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Third Sunday of Advent — December 17, 2023

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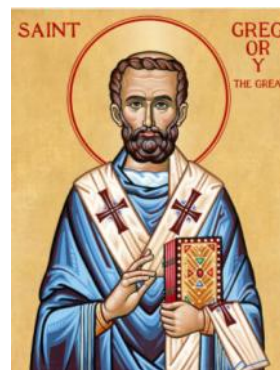
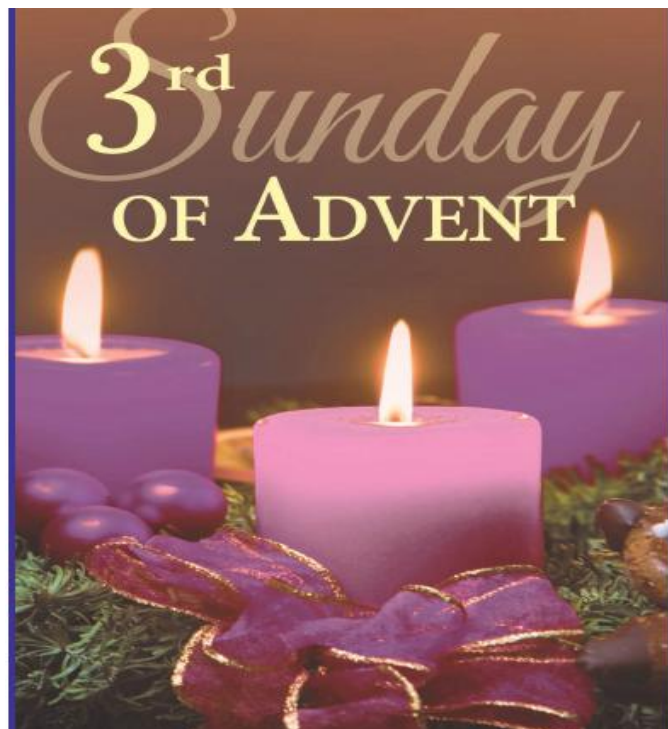
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PASTOR

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

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

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

Visit us online www.saintgregoryparish.com

Third Sunday of Advent

Masses For The Week



Tuesday, December 19
7:00 pm + Antonio Fontes
For the Melo Family
Int. Guadalupe and Jose Raul Arevalo

Wednesday, December 20
8:15 am + Debera, John Paul, Clarice,
Armand, Frances & John Rodgerson

Thursday, December 21
8:15 am + Antonio and Maria Fontes

Friday, December 22
8:15 am Int. Camille, Philip, Sandra &
Janice

Saturday, December 23—4th Week of Advent
5:00 pm + Maria Sousa
+ Cecilia Reis
Int. Celilia Molina de Mancina

Sunday, December 24
10:00 am Int. of all Parishioner—Fr. Higgins

Sunday, December 24—Christmas Eve
5:00 pm + Edward and Elizabeth Nugent
+ Vergilio Cordeiro, Jr.

7:00 pm Int. of all Parishioner—Fr. Higgins

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TO THE CHURCH COST \$5.00 EACH

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Thank you for all your support of our Church.

MERRY CHRISTMAS: Msgr. Paul J. Meyer
Council 4916 extends to all our fellow parishion-
ers and their families a most Blessed and Holy
Christmas. May this Holy season bring Peace ,
Joy and Happiness to you and your family.

COME HOME for Christmas

Sunday Offering

EFT weekly Collection.....	\$595.00
Craft Sale Items:	\$554.00
December 10, 2023	\$1,400.25

Thank you for your Generosity!

Holy Land Artifacts for sale this weekend.

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.

This weekend, Saturday, Dec. 16 & Sunday, Dec. 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

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

tomorrow Sat. Dec. 16 at the
5pm Mass and this Sun. Dec.
17 at 10am.

For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The



blessing takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the 3rd Sunday of Advent. The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' – as they are known in Rome – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy.

Parishioners are invited to bring their Baby Jesus figurines from home to Mass this Sunday, to be blessed as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day and as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

Angel Tree 2023: supported 15 seniors and 29 children. From monies donated to the Angel Tree each family was able to receive approx. \$100 gift card for Food Basic's. The K of C provided a warm coat for each child and the SVDP donated a gift card for Giant Tiger. Thank you goes out to the Parishioners of St. Gregory you have such huge, warm hearts. Thank you again.

December 17, 2023

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!*

Christmas is coming. How are you moving toward Bethlehem? Are you joyful and triumphant, or are you something else?

Advent helps us pause and reflect on how we approach the Lord. Our lives are God's Bethlehem, the place where he dwells among us. God sanctified time and humanity when he entered our history and claimed it as his own in Jesus Christ. Thanks to this gift, we can encounter God at every moment and in every person. But if we are not looking for him, we will most likely miss him.

Joyful and triumphant. This is a fitting posture for Advent. We do not wait for God with uncertainty, as if we lack confidence that he will show up. God always shows up. We therefore wait with joy and triumph. We wait as if we already have the Saviour we are hoping for, because ... *we do.*

The same Child born for us at Bethlehem comes to us at every Mass. We receive him into the stable of our hearts at every the Eucharist. Thus, even in the midst of Advent, Christmas joy is never far away.

What would our lives look like if we approached every moment, every person, and above all every Eucharist expecting to meet the King of angels? May your living of these Advent days help you behold the Lord with joy, whenever and wherever he reveals himself to you.

In Christ, Daughters of St. Paul

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 info. visit our GoFundMe page at bit.ly/renewedbylove. Thank you so much!

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/address and leave it in the collection basket so a tax receipt may be issued. Donations will be accepted until December 22th. At noon.



CFFC
Canadian Food For Children

This month we are collecting:

Cooking Oil

Thank you for your support!

The Canadian Blood Services KW location is open 6 days a week. During December there are more than 1800 appointments that need to be filled in order to help meet patients' needs now and into the New Year. Regular hours of operation:

Monday and Wednesday: 2 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Tuesday: 1 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

To book an appointment Visit: blood.ca; Download: GiveBlood app or Call: 1-888-236-6273

Any questions on eligibility, visit website at blood.ca or call 1-888-236-6283 and speak with a nurse.

- It is typically more challenging to collect blood during the last two weeks of December but that is when donations are especially needed.

- When you donate blood this holiday season, you will make all the difference for patients in your community and across the country

There is no substitute for blood and patients across Canada are depending on these life essentials every day. It takes many donors to help save a life.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."
Romans 15:13

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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519.622.1290



3rd Week of Advent Prayer for Joy:

Heavenly Father, fill our hearts with the joy that comes from knowing your love. May we rejoice in the good news of salvation and share that joy with others during this season of Advent. Amen.