Mientras que bendijo a los discípulos, Jesús se fue apartando de ellos y elevándose al cielo.

Lucas 24:51
Welcome to our St. Gregory the Great Parish Community!
Thank you for worshiping with us.
LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS AND MINISTRY

DAILY MASS:
8:15 a.m. Monday through Friday
SCHOOL MASS on Wednesday
5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil (Choral Choir)
SUNDAY MASSES:
8:00 a.m. (Congregational)
10:00 a.m. (Family Choir)
12:00 p.m. Spanish Mass & Choir
Eucharistic Adoration: 7:00am-9:00pm M-F
Confessions: Saturdays, 4:00-5:00pm, or by appt.

St. Gregory the Great CYO
Summer Baseball registration is open
and will close June 7th.
Please contact, StG CYO Registrar:
Cecilia Munoz, text 210-748-9911
or email cmunoz@gmail.com

Mass Intentions

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS
Mass Schedule
June 3 - June 9, 2019

Monday, June 3rd
8:15 a.m. Intentions of James Rodriguez and Family.

Tuesday, June 4th
8:15 a.m. James J. O’Connor †

Wednesday, June 5th
8:15 a.m. Adele Quinn †

Thursday, June 6th
8:15 a.m. Arthur and Clara Benedetti †

Friday, June 7th
8:15 a.m. James F. O’Connor †

Saturday, June 8th
5:30 p.m. Cora Socorro Simmons †
         Jimmy O’Connor †
         Tom Sanchez †
         Bonnie Groff †

Sunday, June 9th
8:00 a.m. Holy Name
          Rose Ramos† & Antonio Uribe †
          ACTS Community Mass
          Ken Kwan †
          Tommie Alatorre †
12:00 p.m. People of the Parish

The second collection next weekend, Saturday,
June 8th and Sunday,
June 9th will be for Building Fund.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION TOTALS FOR May 25th and May 26th

Regular collection:
Saturday 5/25/19-5:30 p.m. $1,745.00
Sunday 5/26/19- 8:00 a.m. $1,374.00
Sunday 5/26/19-10:00 a.m. $1,984.00
Sunday 5/26/19-12:00 p.m. $842.35

TOTAL: $6,980.35

Church Renovation $746.78
Mail In $1,035.00

Thank You
**NEXT WEEKEND MASSES SERVING SCHEDULE**

To go along with our schedule of weekend Masses for next weekend, we will be listing those scheduled to serve.

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<td>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</td>
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<td>12:00 PM Angelita Arrieta, Ana Maria Mendoza, and Delia Rodriguez.</td>
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**Baptism Class Information**

The next **Baptismal Preparation Class** will be held **June 3rd** at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. **You must register to attend classes for new born to 3 years old.**

Children 4 years and older should be enrolled in Religious Education classes or be enrolled in a Catholic School for one year before the baptism. For more information and to register for classes, please call the Parish Office at 210-342-5271.

**Requirements for Parents:** Must attend a Baptism class and provide a copy of the State issued birth certificate for the Child being baptized. If parents are of another parish, please submit a Letter of Permission from your parish.

**Requirements for Godparents:** Attend a baptism class and be a practicing Catholic. You must already have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are married, you must be married in the Catholic Church.

Our campaign thermometers are on the rise! Be sure to keep an eye on our progress as we continue to push those red lines higher and higher. We have currently raised $100,000. As you may remember, our goal at St. Gregory is $375,000. Thank you to everyone who has participated, and to those who are praying about how they may make a difference.

During the last several weeks we’ve made a big effort to educate every parishioner about the campaign. We want to continue answering any questions you might have and ask for your participation. We need everyone’s help in order to reach our target.

Continue to pray for the campaign’s success and for your hard-working campaign volunteers who are giving of their time and hearts. More information is available at www.ontheway-andale.org

**Stewardship Message:**

“Your light must shine before all so that they may see goodness in your acts.” (Matthew 5:16) Giving of our time, talent and treasure mainly involves a change of attitude about giving. It’s important to think in terms of giving in gratitude to God, of considering how blessed we are, of using our gifts and talents for the good of others.

**A GARDENER’S CREED**  One is nearer God’s heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth. —Anonymous
I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and peace.

For most people, the month of June is the start of the vacation season and many things in our parish will begin to wind down for the summer, one of these is our school year. I really cannot believe how fast the academic year has gone by. It seems that not too long ago we started and already the last day has just passed and I know our students and staff are ready for their summer break. They have been working very hard and have earned an extended rest; this time off will be a sad one for me. During the year, I had the privilege of getting to know many of the students and their families and I will miss them. The last school day was Friday, May 31st. On that day, we had our last school Mass for the 2018-2019 academic year and dismissal was at 12 noon. Looking back on the year, I can see what a blessing the school has been for our parish community and me personally. I look forward to the direction Principal Martinez will be giving our school next year. You can be proud of our school and the leaders it is producing for our community. I love our school and everything it stands for.

I respectfully ask everyone to stand with me in support of our school, our Principal, Mr. Daniel P. Martinez, and our administration and teachers.

I have some happy news to share with you. We will again be having seminarians staying with us this summer. Last year we had seminarians Juan Villanueva and David Chacko, this summer Paul Melgarejo will be with us along with Ottmar Tovar. Their time with us officially will run from June 10th to August 2nd and they will be staying with me at the Rectory House. While at St. Gregory’s, they will be involved in various activities, learning what parish life is all about. You already know Paul and when you see Ottmar please give him a big St. Gregory welcome to our parish. From all of you, he will learn what it means to be a good priest in a parish setting.

This time last year, we put a new roof on our church. Total cost was $63,750.00 but with all the donations it came to $48,160.00. Since that time we have had several hard rains and not a drop has come in. For this I am very grateful to God and to all of you for your support of the Building Fund collection. The money in this fund is what we use to pay for all our big projects. This year we will be putting a new roof on Mary’s house. At the time of writing of this letter, I had already begun the process with the Archdiocese and I am hoping by the time you read this the new roof will be completely finished or are least mostly finished. I want to thank all of you for your financial support of our church. As mentioned in previous newsletters, our parish finances had been one of my main concerns. Thanks to you we continue to make good progress in this area. Nothing gives a pastor grey hair faster than having to wonder about ones financial stabilities. We have a large facility and for this reason one of the main issues the parish financial council and I have been working on is the establishment of appropriate financial reserves. These funds are especially important for a parish of our size. I feel it is only prudent to our financial health to have these assets on hand in case of an economic hardship, catastrophic event occurs, or an unexpected expensive repair or replacement becomes necessary. Because of your generosity on the occasion of my birthdays, we had many good things done at our church. People have been asking me about getting new pews and a new floor. These are very expensive and we just don’t have enough money on hand to get started on these projects. We will have to wait. Please continue your level of giving to the church and I, for my part, will continue to look for ways to increase our financial balances by saving money wherever I can and trying to keep our expenses down.

While we must always take care of our parish, as Catholics, we know we also have a responsibility to the church outside of our boundaries. That is why we have second collections for the poor and needy in our area and the world. This weekend I am asking you to make a donation or pledge to the Archbishop’s Capital Campaign. Part of the money given will come back to our parish for our needs and the rest will go towards the need of the campaign. We tried this campaign once already and our results were very poor. That is why we are trying it again for a second and last time. I humbly ask you to be as generous as you can.

Our Religious Education ministry ended in April. I want to personally thank Gloria Silva and Carmen Garza for the good work they have done for our children throughout the school year and also with the students who made their First Communion on May 11th and those who will be confirmed on June 8th by Bishop Michael Boulette. These ladies have spent many long hours preparing classes and making sure everything ran smoothly. I also want to thank the catechists and aids who gave so much of their time to our children. They worked hard for our parish children and loved doing it.

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They have all earned my respect and admiration as well as that of the St. Gregory Community. They are;

**Elementary:** Delia Burkett, Elvira Cervantes, Patti DeLeon, Raquel Espinoza, Margie Garcia, Al Garza, Yolanda Gonzalez, Michelle Hubbard, Cindy Hubbard, Sharon Hutzler, Molly Lendman, Jesse Lozano, Loli Mata, Angie Martinez, Albert and Maria Reynosa, Kristi Sarabia, Jesse and Maria Tello, and Maricela Arce Vegara.

**Middle School and High School:** Christina Bauer, Maria Camacho, Samantha Casas, Margaret Cerna, Leslie Gonzales, Victor and Terri Longoria, Maria Madewell, Natasha Madewell, Celeste Neaves, Valeria Perez, Cellina Soria, and Michael and Roberta Urrutia.

**The religious education office helpers & Substitutes:** Gloria Alacron, Kristina Pruske Gomez, and Art Silva.

Together these people prepared 33 children for their First Reconciliation, 36 for their First Communion, and 33 young adults for Confirmation. Besides all this, Gloria Silva and Carmen Garza have also facilitated our parish middle school and high school Youth Groups, and Teen Acts Retreats. I give thanks to God for the generosity of all our catechist and ask our Lord to bless them and their families for the good they have done for our children. I also want to thank the director of our RCIA ministry, Mrs. Rosalinda Rodriguez, and her team of Victor and Terry Longoria, Jesse Lozano, Patti DeLeon, Duane Ayres, and Liz Torralva for the good work they did. These people have prepared adults to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church and have done this for many years and we are very blessed to have them with us as volunteers. It was a joyful occasion for me to see these people complete the journey they were on at the Easter Vigil Mass. They are so happy to be part of the Catholic Church and I am very grateful to Rosalinda Rodriguez for making this possible.

I am very proud of all our parish organizations. If I were to make a list of all their activities, the list would go on and on. To all of you who are involved in one or more of our ministries, please know you have my profound gratitude for the good work you do in the name of our parish. If I were to have one wish, it would be that those not involved in a ministry look into the possibility of joining one. Being part of a church based community is great. It is one way in which we experience the love of God and get to know one another as family. I want to thank Jesse Tello and the Fishers of Men for cleaning the church during the month of May. They did a great job. The month of June will be taken care of by Mrs. Crissy Escamilla and the St. Gregory Class of 2022.

There have been some changes to our Pastoral Council. Members Bob Reimers, Jim Forestier, Gilbert Segura, and Geoffrey Merritt have finished their terms. They have served the parish well and I am grateful to them for the contributions they have made. New individuals were nominated and their names were prayed over during the 10 am Mass on May 19th. Those selected were: Patrick Escamilla, Charlie Herrera, Ana Chapa, and Rosie Abreu-Pantoja. The two alternates were Hugo Herbeck and Jennifer Lopez. The new officers for the up-coming fiscal year are: Chairperson, Rudy Rodriguez; Vice-Chairperson, Chuck Brayden; Secretary, Angelica Romero; and Information Officer, Margaret Mortis. Please keep these people and all the other Council members in your prayers. In talking to these new people, I am encouraged by their enthusiasm and willingness to work together to make our community **ONE** community. I was very happy to hear them say they want to do their part to bring our church and school communities closer together. Our parish is very large but that does not mean we cannot try harder to be a welcoming community and treat each other like family; we need each other. We are all a part of the St. Gregory’s Parish Family and we need to help each other as such. Alone we can only do so much, but working together we can accomplish a lot more. Let us not look at what makes us different, but let us celebrate our diversity as a gift from God. I will be on vacation from July 17th – 30th, during this time we will be having communion services in the chapel from Monday - Friday. Please give a warm welcome to the priest who will be celebrating the weekend Masses with us. May this summer be a time of rest and rejuvenation for all of us.

May the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph watch over all of us and keep us in their care.

Remember, God loves you and so do I.

**Fr. Rudy T. Carrola, Jr., Pastor, St. Gregory the Great Church and School**

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**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

All high school graduates and college age adults are welcome to join St. Gregory’s Young Adult Bible Study, **Wednesday, June 5th, 7-8:30 pm**, Mary’s House. The evening will be filled with sharing, reflecting, and bible reading. Let us re-kindled our relationship with Jesus!

For more information call Samantha Casas at 210-861-8303.
ST. GREGORY’S YOUTH MINISTRY
Mrs. Gloria Silva and Ms. Carmen Garza ~ Phone 210-342-3826

Teen ACTS Retreat is the weekend of June 13 – 16. All High School students and graduating seniors are eligible to attend this retreat. The fee is $180 for the weekend, which includes room and board. For more information, please call Gloria Silva in the Religious Education/Youth Ministry office.

“Seekers of Truth”

Children’s Liturgy of the Word ~ Contact: Carmen Garza at the Religious Education Office 210-342-3826 or e-mail mcarmen.garza@stgregorys.net

Feast of the Ascension, Matthew 28:16-20 (Year A). In today’s Gospel, we hear that the time has come for Jesus to say goodbye to his friends and to return to his father in heaven.

Where did Jesus go and why did he have to leave his disciples?

A prayer to share with you children: Lord Jesus, help us to remember that you are with us always, and we need never be afraid. Help us to go out and do your work in this world until we see you again, when you come back to us at the end of time. Amen.

Children’s Liturgy is on summer break. We will return in September.

Have a safe and blessed summer.

Faith Formation Office RCIA - 210-342-5271 ext. 314
email: rodriguezdre440@gmail.com Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 am-8:00 pm RCIA Classes: Tuesday, 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Parish Office
Adult Confirmation Classes: Thursday, 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Parish Office

We continue with the frequently asked questions about RCIA.

If you have been divorced but are not remarried. Can you become Catholic?
Certainly. Unless you plan to marry, you do not need to obtain an annulment.

If you have been divorced and are remarried, and your spouse is divorced and remarried. Can you become Catholic?
You and your current spouse need to begin the annulment process, and you should begin it as soon as possible even if your spouse is not considering entry into the Church. Please contact the St. Gregory the Great RCIA office for information on how to proceed. Of course, you can attend RCIA instructions while the annulment process is ongoing. But reception into the Church will have to wait until the annulment process has been completed.

Please contact Rosalinda Rodriguez at the email or phone number shown above.
News from the Athletic Department

It is hard to believe the end of the school year is just around the corner. The spring sports season was filled with many moments of victory and many lessons of defeat.

Track and field participated in several meets with every athlete improving their personal record. Twenty-five students worked and prepared each afternoon in the heat and humidity to represent St. Gregory’s. It was a team effort and the student/athletes excelled in each of their individual and team events.

The softball season began with four 8th graders leading the pack of younger players. Each practice and game resulted in improved skills and great teamwork. The girls played with determination, working on their strengths and weaknesses each week. The Lady Chargers ended the season in the second round of the playoffs and walked away feeling that they had given it their all. Two girls were awarded MVP for the playoffs, and three were awarded All-District.

The Charger baseball team had an exciting season. Each week the team improved and honed in on their strengths. They were 9-0 going into district play and ended the regular season with one loss. The boys worked with diligence and perseverance to make it to the championship game that was played before a large crowd. It was a moment the team will always remember, even if the outcome was not in their favor. Three players were awarded MVP for the playoff series, and four were All-District recipients.

In closing, the spring sports season was a success. Every athlete contributed in one way or another to make the team prosper. The best part of any season is the time you get to spend with some special people, all focused and committed toward achieving a common goal. I am excited for what the future has in store for the athletic program. A program based on the fundamentals of competition - hard work, attention to detail, and an undeniable sense of team responsibility. Throughout the school year, we were not only working together to achieve a goal for the present, but we were also, and more importantly, setting standards for the foreseeable future of this program and thus ensuring future success.

God Bless you and thank you for your prayers and support.

Ana Cortez, Director of Athletics

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

ST. GREGORY'S ACTS COMMUNITY

St. Gregory’s ACTS Core invites you to the first ACTS COMMUNITY MASS, Sunday, June 9th, 10:00 am.

We would like to recognize everyone who has been on a St. Gregory's ACTS retreat. If you have a ACTS shirt, please wear it to our celebration Mass. If you are unable to attend this Mass, please know that we will continue to celebrate our ACTS Community on a quarterly basis.

WINGED FAITH

Faith furnishes prayer with wings, without which it cannot soar into Heaven. —St. John Climacus
PRAYERS FOR OUR TROOPS

Lord, Hold these loved ones in your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us.
Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our lord and Savior. Amen.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:
Names for inclusion in the Prayer List may be self-submitted, or submitted by family members or friends for someone in need of prayer to the Parish Office. Unless you are an immediate family member, please obtain permission from the person whose name is being placed on the list prior to submission.

Anyone needing the Eucharist brought to their home, hospital or nursing home should contact Ezekiel O’Campo at 210-342-5271 ext. 321.
St. Gregory the Great Parish Weekly Meetings and Events

**Sunday, June 2nd**
Children's Liturgy of the Word, 10:00 am, Parish Hall.
Young Adult Retreat Meeting, 2:00 pm, Mary’s House.

**Tuesday, June 4th**
Legion de Maria, 6:00 pm, Mary’s House.

**Wednesday, June 5th**
English Legion of Mary, 9:30 am, Parish Office.

**Thursday, June 6th**
SCKY Club, 7:00 pm, Mary’s House.

**Saturday, June 8th**
Women of Faith Share Group, 7:30 am, Mary’s House.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS
The Altar Society ladies will be meeting on Thursdays at noon at Mary’s House to begin preparing for their annual Arts and Craft sale in November. Please call the Parish Office for more information, 210-342-5271 ext 300.

BULLETIN DEADLINES! Please submit all bulletin announcements by noon on Friday, May 31st, for inclusion in the bulletin for Sunday, June 9, 2019.
Email all information to bulletin.news@stgregorys.net

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