

St. Gregory the Great Parish

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NEWS – July 12th, 2026

Let Our Weaknesses Remind Us of God's Mercy

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is easy to be discouraged by our weaknesses. We often wish we were stronger, more patient, more faithful, more loving. We look at our failures and imperfections and ask ourselves why we cannot do better. But today I want to offer you a different way of seeing our weakness: **our weaknesses should remind us constantly of God's mercy.**

The Lord does not love us because we are perfect. He loves us because we are His children. In fact, our weakness can become the very place where God's mercy shines most brightly. When we stop pretending that we are sufficient on our own, we begin to rely more deeply on His grace.

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus understood this very well. She did not claim greatness in the eyes of the world. Instead, she trusted in God's tender love and called herself a little child before Him. Her "little way" teaches us that holiness is not about impressing God, but about letting Him love us in our poverty. She once said that everything is grace. That means even our limitations, when offered to God, can become a path to holiness.

St. Gregory the Great, patron of our parish, also reminds us that true greatness in the Church is found in humility and service. He knew human weakness well, and he understood that a shepherd must be compassionate, patient, and attentive to the needs of the flock. Gregory's own life shows us that God can work powerfully through those who know their dependence on Him.

I think of a small child trying to carry a heavy box. The child struggles, drops it, and becomes upset. Then the father kneels down, smiles, and says, "Let me help you." Suddenly the child no longer feels ashamed. The weakness of the child becomes an opportunity for love. In the same way, our weakness is not the end of the story. It is often the moment when the Father draws closest and says, "Let Me help you."

So instead of hiding our weaknesses from God, let us bring them to Him. Let us say, "Lord, I am not enough, but You are. I am weak, but Your mercy is strong." This is the heart of Christian hope.

May St. Thérèse teach us to trust in God's tender love, and may St. Gregory the Great help us to serve with humility and mercy. And may the Lord turn all our weakness into a deeper experience of His grace.

Fr. Israel Gonsalves OCD, Pastor.



Saturday Confessions will now take place at 3:45pm. (just before Mass)

Coffee Fellowship: Only on Sunday for this weekend

Office will be closed – Tuesday, July 21 – Friday, July 24 – Maria on Vacation

July 25, 2026 -- 2,000 Hail Mary's starting with Mass at 8:00am

Fr. Israel is available to bless your home, car, etc. Give the office a call to make arrangements



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Tuesday, July 14 – Fr. Higgins

7:00 pm + Flora Gongales
+ For all who are aiding the peoples of Venezuela
For Healing of Manuel Chavez

Wednesday, July 15 – Fr. Higgins

8:15 am + David Whitehead

Thursday, July 16 – Fr. Higgins

8:15 am + Joan McGinnis

Friday, July 17 – Fr. Higgins

8:15 am + Joan McGinnis

Saturday, July 18 – Fr. Israel

5:00 pm + John Botelho
+ Fred Eagle
+ Tommaso, Deodata and Bruno Sicuro
+ Alexander Muransky
In Thanksgiving to St. Charbel

Sunday, July 19

10:00 am Int. of all Parishioners