

Saint Gregory the Great (540 – 604 AD) Feast day September 3rd

Gregory was the prefect of Rome (*high ranking official*) before he was 30. After five years in office he resigned, founded six monasteries on his Sicilian estate, and became a Benedictine monk in his own home at Rome.

Ordained a priest, Gregory became one of the pope's seven deacons, and also served six years in the East as papal representative in Constantinople. He was recalled to become abbot, but at the age of 50 was elected pope by the clergy and people of Rome.

Gregory was direct and firm. He removed unworthy priests from office, forbade taking money for many services, emptied the papal treasury to ransom prisoners of the Lombards and to care for persecuted Jews and the victims of plague and famine. He was very concerned about the conversion of England, sending 40 monks from his own monastery. He is known for his reform of the liturgy, and for strengthening respect for doctrine.

Gregory lived in a time of perpetual strife with invading Lombards and difficult relations with the East. When Rome itself was under attack, he interviewed the Lombard king.

His book, Pastoral Care, on the duties and qualities of a bishop, was read for centuries after his death. He described bishops mainly as physicians whose main duties were preaching and the enforcement of discipline. In his own down-to-earth preaching, Gregory was skilled at applying the daily Gospel to the needs of his listeners. Called "the Great," Gregory has been given a place with saints Augustine, Ambrose, and Jerome, as one of the four key doctors of the Western Church.

An Anglican historian has written: "It is impossible to conceive what would have been the confusion, the lawlessness, the chaotic state of the Middle Ages without the medieval papacy; and of the medieval papacy, the real father is Gregory the Great."

Gregory was content to be a monk, but he willingly served the Church in other ways when asked. He sacrificed his own preferences in many ways, especially when he was called to be Bishop of Rome. Once he was called to public service, Gregory gave his considerable energies completely to this work. Gregory's description of bishops as physicians fits in well with Pope Francis' description of the Church as a "field hospital."

St. Gregory is the Patron Saint of:
- Musicians, students, teachers, singers



NO MASS ON MONDAYS

Tuesday, September 1

8:00 am – for the intentions of Doug McGillvray

Wednesday, September 2

7:15 pm + FR. CUNHA – Tony and Lily Fernandes
- for the intentions of Helena Morely

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in the Church beginning at 3:00 pm and finishing with Benediction at 7:00 pm.

CONFESSIONS 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Thursday, September 3

8:00 am + LEONIDES and MARCELINA FRANCISCO

Friday, September 4 – FIRST FRIDAY

(No morning Mass)

6:00 pm + ROSALIA ANGI – Ildiko and Robert

Saturday, September 5

8:00 am + DECEASED RODRIGUES & CORREIA FAMILIES

CONFESSIONS at 9:00 am to 10:00 am

5:00 pm + EMILIA MOREIRA – Filomena
+ DARIO TADAS – Lilia Gomez

Sunday, September 6

9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners

11:00 am + MELNYCZUK and TRAKS FAMILIES - Anna



The Diocesan Capital Campaign
"One Heart, One Soul" was put on hold during the early months of the pandemic. It has been

decided by the Diocese to resume the campaign this Fall. St. Ambrose Parish is in this group of parishes to resume the campaign. For an explanation of the Campaign please access these links:

<https://en.calameo.com/read/0035091101678277e6403>

<https://www.oneheartonesoul.ca/>



NO MASS ON MONDAYS

Tuesday, September 8

8:00 am – for the intentions of Vern and Willie Lix

Wednesday, September 9

7:15 pm + ROBERT O'BRIEN – Camilla & Jeff Gunnarson
- for the intentions of Joe and Mary Lopes

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in the Church beginning at 3:00 pm and finishing with Benediction at 7:00 pm.

CONFESSIONS 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Thursday, September 10

8:00 am – for the intentions of Joy Thomas – from Deepa

Friday, September 11

8:00 am + MARY PALINSKI - Myra

Saturday, September 12

8:00 am + LUCIEN DUGUAY – Staff of St. Anne School

CONFESSIONS at 9:00 am to 10:00 am

5:00 pm + HELENA PINHEIRO – Lucinda deOliveira
+ AMALIA FERNANDO & DECEASED FAMILY - Lilliana

Sunday, September 13

9:00 am + DECEASED FAMILY of Manny and Lucy DaSilva

11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners



Parish Staff:

Father Gary Schlack, Pastor
Father Andrew Czarny, Associate Priest
Rev. Mr. Nick Cherri, Deacon
Myra Klaassen, RN – Ministry to Sick & Parish Nurse
Barbara Roy – Office Administration
Sandy Figueiredo – Custodian/Sacristan
Carolyn Renner – Rectory household

Our parish website is

<http://www.stambrosecambridge.ca/>

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

As the Adoration Chapel must remain closed at this time, Father Gary is looking to increase prayer time with the Blessed Sacrament upstairs in the Church during weekdays. We are making an appeal for parishioners to devote only one hour in the Church on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays between 1pm and 7pm. Everyone is welcome to pray in the Church during this time, but we need to ensure the Blessed Sacrament is always attended by volunteers for each hour.

This will begin once we have enough volunteers to cover these days and times. **If you can help with only one hour a week, please contact the parish office by phone or email at your earliest convenience so that this can begin as soon as possible.** Thank you!

Walk for Life 2020 – a little different this year!

Sponsor our parish Deacon Nick Cherri

While sign-up in the church is not permitted, please sponsor Deacon Nick by placing your donation in an envelope, with your name and address, please. It can be put into the collection basket or brought to the parish office. Please make cheques payable to “**Cambridge Right to Life**”

Supporters are encouraged to walk on or around September 26th, on a route of your choice, (approximately 5 km. long) either individually or together with your circle of friends, while adhering to the physical distancing regulations.

While we can't celebrate in person together this year, we remain committed to raising awareness on the value of every human life and the harm abortion does to women and their babies.

If you would like to participate, please visit the Cambridge Right to Life at

<http://cambridgerighttolife.ca/>

Ordinations to the Diaconate and Priesthood

Many blessings and God's grace to the newly ordained of the Permanent Diaconate - Deacon Joseph Gigliotti and Deacon Paul Mulligan; and to those ordained to the Holy Priesthood: Father Paul Edmondstone, Father Francisco Sordo, Father Pawel Stankiewicz and Father Hayden Starczala to service in the diocese.

NOVENA IN PREPARATION For the School Year 2020-2021

A novena is made up of nine days of prayer and meditation to ask God for special prayer requests or petitions.

Introduction

We begin our Novena with the Gospel of Jesus and the woman at the well. The story of a woman whose own encounter with the Lord is so transforming that she is compelled to tell her whole community. Many came to believe because of her testimony.

This is the story of Catholic Education in the province of Ontario. The story of women and men whose own encounter with the Lord has been so transforming that they are compelled to share their testimony.

Let us witness together to our faith that God is calling us once again to be formed as his people, his Body. We are called to be witnesses as we head towards the start of the school year, in a time of such uncertainty, that we can be assured that God cares for us, is with us, saves us.

On this first day of 9 days of prayer, we will join together – parishes and schools, staff and students, parents and grandparents, parishioners and community members and we will pray for the protection of all, for the peace of all, for the wisdom and courage for us all.

Our Novena will come to completion on the first day of school – September 8th, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Bishops of Canada have dedicated our nation to Mary and have placed us under her loving protection as she brings our cares and concerns to her Son. The Diocese of Hamilton, including every one of our six English speaking and our one French speaking school boards, rests under the protection of our Lady of the Annunciation. Like Mary, let us ponder all God has done for us, let us be filled with the Holy Spirit, and let us always turn to her Son who died to save us and is even now at our side, strengthening us.

Day 1: We proclaim the knowledge of Christ crucified.

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us be strengthened as we proclaim Christ crucified, knowing he died for us. We look to our mother, Mary, Mother of the Church and protector, to pray with us and for us as we head back to school this September.

O God, who gave us your only Son so that we may have everlasting life,
may we be confident in your love and mercy.

May we look forward to this coming school year knowing you are always with us.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Day 2: We are a people who discern the Spirit's gifts among us.

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us recognize the gifts of the Holy Spirit among us so that we may find wisdom, courage, and understanding in our community. Let us use our gifts to give witness to God's goodness. We look to our mother, Mary, Mother of the Church and protector, to pray with us and for us as we head back to school this September.

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may we be confident in your love and mercy.

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Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Day 3: We are God's servants.

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us be ready to serve the Lord by serving others in our families and our parishes and in our school community. We look to our mother, Mary, Mother of the Church and protector, to pray with us and for us as we head back to school this September.

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may we be confident in your love and mercy.

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Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Day 4: All things belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us remember that all things belong to Christ – even our worries – and Christ belongs to God – so we can trust that our worries are carried in God’s loving arms. We look to our mother, Mary, Mother of the Church and protector, to pray with us and for us as we head back to school this September.

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may we be confident in your love and mercy.

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Day 5: The Lord knows our hearts

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us remember that the Lord knows our hearts. Even when we have no words, the Holy Spirit will carry our prayers to our loving Father. We look to our mother, Mary, Mother of the Church and protector, to pray with us and for us as we head back to school this September.

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may we be confident in your love and mercy.

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Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Day 6: We are hungry and thirsty for the Lord

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We are hungry and thirsty for the Lord – for his word, his light, and his truth. We know that he will lead us closer to the Father. We look to our mother, Mary, Mother of the Church and protector, to pray with us and for us as we head back to school this September.

O God, who gave us your only Son so that we may have everlasting life,

may we be confident in your love and mercy.

May we look forward to this coming school year knowing you are always with us.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Day 7: Love is the fulfilling of the law

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord has taught us that love is the fulfilling of the law. Let us be obedient to God’s law by loving one another. We look to our mother, Mary, Mother of the Church and protector, to pray with us and for us as we head back to school in just a few days.

O God, who gave us your only Son so that we may have everlasting life,

may we be confident in your love and mercy.

May we look forward to this coming school year knowing you are always with us.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Day 8: Christ has saved us

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We know that Christ has saved us. Let us live as people of the resurrection – sure of his saving power in our lives every day. We look to our mother, Mary, Mother of the Church and protector, to pray with us and for us as we head back to school tomorrow.

O God, who gave us your only Son so that we may have everlasting life,

may we be confident in your love and mercy.

May we look forward to this coming school year knowing you are always with us.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Day 9: Now the time has come; we rejoice in the Lord who brings good things to life

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The time has come. School begins today. We know that our Father's timing is perfect. On this day, as we remember the birth of Mary, and how God's plan for our salvation was unfolding in that time and place as he chose her to be the Mother of God's only-begotten Son. Let us remember that God has a plan to bring good things to life in our time, too. We look to Mary, Mother of the Church and protector, to pray with us and for us as we head back to school this day.

O God, who gave us your only Son so that we may have everlasting life,
may we be confident in your love and mercy.

May we begin this school year knowing you are always with us.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.