

St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church

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December 25, 2011



THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH



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CHRISTMAS

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*The Light shines in the darkness, and
the darkness has not overcome It.*

~ John 1:5

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

Today, we celebrate the tremendous love Christ has for us, the love that led Him to enter into human history. On that first Christmas many years ago, Jesus became man. He existed before the world was made. He, in fact, has no beginning, because He is God and, therefore, has always existed, took on humanity, became one of His mere creatures, and then entered into human history.

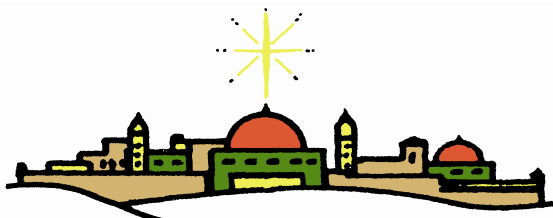
It is a baffling mystery.

How Christ can be fully God and, at the same time, fully man is beyond our comprehension. Yet, we know that He is. That first Christmas, when Mary and Joseph welcomed the sweet Baby into the world, they were, in fact, welcoming their Lord and God.

Jesus entered human history as a human being so that He could take upon Himself the sins of mankind and free us from the bonds of sin and death. He came because He loves us so much.

It's amazing. Our God is wonderful. His love is selfless, and it is boundless.

So, as we sit and exchange gifts with one another in an effort to showcase our love for each other, as stewards, let us be sure to take the time to thank the Lord for the gifts He has given us, particularly the gift of His Son through whom we can attain salvation!



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Some people may not acknowledge today as Christ's Day, that He is the X-Factor of the X-Mass scene. This world is crying out for Light, for Hope, for Joy, for Love, and today we celebrate that God is present with us in this world: EMMANUEL. We must allow that Love to penetrate our hearts and celebrate with our family and friends the Joy that lives amongst us. And when we have finished celebrating the X Factor of Christmas, remember that then the real work of Christmas begins:

When the song of the angels is stilled.
When the star in the sky is gone.
When the kings and princes are home.
When the shepherds are back with their flocks.
The work of Christmas begins;
to find the lost;
to heal the broken;
to feed the hungry;
to release the prisoner;
to rebuild the nations;
to bring peace among the people;
to make music in the heart.

HOWARD THURMAN

~ ~ INTERCOM, December 2011/January 2012, Pg. 55



St. Gregory the Great Christmas Schedule

The Octave Day of Christmas:

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Vigil: Saturday, December 31, 2011 ~ 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, January 1, 2012

7:30 A.M., 9:00 A.M. 11:00 A.M. & 5:00 P.M.

The Epiphany of the Lord

Vigil: Saturday, January 7, 2012 ~ 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, January 8, 2012

7:30 A.M., 9:00 A.M. 11:00 A.M. & 5:00 P.M.



FAITH FORMATION

K thru 4th Grade

Thursdays 4:00pm
In Session Jan. 5

Saturdays 4:15pm
In Session Jan. 7

Sundays 7am, 8:15am, 10:15am, 4:15pm
In Session Jan. 8

5th & 6th Grade

Thursdays 6:00pm
In Session Jan. 12

7th & 8th Grade

Thurs. 6:00pm
In Session Jan. 5

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE NEEDS AND INTENTIONS OF:

Corazon Valera, Kaitlin Bunge, Catherine Barrack, James Arnett, Jennifer Sih, Lon Rocabo, Irene Trisko, Christopher Galichon, Brennan De Costa, Filemon Barongan, David Smith, Dorothy Bromenshenkel, Casey Tibetts, Sheryl Bunge, Maria Santiago, Judy Di Matteo, Kaela Arnette, Marie Califano, Letty Kumer, Herme, Asaf Valdez, Jose Santiago, Jeanette Hendren, Edgar Muth, Eileen Boyle, Ian Brown, Kathleen Hunt, Faith Ziulak,

that they may find joy in the healing love of Christ.

Music Ministry



All choirs are open to anyone that wishes to sing or play an instrument in the ministry of music at St. Gregory the Great.

All choirs are now practicing for the upcoming special liturgies of November and December.

New Hymn Books: Our parish will be replacing the old Gather hymn book with a new 3rd edition. This is due to the implementation of the new translation of the revised Roman Missal. Memorial or dedication labels will be available for the new hymnals at a \$15.00 suggested donation. The memorial or dedication label will be placed in the hymnal. Special envelopes are available in the office.



For more information go to stgg.org, or call Tim Hilgeman at the Music Office 858-653-3583, or email thilgeman@stgg.org



St. Gregory the Great Catholic School
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We wish all parishioners and friends of St. Gregory the Great Catholic School a very blessed and joy-filled Christmas. We thank you for your support and commitment to providing a Catholic education experience to the children of our parish throughout this past year, and looking forward to an exciting New Year ahead.



Our school is currently closed for Christmas vacation. **School will re-open on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.**

Thank you to all who support our school by purchasing Scrip gift cards. **Scrip gift cards make fabulous Christmas gifts!** You can now shop online at www.shopwithscrip.com to place your order. This website offers a convenient way to shop for your scrip gift cards from the comfort of your own home. Simply log on to www.shopwithscrip.com to set up your profile. Entering the school enrollment code (5L2433CA18L37) will ensure that a percentage your purchases comes directly to St. Gregory the Great Catholic School.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS ARE READILY AVAILABLE at the Parish Office throughout the week!

For information about St. Gregory the Great Catholic School, contact the school office at (858) 397-1290, or at office@stggs.org. We continue to enroll new students throughout the year!

SAVE THE DATE!

OPEN HOUSE

St. Gregory the Great Catholic School, Sunday, January 29, 2012
Considering a Catholic Education for your child?
Tour our Campus- Meet our Teachers

Stewardship of Treasure

With gratitude for the gifts they have received, parishioners and visitors made a joyful return to the Lord of the following:

Our Sunday collections for the weekend of Dec. 10 & 11, including children's collection of \$70.03 \$21,123.82

Credit Card Avg. per week 5,066.86
Total \$26,190.68

Approximate amount needed weekly to meet our expenses: \$ 26,000.00

Total + \$190.68

A big THANK YOU to those Parishioners who have "Taken a Step".



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High School Ministry

Next Drop In: January 3rd

Year Two Confirmation Retreat: February 17-19th. Please submit your waivers and bus fee to Liesl or the main office by January 8th.

Youth Talent Show: January 8th 6:30-8pm (Community Life Night. Required attendance for 1st and 2nd Year Students). Contact Liesl to sign up! Parents are welcome to attended!



Special Events Registration: Steubenville and LA Youth Day signs up will be begin January 8th. Stay tuned for more information.

Mass Intentions

Mon.	Dec. 26	8:00am	Edmund Parane †
Tues.	Dec. 27	8:00am	Edmund Parane †
Wed.	Dec. 28	8:00am	Marcela Dizon †
Thurs.	Dec. 29	8:00am	Paul & John Scudero, SI
Fri.	Dec. 30	8:00am	Edmund Parane †
Sat.	Dec. 31	5:00pm	Tina Adler †
Sun.	Jan. 1	7:30am	Joe Gargano †
		9:00am	Mass for the People
		11:00am	Carl Colombo †
		5:00pm	José Navarrette

† Deceased SI Special Intention

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Scrip Cards

Still available in the Parish Office, or shop online at

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to place your order!
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Bunco, Bunco, Bunco!!!

Thursday, January 5
Ministry of Mother's Monthly Meeting
9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M., Parish Hall

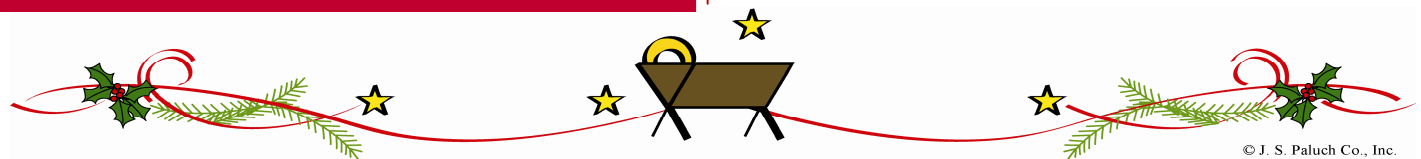


Come kick-off 2012 with the Ministry of Mothers' annual Bunco meeting! After all the rushing and craziness of December, the MOMs January meeting is a great way to relax, catch up with friends old and new, and have some fun! We'll have some great prizes up for grabs as well, so don't miss out. And if you've never played Bunco before, don't let that hold you back from joining us. It's an easy game to learn and a great way to meet lots of fellow St. Greg Moms.

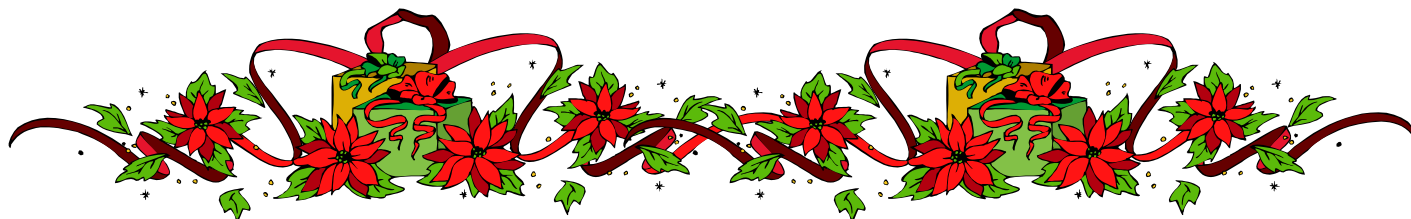
We hope to see you **Thursday, January 5th, 9:30 am – 11:30 am in the Parish Hall . . .**



The Family Cancer Support Ministry invites all parishioners to share a photograph of relatives or friends who have passed away due to cancer. All photos will be on display for the annual Mass of Hope on January 17, 2012, at 7 P.M. Please submit photos with your name, phone number, and your dear one's name to Enes Andrews, Parish Receptionist. (Photo size requirement no longer than 5 x 5.) For more information, contact Margaret Lyn at 858 530-2560.



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Jennifer Miller & Family	All of Our Family Generations
Teri Oakley	Michele Swan
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Maria & Dominick Scigliano	Our Parents
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Lorraine Swaty	Michael Swift
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Patricia Tarczy	Nonette Murray
Rowena Treitler	Lita Sema
Mary Rose Wood	My Parents & My Brothers: Martin & Joseph
Wallace Family	Maria Nichols
Robert & Donna Wittouck	Gena & Fred Botelho & Len Wittouck

Young Adults

SAVE THE DATE! New Year's Eve Celebration, Dec. 31, 9 P.M.

Our Lady of the Rosary, 1629 Columbia St., 92101

Join other Young Adults, 18-39, as we enjoy a night guided by the Spirit! Bring in the New Year with Jesus and be filled with His peace, love, and joy! The evening will start at 9 P.M. with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Mass at 10, and a social from 11 P.M.—2 A.M.

Go to yamsd.org, or contact

Carrie Giebel at cgiebel@diosese-sdiego.org, 858 490-8260.

Our Sister Parish

Please don't forget to bring your canned goods to Mass each Sunday. The pantry at Our Lady of Angles is very bare.



Merry Christmas From the Entire Staff of St. Gregory the Great

Rev. Nicholas P. Clavin

Rev. John Gubbins

Rev. Ed Gallagher

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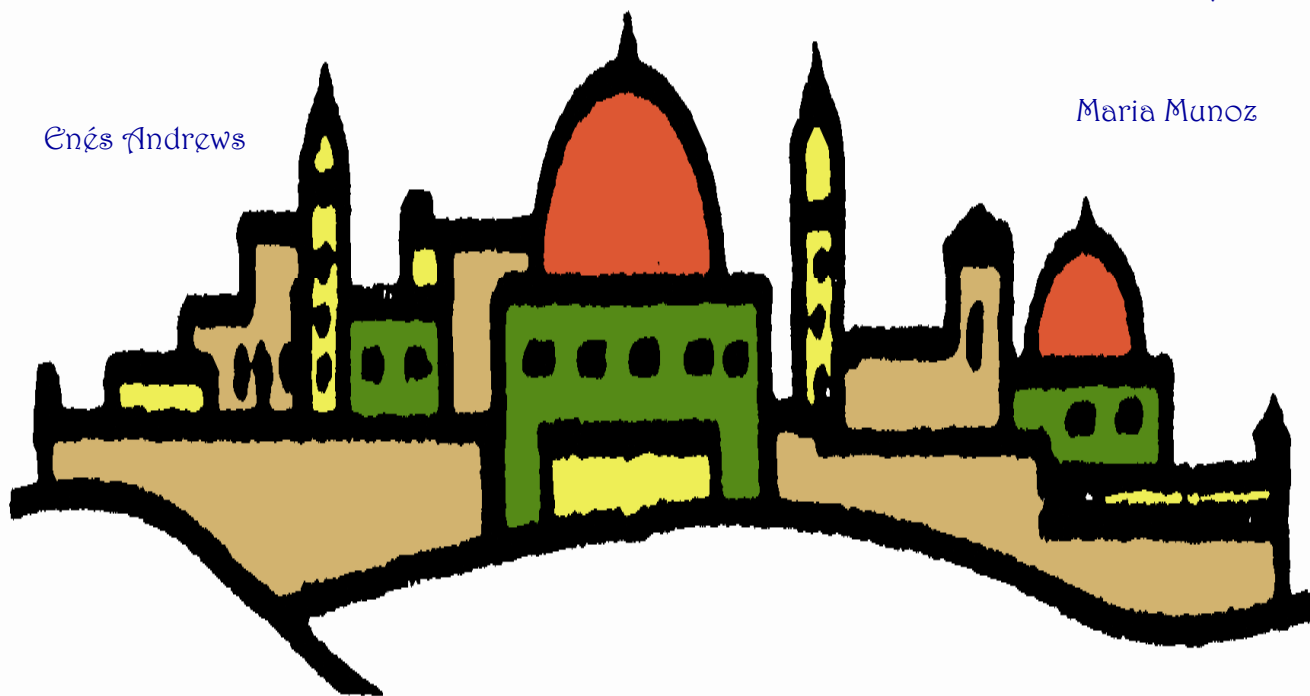
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