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**Confesión el Sábado:
Por cita en (Español y Inglés)**

**Rosario el Sábado: Y Letanías de la Santísima
Virgen María—3:20pm**

Misa el Sábado: (Vigilia) / Inglés 4:00 p.m.

**Rosario el Domingo: Y Letanías de la Santísima
Virgen María— 9:40am**

Misa el Domingo: Español /10:00 a.m.

Liturgia en los Días de la Semana

Cada Día a las Doce: Angelus/Regina Caeli

Lunes: Adoración 7:00am y Misa a las 7:30am

**Martes, Miércoles Jueves, Viernes:
Adoración 7:30am y Misa 8:00am**

**Viernes: a las 6:00pm Rosario Reina de la Paz con
Adoración**

**Sábado: Adoración: 7:30am y a las 8:00am
Misa en Honor de Virgen María**



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” - Lk 14:13-14

“Al contrario, cuando des un banquete, invita a los pobres, a los lisiados, a los cojos y a los ciegos; y así serás dichoso, porque ellos no tiene con qué pagarte; pero ya se te pagará, cuando resuciten los justos”. - Lc 14, 13-14

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August 28th, 2022

**Rev. Victor C. Yakubu, Parochial Administrator
Rev. Julius Kayiwa, Parochial Vicar**

Confession on Saturday:

By appointment English/Spanish

Saturday Rosary: With Litanies of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 3:20pm

Saturday Mass (Vigil): English -4:00 p.m.

Sunday Rosary: With Litanies of the Blessed Virgin Mary—9:40am

Sunday Mass: Spanish 10:00am

Liturgy of the Weekdays

Every day at Noon: Angelus/Regina Caeli

Monday: 7:00am Adoration & Mass 7:30am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:
Adoration 7:30am & Mass 8:00am

Friday: At 6:00pm Rosary of Queen of Peace with Adoration

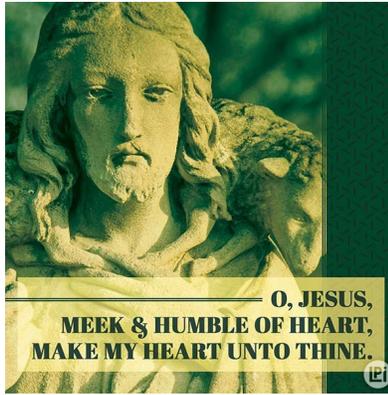
Saturday: Adoration: 7:30 a.m. & 8:00 a.m. Mass
In Honor of the Virgin Mary

A Meek and Humble Heart

Allison Gingras

The overarching theme found in Sunday's readings is humility. The virtue of humility, sagely defined by C.S. Lewis, "is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less." As we hear Jesus' words in the Gospel, this is precisely what we are invited to do by allowing space at the head of the table for others to be honored above ourselves. Jesus lived the ultimate example of humility — incarnate, reliant on Mary and Joseph as an infant and child, handing himself over to be crucified, and now allowing himself to be consumed by the faithful daily, in the guise of bread and wine in the Eucharist.

For over ten years, Deacon Jerry Ryan started our spiritual direction meetings with the words, "Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine." A simple yet profound prayer seeking to have a heart so humble, loving, merciful, and precious as to resemble the heart of Jesus. I remember thinking how it felt almost hypocritical to pray for meekness and humility with the bold confidence the deacon possessed, yet, at the same time, knowing this is exactly how we are to approach our Lord. Deacon Jerry quietly lived this prayer with a simple resolve, a vow to the Lord to say yes to whoever came seeking his assistance. Perhaps this is how this kind, elderly man became my spiritual father and guide for over a decade. Accepting my awkward, albeit desperate, request to help me navigate my relationship with Jesus. Even as he battled the end stages of cancer, he insisted we keep our meetings to ensure I continued my faith journey.



Ordained to serve, his vocation consisted of much more, as he taught by his faithful example what it meant to embrace a meek and humble heart. He taught me that every human is called to this disposition of the heart. I could never repay Deacon Jerry for all he did for me, and he never wanted to

be compensated other than by my promise to share with others all he taught me, so the gift of faith bestowed on us by Christ would abide in more hearts. Deacon Jerry referred to himself as a hammer for the Lord. Lying on the tool bench until the Master required him to complete the task before him. When complete, returned to the bench, content to wait until Jesus called upon him again. Other times, he thought of himself as a somewhat lazy albeit faithful beagle. Lying at the feet of the Master, eyes always upon Him, at peace, watching, waiting, and ready when beckoned into service.

A meek and humble heart resembles Jesus best when it serves those least able to offer any benefit back for the good they receive — when we possess a heart not only open to the will of the Father but also docile and prepared to be obedient to what He asks of us. This exchange is mirrored in the vast gifts and blessings showered on us from the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for which there is no adequate remuneration. The reward will be great in heaven, for those who give without expecting anything in return will be "blessed indeed ... because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous" (Luke 14:14).

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 28, 2022

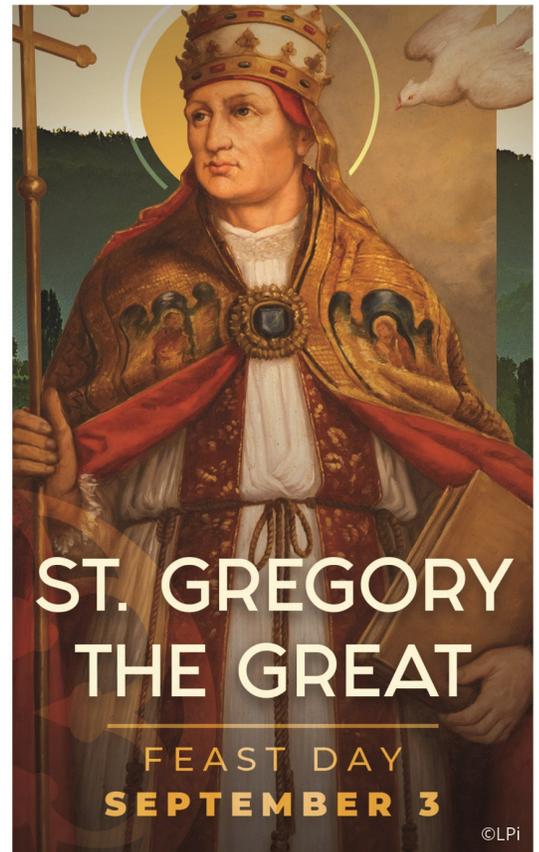
- Sunday:** Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14
- Monday:** 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Mk 6:17-29
- Tuesday:** 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday:** 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday:** 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
- Friday:** 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday:** 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5
- Next Sunday:** Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 28, 2022

- Sunday:** 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Monday:** The Passion of St. John the Baptist
- Saturday:** St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

“Humble yourself the more, the greater you are.” These words from Sirach are packed with wisdom. Who we become, and the success we achieve, is due not only to our own merits but also to God’s grace. Without God, we cease to be. This is a simple fact. If we ever feel entitled to honor, superior treatment, or privileges, then we are deluding ourselves. The person who truly understands and is responsible for their well-being and success will quickly become a servant of others. We tend to forget how important service is. Being generous and kind, especially to those who cannot repay us, is the hallmark of the Christian life. Are we willing to put ourselves last? An easy way to seek an answer is to determine how much value you place on sitting in the seat you occupy today or the space you choose to park your car. Would you offer these to someone else?



SAINT OF THE WEEK

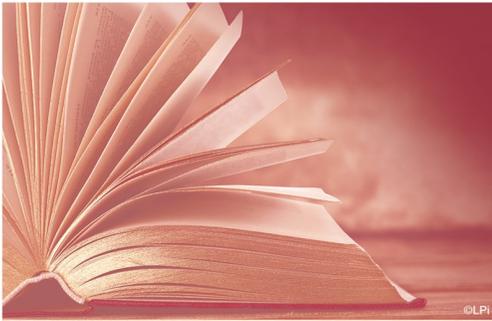
Saint Gregory the Great lived in a most turbulent time. There were devastating episodes of plague, the sacking of Rome and the breakdown of strong Roman rule, invasions by Lombards and Franks, floods, and a widening gap between imperial Byzantium and the Roman Church.

Born around 540 into a noble Roman family, Saint Gregory was probably trained in law, and started his public service as a Prefect of Rome. However, upon the death of his father, he converted his family home to monastery, where he resided as a monk. He built six more monasteries in Sicily and one in Rome.

Often called the father of the medieval papacy and Apostle of the English, Saint Gregory was proclaimed Pope by acclamation in 590. Although he was reluctant to assume this post, preferring the cloistered life, his accomplishments were many. He was an extremely capable manager of Church estates and tenants and is known for his reform of the liturgy. He was instrumental in the consolidation of papal power and led the fight against the many heresies promoted by small Christian groups at the time. Through his prolific correspondence he oversaw monastic life, curtailing the power of grasping bishops, correcting abuses, and enforcing discipline. He was particularly concerned with the conversion of England, sending 40 monks from his monastery including Saint Augustine of Canterbury to evangelize there.

Saint Gregory died in 604 and was sainted immediately. He is one of four key doctors of the Western Church, including Saints Augustine, Ambrose, and Jerome.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

Humble yourself the more, the greater you are,
and you will find favor with God.
(Sir 7:18)



PSALM

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor. (Ps 68)



SECOND READING

You have approached Mount Zion
and the city of the living God.
(Heb 12:22)



GOSPEL

“For every one who exalts himself will be humbled,
but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” (Lk 14:11)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

People who are concerned with their own advancement and agenda have little room for anyone else. With an almost addictive pursuit of esteem and acknowledgment from others, they become little more than entitled embodiments of the vice of pride. Public humiliation or embarrassment can hit them hard. While avoiding humiliation and embarrassment may be advantageous to obtaining worldly success, they are much less desirable motivations for entering the Kingdom of God. Avoiding embarrassment is a self-serving motivation. Pride and all of its manifestations have no place on God's agenda, neither do worldly success and fulfillment. In fact, we have been clearly told that if we love our lives, we will lose them. Therefore, if you really want to find your true station in life, learn to give yourself away.

While this may sound foolish to secular ears, it actually makes perfect sense. God, who is love, makes each of us in His image. Love, and therefore God, is in our DNA. That being the case, love is never love if it is kept to oneself or hoarded. Love needs to be shared and given away. Therefore, it is the only proper motivation for entering the Kingdom of God. The door to happiness is only opened when we realize that all we are and all we have is due only to God's grace. Without God we are nothing.

Love is the remedy for pride and protects us from ourselves. God asks us to be humble. Only when we are free from the traps of pride and arrogance that we can begin to follow the path to true humility. Only one who is humble can rightly love and be of service to God. “God makes use only of the humble as his instruments (Jean-Pierre de Caussade).” The humble one does not need others to give them worth and value. Their self-esteem comes from the much more secure foundation of God. Only those who are entirely free can give themselves freely to others. Love must always be our motivation for doing all things. Be content that God has invited you to the banquet of life. Concern yourself with accepting the invitation, and don't worry about where you will sit.

Safe Environment

It is now time to renew your Safe Environment training as set forth from the Diocese of Phoenix. If you wish to volunteer in any capacity for the church, you must have safe environment training.

There are two options: the Foundation (for those who have never had safe environment or have lapsed certification) and Renew (for those who certification expires this month.)

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LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Sirach speaks of humility as a virtue to embrace. Why do you think Jewish wisdom tradition often saw humility as an admirable human trait?

Second Reading

Hebrews speaks of the sacrificial blood of Jesus providing us with unprecedented direct access to God. How do you share this good news with others?

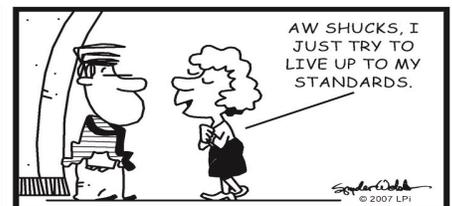
Gospel Reading

Jesus spoke to the “leading Pharisees” about the importance of humility and to freely give to those on the margins with no expectation of repayment. When have you done so in your life?



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