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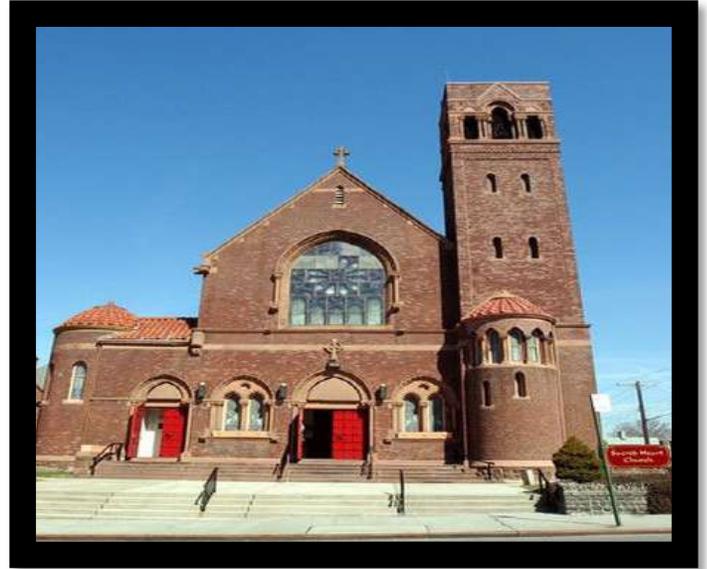
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The Lord's Day

Saturday Evening 5:00 PM

Sundays 7:00, 9:00, 11:00AM, 1:00 PM

Daily Mass 9:30 AM Monday-Saturday

Rosary 9 AM (Monday-Saturday)

Confessions

Saturdays - 4:00 to 4:45 PM, Any time upon request

Parish Registration

Please formalize your membership in our parish community by registering at the parish office. We sincerely welcome all new parishioners!

Handicapped Accessible

Office Hours - Sunday 10 AM - 3PM

Monday-Friday 9 AM - 5 PM

Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM

Church open daily until 5 PM (Sundays until 3 PM)

Novena Devotions: Mon & Wed (after daily Mass)

Pro Life Rosary: Tuesday 9 AM

Sick Calls

Anytime, please contact one of the priests at (718) 442-0058.

Baptism

Parents & Godparents should attend a meeting at 3 PM on the second Sunday of the month in the Rectory with Fr. Eric to initiate the Sacrament. For more information please see: www.sacredheartsi.org/worship/sacraments.

Marriages

Couples should contact the rectory at least 6 months before the wedding to arrange the time, banns, and Pre-Cana Conference.

Sponsor Certificate

If you have been asked to be a godparent for a Baptism or Confirmation attend the 9 AM Mass on Sunday and see Sister Barbara immediately after in the church vestibule. Please see the parish website under the Worship/Sacraments link for godparent guidelines.

Websites:

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SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

THE 25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

OPENING HYMN: TABLE OF PLENTY

**COME TO THE FEAST OF HEAVEN AND
EARTH! COME TO THE TABLE OF PLENTY!
GOD WILL PROVIDE FOR ALL THAT WE NEED
HERE AT THE TABLE OF PLENTY!**

**O COME AND SIT AT MY TABLE WHERE
SAINTS AND SINNERS ARE FRIENDS, I WAIT
TO WELCOME THE LOST AND THE LONELY TO
SHARE THE CUP OF MY LOVE.**

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

READING 1 **WIS 2:12, 17-20.**

The wicked say: Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, reproaches us for transgressions of the law and charges us with violations of our training. Let us see whether his words be true; let us find out what will happen to him. For if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him and deliver him from the hand of his foes. With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test that we may have proof of his gentleness and try his patience. Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for

according to his own words, God will take care of him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 54: 3-4, 5, 6, 8.



O God, by your name save me, and by your might defend my cause. O God, hear my prayer; hearken to the words of my mouth.

R. The Lord upholds my life.

For the haughty have risen up against me, the ruthless seek my life; they set not God before their eyes.

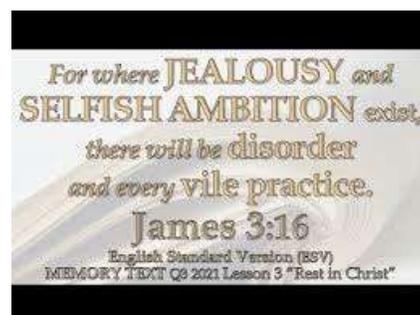
R. The Lord upholds my life.

Behold, God is my helper; the Lord sustains my life. Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will praise your name, O LORD, for its goodness.

R. The Lord upholds my life.

READING 2 **JAS 3:16-4:3.**

Beloved: Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members? You covet but do not possess. You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war. You do not possess because you do not ask. You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.



ALLELUIA

2 THES 2:14.



God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL

MK 9:30-37.

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, “The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise.” But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him. They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.”



Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from Heaven (BOW) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: HOW GREAT THOU ART.

**OH LORD, MY GOD WHEN I IN AWESOME WONDER,
CONSIDER ALL THE WORLDS THY HANDS HAVE
MADE
I SEE THE STARS I HEAR THE ROLLING THUNDER,
THY POWER THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSE DIS-
PLAYED.
THEN SINGS MY SOUL, MY SAVIOR GOD TO THEE
HOW GREAT THOU ART, HOW GREAT THOU ART.
THEN SINGS MY SOUL, MY SAVIOR GOD TO THEE
HOW GREAT THOU ART, HOW GREAT THOU ART.**

**AND WHEN I THINK THAT GOD, HIS SON NOT SPAR-
ING.
SENT HIM TO DIE, I SCARCE CAN TAKE IT IN.
THAT ON THE CROSS, MY BURDEN GLADLY BEARING.
HE BLED AND DIED TO TAKE AWAY MY SIN.
THEN SINGS MY SOUL, MY SAVIOR GOD TO THEE
HOW GREAT THOU ART, HOW GREAT THOU ART.
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A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

One of the great September saints is Gregory, whose feast day is September 3rd. St. Gregory was born about 540 and died in 604. His father was a wealthy nobleman, his mother was Saint Silvia. The monks of his monastery claimed that he was bald, with a sandy brown beard resting on a prominent chin. Gregory became prefect of Rome around the age of thirty. To be prefect was the highest civil dignity in the city. A year or two later he left it all for the monastery of St. Andrew in Rome. He often refers to his three years there as the happiest portion of his life. His great austerities during this time are recorded by his biographers and probably caused the weak health from which he constantly suffered later in life.

Gregory was soon drawn out of his seclusion when the pope ordained him as one of the seven deacons of Rome. Gregory became the permanent ambassador to the Court of the Emperor of the Byzantine Empire, and spent a few years in Constantinople, the capital city. In his mid-forties he returned to his monastery in Rome and was elected abbot. About three years later, in 589, the river Tiber in Rome overflowed its banks and destroyed many buildings, including the granaries of the Church and all its corn. Pestilence followed and Rome became a plague city. Business was at a standstill and the streets were deserted save for the wagons which bore forth countless corpses for burial in common pits beyond the city walls.

Then in February of 590, Pope Pelagius II died and the clergy and laity of Rome without hesitation elected Gregory, which, was his baptismal name. Gregory thought about fleeing. He wrote personally to the Emperor Maurice and begged him not to confirm the election. While awaiting the emperor's reply the business of the vacant see was conducted by Gregory and other high officials. As the plague continued, Gregory called upon the people to join in a vast procession terminating at the Basilica of St. Mary Major. The people prayed all the while for pardon and an end to the pestilence, which was granted. The memory of the event is still preserved by the name of Sant' Angelo (holy angel), given to the mausoleum of Hadrian from the legend that the archangel St. Michael was seen upon the summit in the act of sheathing his sword as a sign that the plague was over. The Sant'Angelo castle is right down the block from the Vatican today.

The emperor confirmed the election and Gregory was crowned on September 3rd in 590, thus beginning a pontificate of 14 years. During his reign, he was busy in liturgical reform and in teaching and writing. His diplomatic efforts were exhaustive and his missionary appeals were extensive. The peoples of the English-speaking world owe their Christianity to this pontiff who sent the monk St. Augustine from Rome to Canterbury to bring the Holy Gospel and the Sacraments.

During his time as pope his contemporary and

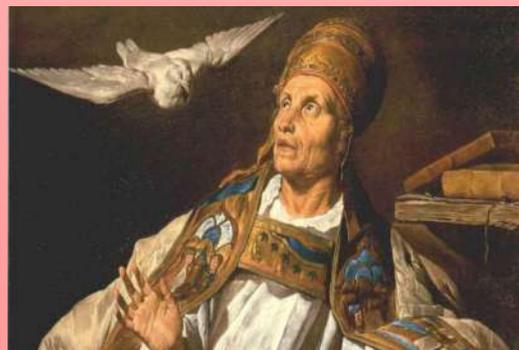
biographer Paul the Deacon tells us he never rested. We don't know if the deacon meant that he never took a day off. However, what we can be sure of is that as a great saint, Gregory most certainly never took a day off from discipleship. The saints are constantly attentive to the presence of Christ because of their love for Him, and they unceasingly strive to please Him always and everywhere. You and I can always serve the Lord, whether we're on the job or not. This is so important because the mystics and masters of the spiritual life tells us that if we're not moving forward in the spiritual life, we move backward. One may not stand still.

One of Gregory's primary virtues was synonymous with his appellation. The name Gregory comes from a Greek derivative, which if translated literally into Latin becomes "Vigilantius." The English translation? Vigilant or watchful. Peter, another of the seven deacons of Rome, tells us that when the Pope was dictating his homilies on the Book of Ezekiel, a curtain was drawn between his secretary and himself. As the Pope remained silent for long periods at a time, the servant made a hole in the curtain and, looking through, beheld a dove seated upon Gregory's head with its beak between his lips. When the dove withdrew its beak, the Pope spoke and the secretary took down his words. When he became silent the servant again applied his eye to the hole and saw that the dove had replaced its beak between his lips.

This faithful prophet, Ezekiel, is best known for his chapters (3 and 33) on the role and responsibilities of a watchman. Gregory was such a great pope because he was such an attentive watchman. Gregory, who coined the papal phrase "Servant of the Servants of God," which was used as a title of all subsequent popes, was able to be such an effective minister, leading his sheep to pastures of grace and guarding them from the wolves who endanger discipleship, because his personal watchfulness spilled over into his ministry. If we are to be effective overseers ourselves, watching over our families, our students, our parishioners, or any others the good Lord has entrusted to our care, we do well to start with ourselves.

God bless you!

Father Eric



Saint Gregory the Great



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Saturday, September 18:

5:00 People of the Parish

Sunday, September 19:

7:00 Corinne A. O'Brien

9:00 Sue Amore
(17th Anniversary)

11:00 Gerald & Theresa Sterlacci

1:00 Thanksgiving of The Gordon Family

Monday, September 20:

9:30 Viviana Vasquez (2nd Anniversary)

Tuesday, September 21:

9:30 People of the Parish

Wednesday, September 22:

9:30 Ralph Munoz Jr. (Living)

Thursday, September 23:

9:30 Ginny Fegeley & Souls in Purgatory

Friday, September 24:

9:30 Marilyn Henderson

Saturday, September 25:

9:30 Nancy Vidikisis Ozimek

5:00 Daniel Hollnsteiner (6th Anniversary)

Sunday, September 26:

7:00 Deceased Members of The Quinn &
McCauley Families & Souls in Purgatory

9:00 Daniel Hollnsteiner

11:00 Brendan Hoey

1:00 Jeffry Oakes

Saturday, September 25:

5:00 PM Bill Jones

Sunday, September 26:

7:00 AM Joan Prenty

9:00 AM Sister Jessica

11:00 AM Ken Wisniewski

1:00 PM Don Maj

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 25:

5:00 PM Jacob Torres

Sunday, September 26:

7:00 Matthew Basile

9:00 Gabriel Ortega

11:00 Michael Contardo

1:00 Jason Suazo

Collections:

September 12th.....\$6,235.00

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Congratulations to M/M Jed Tighe on winning the weekly Pastosa Raffle.

ATTENDANCE SEPT. 12TH: 499

Wedding Banns

**III. Spencer Ryan Clark &
Katherine Mary Olaskiewicz**

**III. Donald James McIntyre Jr. &
Amanda Blanche Jacobson**

CCD Registration 21-22: CCD Registration for September 2021 has begun. If you have been mailed the forms for reregistration you can drop them off at the Rectory from Monday–Friday from 9 AM–5 PM. If you wish to register you may come to the Rectory again during the above business hours. The cost is \$165 per child payable in cash or a check made out to Sacred Heart. Please know the fee doesn't need to be paid in order to register your child.

Cross Country Track: Any child, grade K-8, who is interested in joining Cross Country Track for the fall should contact Tom Smith at (917) 545-9644. The team practices on Mondays & Wednesdays at 4:30 PM at Royal Oak Park.

Sacred Heart Soccer: Sacred Heart is currently registering players for the fall season, including kids born in 2016 & 2017. We also need volunteer coaches and also a new Soccer Director. If anyone is interested please contact Marilyn Corson at marilyn-corson@hotmail.com.

Pastosa Raffle: Vincent & Liz D'Antuono, owners of Pastosa Ravioli, have decided to give back to the community. Every week one lucky parishioner will be randomly selected and win a \$25 gift certificate to Pastosa Ravioli on Forest Avenue. By placing your weekly donation envelope in the collection you are automatically entered in the drawing.

St. Joseph's Seminary Collection: The annual collection for St. Joseph's Seminary, "Dunwoodie", will be taken up next weekend September 25th & 26th. Last year the amount collected was \$221,733.85 which was very impressive considering the pandemic. Remember, our seminarians have little or no income and have made a commitment to serve God by pursuing a vocation to the priesthood. This collection helps with the upkeep of the Seminary, tuition payments, academic training, room and board and other needs. Please be as generous as your means will allow.

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FEAST DAY: SEPTEMBER 21ST

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