ten Commandments: out of the ten, the first three are about "loving your God", and the latter seven are about "loving your neighbor". Why are there more than twice as many commands about "loving your neighbor" than there are about "loving your God"? It's not because loving your neighbor is twice as important as loving your God. More likely, it because loving your neighbor is twice as difficult as loving your God.

Every one of us has been called by the Lord. The important thing is to know how to answer his call.

—St. John XXIII

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Donations are invited in the form of a financial offering or a donation of Red or White Poinsettia's only.

Place any funds in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" include your name, phone and address and leave it in the collection basket so a tax receipt may be issued.

Donations will be accepted until December 22th. At noon.

Your generous gift will make our church come alive at Christmas.

Msgr. Paul J Meyer Council 4916-December Meeting Thursday, December 14 @ 7:00pm—St. Clement Parish Hall. Enter via the Westminster Drive entrance Please try to join us"



This month we are collecting:

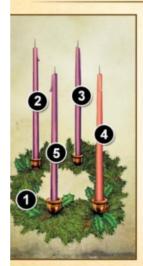
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Interested in learning about spirituality/aging?

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/spirituality-and-aging-seminar</u>. Join us for the 1st webinar on December 14th, with Chris Pomfret.

ADVENT WREATH SYMBOLS



(1) Evergreen Wreath - The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God (the Alpha and Omega). The evergreen is chosen as the base because God is the foundation of all good. Green is the color that represents hope and new life.

Four Candles - represent the four (4) weeks of Advent. Traditionally, each week represents one thousand years, to sum to the 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the Birth of the Savior. The first two purple candles symbolizes (2) hope and (3) love respectively. The (4) third candle (which is pink/rose) symbolizes joy. The fourth and last purple candle represents (5) peace.

The light of the candles signifies the light of Christ to mankind.

2023 CHRISTMAS Mass & Confession Schedule

Confession

Saturday December 16th 10:00 am – 12 noon Tuesday, December 19th, 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm Saturday, December 23th, NO CONFESSIONS

Masses

4th Sunday of Advent: Saturday, December 23 @ 5:00pm - Fr. Khalid

Sunday, December 24th at 10:00 am - Fr. Higgins

Christmas Eve, Sunday December 24th

(Nativity of the Lord) 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm

9:00 pm St. Behnam Syrian Community Mass

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th

(Nativity of the Lord) 10:00 am -- English

12 Noon St. Behnam Syrian Community Mass

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