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Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024

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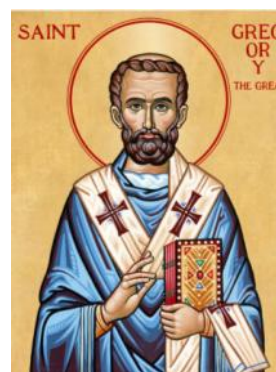
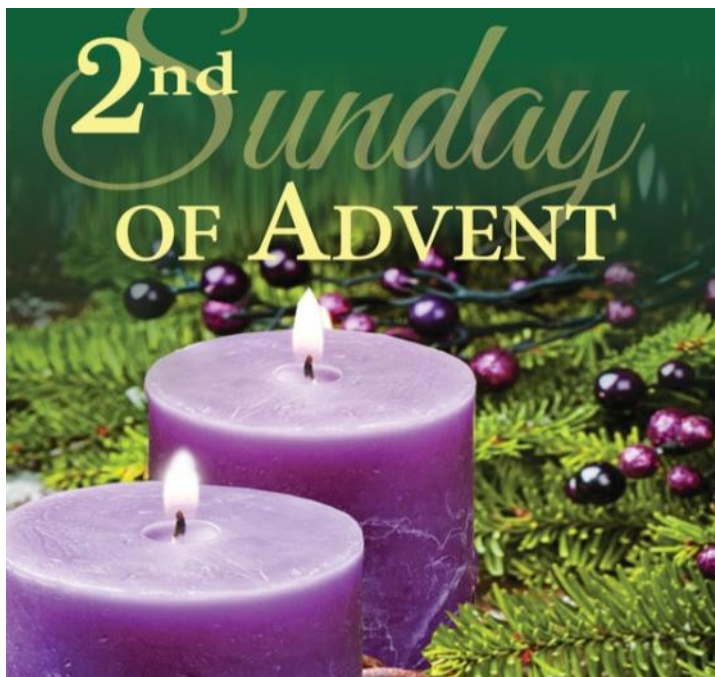
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MASS SCHEDULE

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: TUESDAY AM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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. Mark Morley 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.

Visit us online www.saintgregoryparish.com

Second Sunday of Advent



Tuesday, December 10

7:00 pm + Leslie Krynicki
 + Balbina Ferreira & Family
 Int. of Katarina Liptak
 Int. of Michael Lee
 Int. of Hugo Armando Ceron

Wednesday, December 11

8:15 am + Maria Angelina Amaral

Thursday, December 12

8:15 am Deceased Members of the Fontes Family
 10:30 am Mass at Stirling Heights

Friday, December 13

8:15 am + Olivia Monteiro

Saturday, December 14

5:00 pm + John & Elizabeth Rajnak
 + Antonio Pereira
 + Rosanna Morretti
 + Albino Andrade
 Int. of Margaret Boshart

Sunday, December 15

10:00 am Int. of all Parishioners

Pray for our Priests and Religious

Monday- *Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
 Tuesday Rev. Lawrence Parent
 Wednesday **Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer**
 Thursday National Day in Solidarity with Indigenous
 Friday Rev. John Ha
 Saturday Rev. Robert Kavelj, O.F.M.

Raffle Tables

Last weekend to purchase Tickets

Tickets are 3 or \$5.00. Great items are on display. All monies raised will support St. Gregory the Great. Draw will take place after the Syrian Mass @ 1:30pm Dec 8/24

Choir—Christmas is coming and we need your voices. Join the Choir. All interested can reach out to Cathy or call the office 519-623-3111 or email stgreg@rogers.com

Sunday Offering

EFT weekly Collection.....	\$ 579.00
December 1, 2024	\$3,082.00

Thank you for your Generosity!

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 generally takes place on Gaudete (third) Sunday of Advent, and is known as Bambinelli Sunday. **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.

We invite all to bring your Baby Jesus figurines to Mass on Saturday Dec. 14th & Sunday Dec. 15th 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 and allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

Knights of Columbus Council 4916 invites all Brother Knights and Guests to their Christmas Party on Saturday December 14/24 at St Mary's Church Hall after the 5:00 pm Mass.

It is a catered hot meal: chicken, salad and dessert. Cost-\$20/person. Please indicate your attendance & payment by December 7-George Harris 519-621-3665, Bernie Legault 519-650-1048, Scott Power 519-755-4293 or Paul O'Neill 519-277-5138. Cheques are payable to "Knights of Columbus Council 4916". Limited number of tickets available.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



Join us!
Saturday, December 7 & Sunday, December 8 after Mass
ALL ARE WELCOME to join and spend some time in fellowship. Coffee, Tea and Light Snacks

**2025 Living with Christ Sunday Missal
 CAN BE FOUND AT THE
 ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH
 COST \$5.00 EACH**

The Knights of Columbus will be handing out Christmas buttons the weekend of Dec 7-8, buttons are free but donations are encouraged, all proceeds support local charities.

COME HOME for Christmas

December 8, 2024

Christmas Shoe Boxes

We would like to thank everyone who made the Shoebox Campaign such a success. **398 shoeboxes from St. Gregory, 137 from St. Patrick's, total of 535 where sent.** Also 36 pails of Halloween candy and a variety of other useful items are now on the way to Sierra Leone. (A modest amount of sweets is important in the diet in order for the metabolism to function properly) Specifically, like to thanks:

- Everyone who brought in nicely wrapped shoeboxes
- Ladies & gentlemen who packed boxes for shipment
- Those who helped load the truck
- Kevin who drove the truck to Mississauga
- Parishioners of St. Ambrose who participated
- Anyone else I forgot

Many children and their families will receive many useful items/surprises that they have never seen before. It will be like winning a small lottery.

May God reward you a hundredfold for your efforts and generosity. Mary & Norbert Oberle



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. Flower donations must be at the church by Dec. 22th after the 10am Mass

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

"Every time we open our mouths and speak, we are either saying let their be light or let their be darkness."

- Glennon Doyle Melton

ANGEL TREE

Please return all gifts by Sunday, December 8

You can still assist the Angel Tree program by providing funds so that each family can receive a food voucher along with their gift.

Envelopes are available by the Angel Tree.

All funds are greatly appreciated. Thank you

Pope's Prayer Intention: For pilgrims of hope.

Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.



This month we are collecting:

Cooking Oil

Thank you for your support!

Fr. Khalid is looking for volunteers to assist with the Fire Safety Program. This is a new program from the Diocese of Hamilton to insure that all who visit the church are kept safe. Anyone with any previous knowledge or experience in fire safety or any one else who is interested. Please speak with Fr. Khalid or leave a message with the office 519-623-3111

Pilgrimage to Mexico:

Fr. Khalid announces and invites all parishioners to join him on a pilgrimage trip to Mexico from March 23 to March 28, 2025 (Six days & five nights).

Flying with Canadian Airlines. Trip included a visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe / Mexico City / Puebla / Taxco / along with other holy shrines.

\$2,700 (CAD) per person, includes accommodation in a shared room for two people, breakfast/dinner at the hotel, all transportation and a tour guide.

The trip is organized by Sahara Travel Company. For inquiries, contact Mr. Nashwan Shaba 1-438-838-3971 Wishing all a blessed and enjoyable pilgrimage trip and may the Lord's blessings be upon you all

May God the Holy Spirit move within us and give us eyes to see with, ears to hear with and hands that God's work might be done—St. Dominic

Advent To Do List

Forgive Someone, Go to Church,

Go to Confession before Christmas,

Read A Christmas Story, Light Advent Candles,

Give Out Compliments, Sing Christmas Carols,

Hold the Door Open for People, Bake Cookies for a Friend, Have Breakfast for Dinner, Do a Random

Act of Kindness, Leave a Post-it-note on a Mirror that says "You are Beautiful", Have Some Me-time

Doing What You Love, Give a Homeless Person a

Blanket, Be Thankful, Stop worrying, Watch a

Christmas Movie, Call a Family Member to Wish

them a Good Day, Write a Love Letter to Yourself,

Keep Christ in Christmas, Keep the Faith

Attend a Christmas Mass

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Saint Augustine
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Secondary

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God of abundance, we thank you for the stuff we don't need, the clutter that reminds us that we make life too complicated, the irrational purchases that tell us that it is easy to lose our centre.

Our strange impulses reveal something to us. They show us that we are vulnerable to our own self-sabotage. May we be satisfied with what we need and do our best to share the rest.

May we not use the poor as cheap garbage disposal and may we know that only you can satisfy our deepest longings. As Christmas approaches, may we give from our hearts to others and give ourselves the gift of freedom, letting go of things to make room for you for whom there was no room at the inn. Amen. (Michael McGirr, *Doorways into Hope and Joy at Advent and Christmas*)