

*My Dear Parishioners,*

*At this blessed time of the year, as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, you are especially in my thoughts and prayers!*

*Yet another holy year has gone by - a year of mercy. The Year of Mercy has been brought to its conclusion on October 20, 2016, the solemnity of Christ the King. However, Pope Francis continuously urges us not to stop reflecting on God's mercy.*

*Mercy is an inclination of the will to relieve the misery of another. It does not mean simply to feel sorry for someone in trouble. Mercy means the ability to get right inside the other person's skin until we can see things with their eyes, think things with their mind and feel things with their feelings.*

*This is precisely what many people fail to do. Most people are so concerned with their own feelings that they have no time to worry about the feelings of anyone else. If we would only make the effort to get inside the other person, it would make forgiveness ever so much easier.*

*A French proverb says it all: "To know all is to forgive all." But we will never know, even a portion, until we make a deliberate attempt to get inside the other person's mind and heart.*

*This is what God did in Jesus Christ. In Jesus, God got inside the skin of a human. He came as a human. He came seeing things with our eyes, feeling things with our feelings and thinking things with our minds. This is why the mystery of Incarnation is known as the mystery of mercy. In Jesus, God's mercy became visible, audible and tangible.*

*Therefore, Christmas is a time to celebrate God's mercy. It is an invitation for us to get right inside of the other person and start seeing things with their eyes, feeling things with their feelings and thinking things with their minds.*

*There are people who say: 'The world has no room for mercy.' But as people of God we must make room for it because without mercy the world would be a jungle. How many barriers would fall down, how many broken relationships would be mended, if people were prepared to show mercy and forgiveness to one another.*

*Therefore, how important that all of us tap into the power of God's mercy as we seek to live the gospel values and build our broken world into a true civilization of love.*

*May God who became human help us in this mission.*

*I wish all of you a very Holy, Blessed Christmas! May the God of love fill you with joy and peace and the consolation that He is always with you and that He allows Himself to be touched.*

*Merry Christmas! Buon Natale!  
Father Alex*



# St. Gregory's Parish News

## Mass Intentions—December 26—January 8, 2016



**Monday, December 26—No Scheduled Liturgy**

**Tuesday, December 27—7:00 p.m.**  
Derek Vye—Mom, Dad & family

**Wednesday, December 28, Thursday, December 29,  
Friday, December 30—No Scheduled Liturgy**

**Saturday, December 31—5:00 p.m.**  
Intentions of Parishioners

**Sunday, January 1—9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**  
New Year's Day

### WEEK OF JANUARY 2—8

**Monday, January 2—No Scheduled Liturgy**

**Tuesday, January 3—7:00 p.m.**  
Intentions of Parishioners

**Wednesday, January 4—9:30 a.m.**  
Giovanni Tesolin—wife, Norma Tesolin

**Thursday, January 5—9:30 a.m.**  
Intentions of Parishioners

**Friday, January 6—9:30 a.m.**  
Intentions of Parishioners

**Saturday, January 7—5:00 p.m.**  
Emilia Bruno—Mike & Madelaine Bruno  
Intentions of Our Lady of Fatima  
Alfonso Longo—wife, Carmela & family  
Luisa Iacoe—Mary Ellen & Jim Perlini  
Giovanni Carlascio—wife, Cora Carlascio & family  
Bridget Greco—Janice & Ernie

**Sunday, January 8—9:00 a.m.**  
Intentions of Parishioners

**11:00 a.m.**  
Nicola & Giuseppina Nicoletta—son, Antonio & family  
Mario Costanza—Gaspare & Mary Guerrieri  
Adelvio Chiarvesio—Rosina Della Vedova

### Week of December 26—January 1

Monday	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday	1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:2-8
Wednesday	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Thursday	1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Friday	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday	1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

### Mary the Holy Mother of God

1st READING	Nm 6:22-27
2nd READING	Gal 4:4-7
GOSPEL	Lk 2:16-21

### Week of January 2—8

Monday	1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday	1 Jn 2:29;3:1-6/Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday	1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
Thursday	1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51
Friday	1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:4-5, 7-11
Saturday	1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-12

### Epiphany of the Lord

1st READING	Is 60:1-6
2nd READING	Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
GOSPEL	Mt. 2:1-12

### OFFICE HOURS FOR CHRISTMAS

December 20—23 8:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

December 26—30 **CLOSED**

January 3—6 Regular Hours  
8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

thank  
you!

.....to Sandy, Herv Rector & family for all of your ongoing support, effort and time to decorate the Church. Your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated!



# "Thank You / Grazie Mille"

*With great gratitude I acknowledge the commitment and support rendered to me and the parish by the very efficient and selfless staff, volunteers, and everyone who have contributed in making the atmosphere for our advent and Christmas celebrations very meaningful.*

*Thank you to all who gave toys, woollen goods, non perishable food items, toiletries etc. for Christmas Cheer, Women in Crisis Centre, the Soup Kitchen, Pauline's Place, Ken Brown Recovery and St. Vincent de Paul. Your generosity is very much appreciated!*

*Thank you to those volunteers who packed and delivered, those who donated and helped prepare the fruit baskets and deliver them to our shut-ins. Thank you also to those who helped co-ordinate the parking of vehicles. Many thanks to Anastasia and everyone who participated in the Youth Mass and Children's Christmas Pageant.*

*A special thank you to those who came out to decorate the Church. I also gratefully remember and thank all the extra-ordinary ministers of the Eucharist, greeters, ushers, altar servers, children' liturgy co-ordinators, Mass co-ordinators, Dorothy and all the choir members who assisted in the various celebrations and look forward to their continuous support and assistance.*

*May God bless you all!  
Father Alex*

## **Pre-Authorized Donation Program**

Thank you to the many parishioners that have started this program. This is an easy method of parish donation which will result in a win/win situation for you and our Parish.

The forms are available at the entrance of the church . Complete the P.A.D.P. form and deposit it in the collection basket. Please include a cheque marked "VOID". The program can be started at any time as long as we receive the form by the 10th of the previous month.

If you have any questions please call the Parish office.

Thank you again for considering this convenient method of Parish donation.

# Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo!

**Reconciliation 2016**

**Session 1: Part A**

Thursday, February 9, 2017  
**Parent & candidate meeting**  
7:00 p.m. in the Church

**Session 1: Part B**

Sunday, February 12, 2017  
during the 11:00 a.m. Mass

**Session 2: Part A**

Thursday, February 16, 2017  
7:00 p.m. in the Church

**Session 2: Part B**

Sunday, February 19, 2017  
during the 11:00 a.m. Mass

**Session 3: Part A**

Thursday, February 23, 2017  
at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

**Session 3: Part B**

Sunday, February 26, 2017  
during the 11:00 a.m. Mass

**Session 4: Part A**

Thursday, March 2, 2017  
at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

**Session 4: Part B**

Sunday, March 5, 2017  
during the 11:00 a.m. Mass

**Celebration of the Sacrament Reconciliation**

Thursday, March 9, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

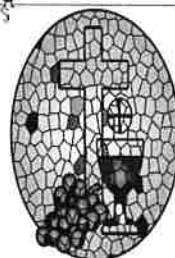
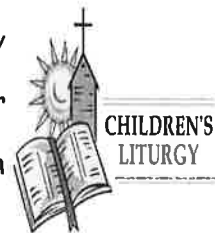
**2017 Contribution  
Envelopes**

**The contribution envelopes are available at the entrance of the church. Please pick up your envelopes as early as possible.**

**Dear Parishioners,**

It is a special joy to see young families taking part in the Mass and engaged in the life of the parish. We welcome crying babies! It is a sign that the church is young and alive. We have a very talented, caring and energetic team organizing Children's Liturgy program every Sunday.

I encourage parents to bring your children to participate in Liturgy of the Word with children during our Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass. Let us try our best to keep the gift of faith alive and active.



**RECONCILIATION AND  
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

*Application forms for the reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2017 are available at the entrance of the church. Applicants must be in grade 3 or higher as of September 2016.*

*Please return application forms to the Parish office by January 4 2016.*

## St. Gregory's Parish News

### ST. GREGORY'S KNEELER PROJECT

Thank You To All Donors For Your  
Generosity

Herv & Sandi Rector  
Vittorio & Olinda Bruno  
Paul & Jean Levesque  
Mike & Madelaine Bruno  
Loretta McKay  
Tullio & Louise Provenzano  
Robert & Lorena Bressan  
Liveo Zanatta  
Rob Thidodeau  
Carlo & Beatrice Bruni  
Mario Didanielli  
Evelyn & Delbert Vye  
Elvira Caputo  
Agostino & Linda Fiore  
Reno & Isabel Monaco  
John & Cindy Onofrio  
Laura Iovannisci  
Guerino Pino  
Drago Prgomet  
Wayne Verdecchia  
Mary Lou Collins  
John & Carol Spadoni  
Domeninca & Fiore Furgiuele  
Maria & Carmela Bressan  
Robert Pezzutto  
Gerry & Flora Giordano  
Geniale Pino  
John Bitonti  
Lori Matthews  
Darlene Leblanc  
Armando & Paula Plastino  
Garth Hillstrom  
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Ida Caruso  
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Leopoldo Caicco  
Derek Darou  
Violet Glibota  
Catherine Johnson  
Mark Lepore  
Anna Mauro  
Rosanna Mauro  
Bill Pasiak  
Debbie Spironello  
Deron Tett  
Donald White  
Silvana Battocchio  
Antonietta Bitonti  
Rinaldo DeMarco

If anyone wishes to donate, please specify on the envelope—"Kneeler Project".

### Catholic Women's League News

**CWL Membership Fees**—membership fees (\$22.00) are due by December 31, 2016. Please include your payment (cheque payable to St. Gregory's CWL) or cash in an envelope with your name, address and phone number. Payment can be put in the collection basket on Sunday. If membership fees are paid by January 4, 2017 general meeting, your name will be entered into a draw for a free membership.

**CWL General Meeting** - Our CWL meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 4th, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. There will be a speaker from ARCH. Please plan to attend!

CWL & Knights of Columbus Dinner



**Celebrating Our Faith / Celebrating Us....**

Friday, February 10th 2017  
Marconi Hall  
Faith, Fellowship & Fun

More details to follow after  
Christmas.....



**We are looking for volunteers to help remove the Christmas decorations. We will meet in the Church January 8, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.**

### **MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES**

To request a Mass Intention, either call the office, come into the office or Mass intention envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Fill out the required section on the envelope. Place your offering of \$15.00 per Mass in the envelope and bring it to the parish office or put it in the weekend collection. Payment by cheque can be made payable to St. Gregory's Parish.