

Stewardship Handbook



St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church

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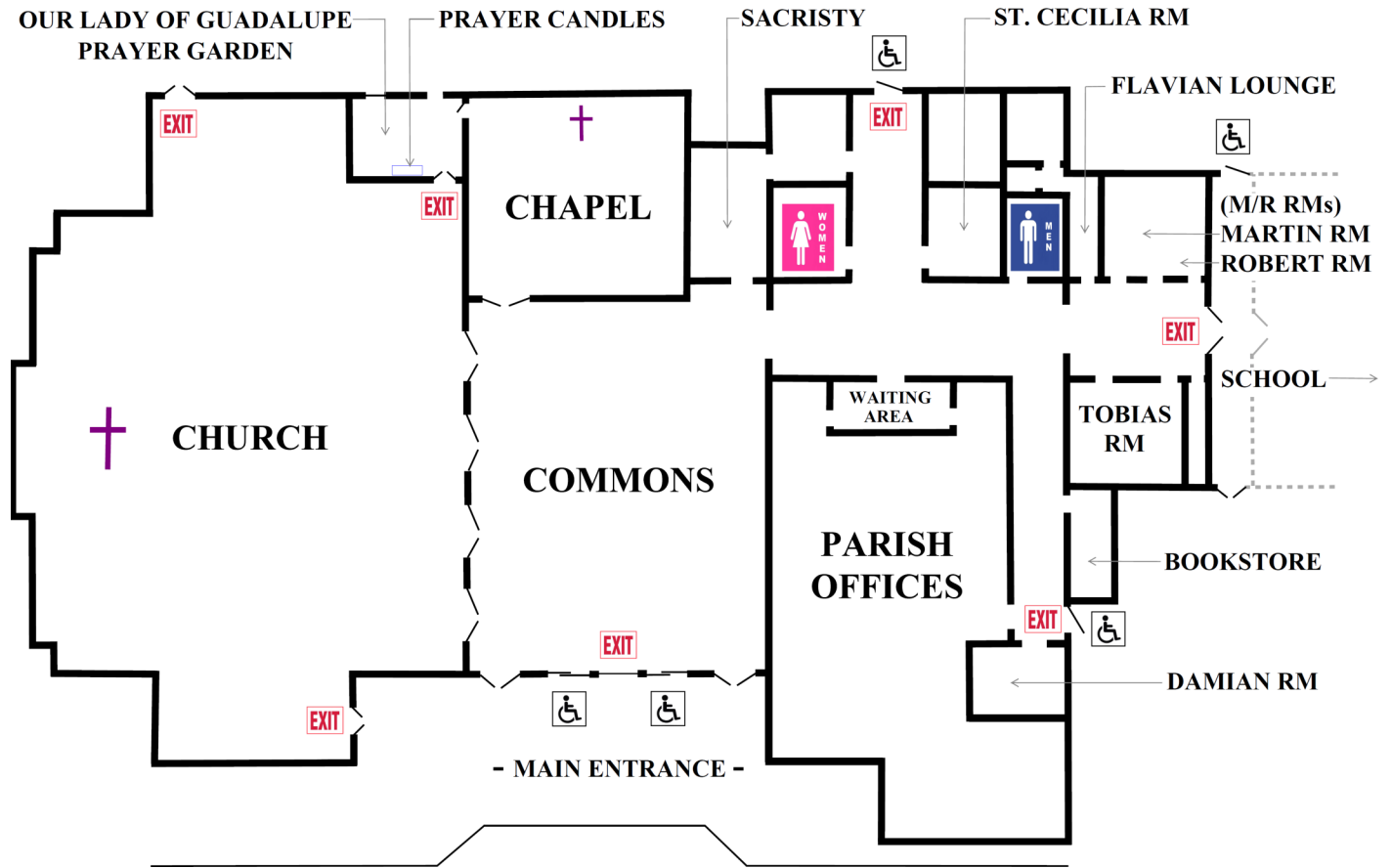


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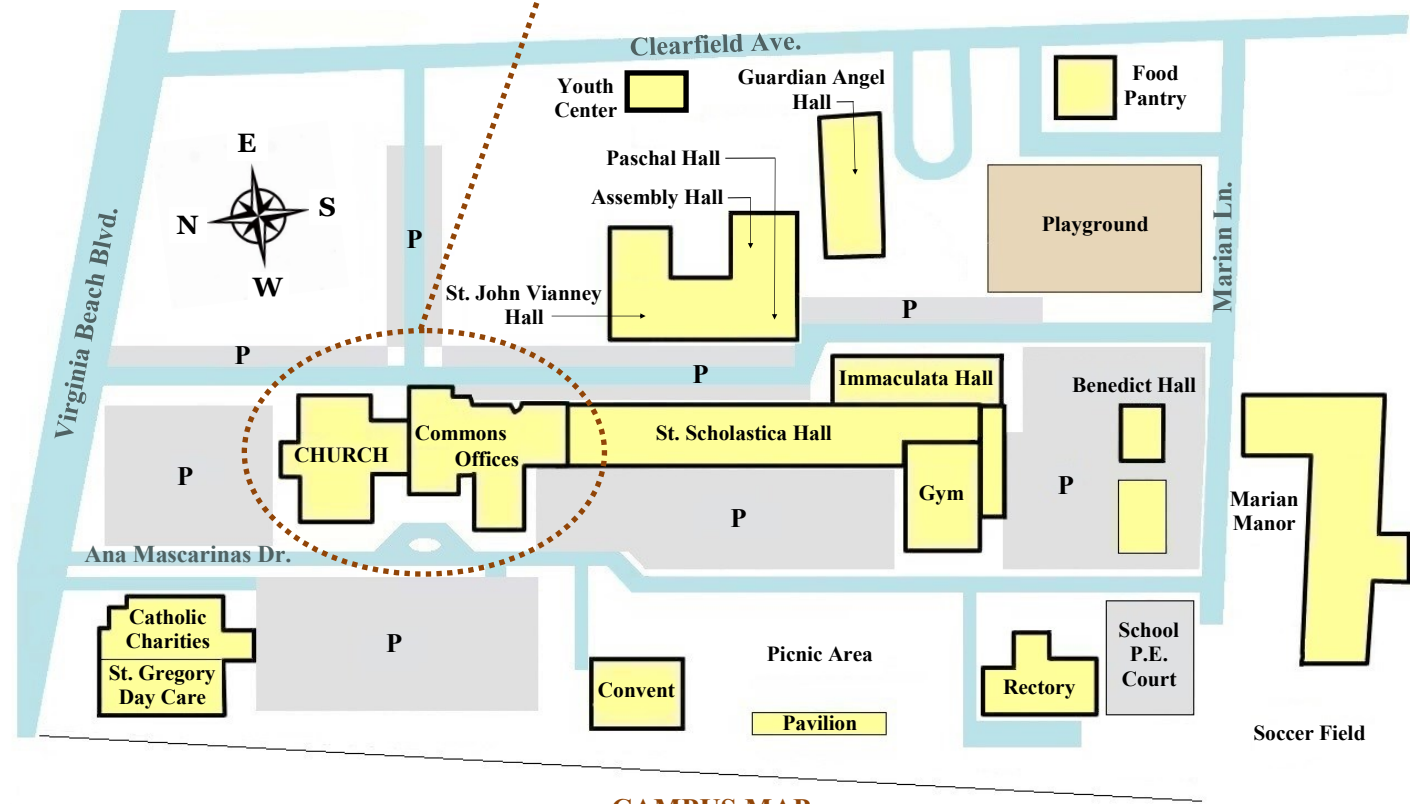
**We, the members of Saint Gregory the Great Catholic Church,
know how blessed we are to have so many ministries
that offer us opportunities to serve God, each other,
our community and beyond. We welcome you and invite
you to prayerfully consider how you might like to serve.**

**It is our prayer that you come to see
our church family as *your* family and
our church home as *your* home.**

CHURCH & CAMPUS MAPS



CHURCH MAP



CAMPUS MAP

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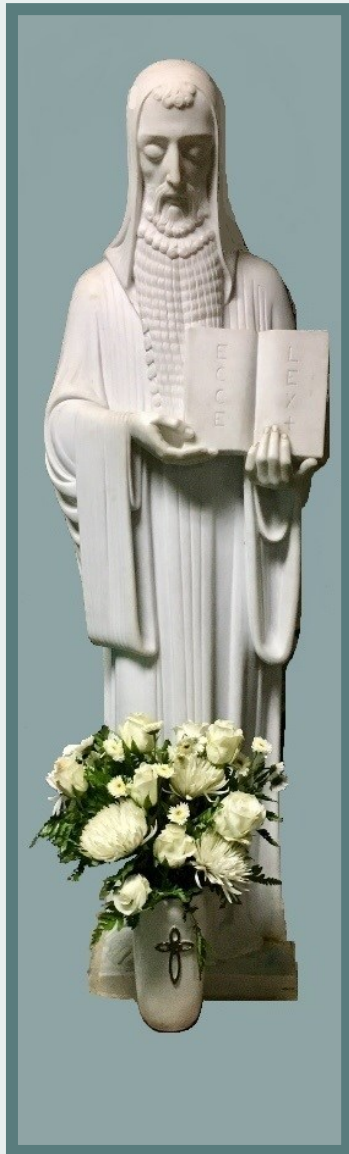
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DIRECTORY



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends:

Saturday Eve: 5:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Sundays: 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m., 12:45 & 5:00 p.m.

Weekdays:

6:30 & 8:30 a.m. (with Morning Prayer)

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days:

See [website](#) or [bulletin's](#) "Masses For The Week".

RELIGIOUS STAFF

Rev. Eric Vogt, O.S.B., Pastor

Rev. Cristiano Brito, O.S.B., Parochial Vicar

Rev. Dominic Leo, O.S.B., Parochial Vicar

Rev. Lee Yoakam, O.S.B., Parochial Vicar (on leave)

Rev. Mr. Robert Beadsworth, Deacon

Rev. Mr. Darrell Wentworth, Deacon

Rev. Mr. Kevin Gorman, Deacon

Bro. Tobias Yott, O.S.B., Pastoral Associate

Sr. Brenda Query, IHM

Lord Jesus, you who were known as a carpenter and a laborer in the Lord's Vineyard, look with favor on all those who work for your Church. Bless them in what they do with just rewards for their efforts.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is often the first impression of our family of faith. Volunteers are needed to assist at the reception/welcome desk greeting guests, answering phones, filing, etc. There are also several bulk mailings each year where volunteers are asked to assist with folding, stuffing and preparing the mailing.

Let it be known to all who enter here that Christ is the reason for this parish and that we are here as His humble servants.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is the parish's senior advisory group to our Pastor. The PPC is comprised of twelve members of our parish; nine that are elected by parishioners who serve for a three-year term, and three that are appointed by our Pastor who serve for a one-year term.

Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and a registered parishioner in good standing.

Beside the advisory responsibilities, duties include participation in monthly meetings for 90 minutes on the evening of the third Monday of the month, committee work, ministry liaison administration and facilitating monthly ministry reports. The approximate total time commitment is three hours per month. Candidates for the PPC are announced in August and elections are held annually in September. The members subsequently elected by the Parish Pastoral Council to the Executive Committee will attend an additional planning meeting each month.

Serving our Parish and our Pastor on the PPC is a rewarding "behind the scenes" ministry. Although it is a three-year commitment, the longevity of this position increases the awareness of the dynamics of our church and parish which in turn increases the council's expertise and advisory ability. The PPC is responsible for the regular and systematic review of the various ministries and outreach of our church. In addition, the PPC is tasked to review a vast array of topics: starting from annual Ministry Reports, the Finances of the Parish, planned periodic updates to our Mission Statement to concerns of individual parishioners brought to the council. We, the PPC, consider serving in this capacity a great honor and privilege and encourage parishioners to prayerfully consider their engagement with the PPC.

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"Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do."

John 13:12-15



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“Keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock of which the Holy Spirit has appointed you overseers, in which you tend the Church of God that He acquired with His own blood.”

Acts 20:28

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

A consultative body to the pastor which is responsible for managing the physical resources of the parish for the best possible stewardship of those resources. It accomplishes this goal by developing and implementing sound fiscal policies and preparing and overseeing the annual budget. 2-hour meeting, quarterly.

PARISH WEBSITE TEAM

The team is in charge of updating the webpage with current information on a weekly basis. It meets once a month to discuss updates and any changes to the page. Volunteers need to be computer literate. Volunteers are also needed to contact organizations and committees to keep current contact information on the site. Photographers also welcome.

SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

The Safety and Security Committee is a group of volunteer guardians who are tasked to provide recommendations to mitigate safety and security concerns to all who work, worship, and visit St. Gregory the Great Church campus. The committee, comprised of several teams with relevant experience and backgrounds, will meet at least quarterly and develop proposals for action plans and protocols to protect and enhance the overall safety of the church campus.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

This spiritual journey is offered to men and women who are seeking information about the Roman Catholic Church, who want to be baptized or for those who are baptized Christian and who want to make a Profession of Faith in the Catholic Church. These people celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

These sessions are also for Baptized Catholics who want to update their knowledge of the Church in light of the Second Vatican Council.

Sessions begin in early September and continue until May. Sessions are on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Martin and Robert Rooms.

***“For GOD so loved the world
that He gave His only Son”***

John 3:16

RCIA SPONSORS

Sometimes RCIA catechumens and candidates need a godparent or sponsor because they don't know anyone who fulfills the Church requirements. A godparent/sponsor must:

- † Have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
- † Have their marriage in the Catholic Church, if married
- † Practice their Catholic faith, that means minimally attend Mass faithfully on the weekend.

Godparents/Sponsors should affirm the faith of their catechumens/candidates, introduce them to parish life, talk with and listen to these future members.

RCIA sessions begin early September & conclude in early May.

Godparents/Sponsors are welcome to attend these sessions.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

This spiritual journey is for Catholic Adults who have never celebrated their First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. They become part of the RCIA class (see above).

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***“...he was lost,
and is found.
And they began
to make merry.”***

Luke 15:24

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES

Various Series are offered throughout the year from Catholic ministries, for example, “Word on Fire” (Bishop Robert Barron), “Ascension Press” (Jeff Cavins and Edward Sri), “St. Paul Center” (Scott Hahn and Matthew Leonard) and others.

Sessions are offered Monday and Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. You select the time and day that works for you.

Participation at these Series is a wonderful way to grow in your love, knowledge and appreciation of our Catholic faith.

LANDINGS

Landings is a nine-week program designed to help inactive Catholics return to the practice of the Catholic faith and to the sacraments. The program is repeated up to three times yearly. The group meets Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Flavian Lounge.

First, we welcome you. We recognize you are considering a significant step on your spiritual journey. Some see this as a journey back to their spiritual home; others are looking for reconciliation with God and the Church. Whatever your reason for being away, we have missed you and celebrate your desire to take another look.

What can You expect from a Landings program?

You can expect a safe harbor to explore your faith and your future within the Church. In a supportive and confidential setting, you can ask questions, discuss issues and share past and present doubts and difficulties. You can expect an opportunity to be reintroduced to the love of Christ in a no-pressure, open and non-judgmental environment.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

St. Gregory the Great Parish offers a Lenten Mission each spring. These three to four days are a time for prayer and renewal during the holy season of Lent. When the Mission Masses and presentations are offered, all other parish activities are suspended in the hope that everyone may participate in the Mission.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

In the St. Gregory the Great Parish Family Faith Formation, we work with parents to help children grow in their faith. In presenting their children for Baptism, parents accept the privilege and responsibility “to bring him/her up in the practice of the faith” (Rite of Baptism for Children). We are happy to work with parents to fulfill this promise. St. Gregory the Great Parish provides a faith formation experience for all children from PreK through 5th grade in our Family Faith Formation.

We are looking for adults who can work as catechists and assistant catechists to help children grow in their faith. Teaching experience is not necessary. Teens may also volunteer as teen mentors for children in the program. Family Faith Formation meets each Tuesday evening from 6:15 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. from September through April. Join us on Tuesday evenings for this critical and life-giving mission of passing on the faith!



***“All your children shall be taught
by the Lord; great shall be the
peace of your children.”***

Isaiah 54:13

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FAMILY FAITH FORMATION – BEING A VOLUNTEER CATECHIST

Being a catechist is accepting the challenge to live faith, to do faith, to practice faith, to grow in faith! Join us in saying yes to this wonderful adventure of discipleship. We are looking for those who are fully initiated Catholics in good standing who are willing to work with us in catechizing our youth and children. A background in education is not required.

The Family Faith Formation works together with families to help children grow in their faith. Regular Family Faith Formation classes for children in grades PreK through 5th are held on Tuesday evenings from 6:15 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., September through April. Sacramental preparation classes and classes for older children who are not baptized and want to join the Catholic Church are also included in Family Faith Formation.

The Lord Jesus invites men and women, in a special way, to follow him, teacher and formator of disciples. This personal call of Jesus Christ and its relationship to him are the true moving forces of catechetical activity. “From this loving knowledge of Christ springs the desire to proclaim him, to ‘evangelize,’ and to lead others to the ‘Yes’ of faith in Jesus Christ.

- General Directory for Catechesis (GDC)231

CATECHIST REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION

The following are requirements for those interested in volunteering in the Family Faith Formation: Volunteers are required to complete a background screening form.

Read the Diocesan Safe Environment Regulations.

Attend a **VIRTUS** safe environment seminar. There is no cost to attend and they are offered at many different parishes throughout the year. The seminar lasts about four hours. Volunteers may sign up through the Richmond Diocesan website: <https://richmonddiocese.org>.

The Diocese of Richmond requires catechists to be certified by completing the **Pathways Program** for training and support. This is a free program for volunteers. More information and registration can be found on the Richmond Diocesan website: <https://richmonddiocese.org>

If interested in volunteering for this enriching ministry or if you have any questions, contact Thomas Gallagher in the church office.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) presents the Gospel that is read during Mass to the children at their appropriate level. During the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, children from four years to nine years old are invited to join at the Altar before the readings begin. They are escorted to nearby meeting rooms where adult volunteers present the day's Gospel reading to them. Children up through Kindergarten meet in one classroom with chairs just the right size for them. First graders through fourth graders meet together in another room. Activities include singing, discussing, play-acting and listening to the Gospel read in child-friendly terms. Parents of young children or shy children are welcome to join us to see how their child does with the group. The children return to their families after the first collection, when the Liturgy of the Word for the Mass is finished. There is no sign-up for the classes and there is no fee. Have your children join us when you hear the priest or deacon call the children to the Altar.

Are you looking for a way to get more involved in the church? Do you love to work with children? The CLOW ministry is always looking for people interested in reaching out to the children of the parish during Mass. The classes last for only about 15 minutes each Sunday, and lesson plans are provided for each week. The children meet every Sunday, during the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Currently the teachers work on a monthly basis. There are two teachers per classroom, and they work every other month. There are frequently youth volunteers assisting the adults.



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If you are interested in seeing what we do, you are welcome to join us during Mass. Just watch for the children to gather at the Altar and follow us to the classrooms. If you would like to assist in teaching the classes you can contact Marjorie .

Mass in Spanish

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***“Let The Children
Come To Me”***

Matthew 19:14

EDUCATION

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SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

5343 Virginia Beach Boulevard, Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Saint Gregory the Great Catholic School is recognized by the State of Virginia and is fully accredited by the Virginia Catholic Education Association (VCEA) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI). We are AdvancED accredited and the Diocese of Richmond is AdvancED accredited as the school system.

Since its dedication, the school resonates with the charism and values brought by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary from Immaculata, Pennsylvania and the Benedictine Monks of the Order of St. Benedict from Latrobe, Pennsylvania, along with the continued support of the parish. Grades Junior-K 4 year old through 8th grade. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

† VISION †

Our Catholic vision is to *lead like a Saint*.

† MISSION †

Our mission at Saint Gregory the Great Catholic School is to evangelize the Good News of Jesus Christ in order to transform lives, hearts, and minds through exemplary teaching and learning, worship, faith formation, and discipleship through service. As members of God's diverse family, we treasure the rich traditions of our Roman Catholic faith and welcome all to a spiritual home and to an enlightened, joyful, and vibrant life in Christ.

***“Train up a child in the way he
should go, even when he is old
he will not depart from it.”***

Proverbs 22:6

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Parents, friends & relatives share expertise in various fields of nursing (serving in the school clinic), carpentry, painting, recess supervision, library work or the many other needs of our children. 1 or more hours, weekly.

YOUTH / YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Youth Group (Grades 6-12): The goal of St. Gregory the Great Youth Group is to evangelize the youth while also providing catechesis based on the “Journey to Emmaus” curriculum set forth by the Diocese of Richmond. This is done through providing an environment for the young person to take possession of their faith and grow independently with the adult and peer mentors as a missionary disciple of Jesus Christ. All middle and high school youth are encouraged to participate as a living expression of their faith, especially if they already go to a Catholic school.

The Youth Group meets every Sunday during the school year. Youth Group includes social time for the youth to get to know one another and have fun, a dynamic talk about the Catholic faith and issues relevant to teens, silent time to pray and reflect, small groups where the teens have a voice and learn from each other, and finally a wrap-up and challenge for the week. Additionally, retreats, event trips and service opportunities are available throughout the year. See the bulletin and website for details about time and location.

Discipleship Team (Grades 9-12): For those youth interested in going deeper and willing to commit the time, the Discipleship Team (“D-Team”) meets on a weeknight in addition to the Sunday Youth Group. We meet in the homes of D-Team members for a meal, formation and prayer. The members of D-Team then meet with their adult “discipler” on a regular basis for more personal faith formation. Finally, D-Team members act as the small group leaders at the Youth Group on Sundays. Those interested are invited to contact the Coordinator of Youth Ministry to find out more.

Young Adult Ministry (Typically directed toward parishioners ages 18 to 35, single and married): The Young Adult Ministry seeks to coordinate young adults into small groups based on similar state in life and experience. The groups meet in homes throughout the week to dive deeper into the Catholic faith through shared experience, study of Scripture and Church teachings, faith-based literature and more. Those interested are invited to contact the Coordinator for Young Adult Ministry to find a small group. Other Young Adult opportunities are posted in the bulletin.

The Young Adult Ministry also actively participates in the Virginia Beach/Norfolk Regional *Theology on Tap*, where young adults come to socialize and hear a faith-based talk in a fun setting. They meet the first Monday of every month at Keagan’s Irish Pub in Town Center, Virginia Beach, from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

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NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Teaches the art of natural family planning and is for interested married and engaged couples. Method taught: Sympto-thermal method. Dates of the classes are announced in the bulletin. 4 classes in a series, 2 hours each.

NURSERY

St. Gregory's nursery welcomes children from 10 months to 4 years old. The nursery is only open for the 9:00 a.m. Mass and for the RCIA 9:00 a.m. Sunday adult class.

RCIA class members may bring children over the age of four due to the extended class hour. Parents attending the class must pick up the children no later than 11:00 a.m.

***“Children are a gift
from the Lord, they are
a reward from Him”***

Psalms 127:3

ST. GREGORY DAY CARE CENTER

St. Gregory the Great Day Care Center is located at 5361 Virginia Beach Blvd., in the same building as Catholic Charities. We are a religious exempt daycare. Our center accepts children six weeks through three years of age. We offer a full learning curriculum as well as structured and unstructured play. The center is open Monday through Friday from 6:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in more information or taking a tour of the center please call us.



ALTAR SERVERS

Young people who are half way through fourth grade are eligible. This Ministry must have a commitment on the part of parents to ensure that the Altar Server will be on time and meet his/her schedule. We train the Server during Mass. This insures a one on one relationship between the Server and Bro. Tobias. It takes three Masses to familiarize the server with what they will need to know. The training continues until the server is comfortable to serve on his/her own and tells us so.



***“If any one serves me, he must follow me;
and where I am, there shall my
servant be also; if any one serves me,
the Father will honor him.”***

John 12:26

ARIMATHEANS

The purpose of this ministry is to provide liturgical support to the priest during funerals.

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Sunday Masses.

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The monthly schedule is prepared on the next-to-last Sunday of each month. Inputs provided by that date will be reflected in the next month's schedule. Server inputs may be provided via note in the work sacristy, or via email. Call with questions or concerns.

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***“when I am lifted
up from the earth,
I will draw all men
to myself”***

John 12:32

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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY

The Eucharistic Minister is a Catholic in good standing who distributes Holy Communion to the faithful. A Catholic in good standing is distinguished by living and practicing his Catholic life, faith and morals. They have received the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. If in a state of matrimony, the Catholic must be in a “valid” Catholic Marriage.

The Ministry requires a class for training. You also are able to bring communion to those who cannot come to Mass.



GREETERS

Men, women, and sometimes children, who smile and welcome people to the weekend Masses are called "Greeters", and are part of the Hospitality Ministry here at St. Gregory.

To be a Greeter is a wonderful opportunity to meet people and to fulfill your parish duty of stewardship by giving 1/2 hour of your time each month for one year. It is a great way to be a disciple - one who welcomes everyone to our parish place of worship. There are no meetings to attend and you may choose whatever Mass you generally attend but you are required to be at the church 1/2 hour before the Mass starts.

***“Welcome one another, therefore,
as Christ has welcomed you,
for the glory of God.”***

Romans 15:7

LECTORS

Parishioners interested in proclaiming scripture during Mass, who can communicate clearly, and be faithful to a schedule are encouraged to consider this ministry.

SACRISTAN MINISTRY

A Sacristan is in charge of preparing the altar for the celebration of Mass. It is the Sacristan's duty to care for the vestments, vessels and other Sacristy items. The Sacristan is the one who oversees that the Mass is ready by preparing the materials used during the Mass including the Sacramentary, Lectionary and Lector's book. It typically requires 1 - 2 hours at assigned liturgy; starting about half an hour to an hour before the Mass starts. Serving as a Sacristan is a wonderful way to provide a deeper appreciation and love for the Blessed Sacrament, our Catholic tradition, and Liturgy. It will enrich your love of our Lord, Jesus Christ, as you serve to prepare for the gift of His Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist.

***"There is no higher dignity
than to serve Christ."***

***Saint Ambrose,
Father and Doctor of the Church***

USHERS

They are official representatives of the parish and are responsible for keeping order in the Church, accepting the offerings, and handing out the Sunday bulletins after Mass. They also prepare the worship space before each Mass by checking pews to see if any missals have been left, to arrange hymnals and pick up any leaflets and trash left behind. 1 hour meeting, 3 times a year and scheduled liturgy.

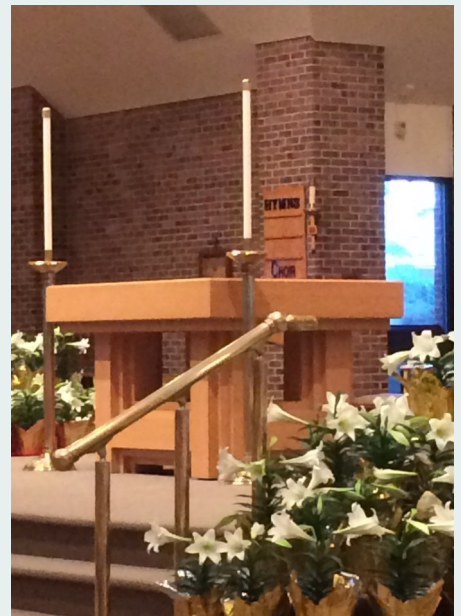
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Mass in Spanish
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MINISTERIO HISPANO

~ MINISTERIOS LITÚRGICOS ~

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CATEQUISTAS PARA LA LITURGIA DE LA PALABRA PARA NIÑOS

Este ministerio provee una experiencia de “iglesia” a los niños por medio de la enseñanza del

Evangelio durante la Liturgia de la Palabra en la Misa. Los catequistas reciben el plan y los materiales para la liturgia a los niños con anticipación. Se requiere entrenamiento y preparación y tomar clase de Virtus.

“Dejad que los niños vengan a mí, no se lo impidáis, porque de los que son como éstos es el Reino de Dios. Yo os aseguro: el que no reciba el Reino de Dios como niño, no entrará en él.”

Marcos 10:13-16

MINISTERIO DE MÚSICA

El Coro forma una parte muy importante dentro de la misa. Como dijo, San Agustín, “...aquel que canta alabanzas, no solo alaba, sino que también alaba con alegría; ... Cantar es orar dos veces...” La música contribuye al carácter festivo y solemne de la celebración. Con voces claras y firmes, la música debe ser un vehículo apto para lograr que el canto de la asamblea sea una realidad. La música debe facilitar la participación del pueblo, sin renunciar a expresar la belleza del misterio litúrgico. Toda persona que tenga interés o habilidad para cantar o sepa tocar algún instrumento como el piano o la guitarra, está invitado a integrarse a este ministerio para evangelizar a través de la música. Las prácticas del coro son los lunes a las 7:00 p.m. en la iglesia.

EL CORO JUVENIL

Compuesto de niños, adolescentes y jóvenes, canta durante la misa del primer sábado del mes. Además, ocasionalmente complementan al coro de adultos en otras actividades litúrgicas como la Misa de la Virgen de Guadalupe, Nochebuena y alguna otra actividad que pueda surgir durante el año. Este coro practica dos viernes al mes.

MINISTROS EXTRAORDINARIOS DE LA SAGRADA COMUNIÓN

El servicio de un Ministro Extraordinario de la Sagrada Comunión es dar la Eucaristía (Jesús Sacramentado) a aquellos que lo reciben durante la Santa Misa y llevar la Comunión a los enfermos que no pueden asistir a misa. El canon 231 establece que para ejercer este ministerio laical se requiere de la debida formación, conciencia y generosidad. Los requisitos mínimos para servir en dicho ministerio son haber cumplido 18 años de edad, haber recibido el Sacramento de la Confirmación y si es casado, debe haber recibido el Sacramento del Matrimonio. Se requiere entrenamiento, recomendación del sacerdote y ser comisionado por el Obispo de Richmond.

“El que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre, tiene vida eterna, y yo le resucitaré el último día.”

Juan 6:54

MONAGUILLOS

El servidor del altar o monaguillo tiene el honor de ser parte integral en la celebración Eucarística ya que le sirve a Dios asistiendo y apoyando a los sacerdotes y a la comunidad. Este ministerio ofrece una excelente oportunidad para que los niños participen como líderes, de una manera muy especial durante la Misa. El oficio de monaguillo sirve para familiarizarse con las cosas de Dios, como la palabra, las celebraciones, el templo, los objetos de culto, la comunidad cristiana, las fiestas religiosas, etc. En cada misa sirven de 6 a 9 jovencitos (as). La edad mínima es aproximadamente 8 años, dependiendo de la madurez del/la niño (a). Se les entrena durante la misa. Debe haber, además, un compromiso de los padres para que los monaguillos puedan cumplir con el itinerario asignado.

“En la liturgia son mucho más que simples ‘ayudantes del párroco’, son servidores de Jesucristo, el sumo y eterno Sacerdote... y están llamados a ser jóvenes amigos de Jesús.”

San Juan Pablo II

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***“En el principio era
la Palabra, y la
Palabra estaba
ante Dios, y la
Palabra era Dios.”***

Juan 1:1

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PROCLAMADORES DE LA PALABRA (LECTORES)

Un lector es un ministro laico que proclama la Palabra de Dios durante la celebración Eucarística. Es una parte muy importante de la misa. Cuando se leen las Sagradas Escrituras es Dios mismo quien habla a su pueblo y el lector transmite lo que Dios nos quiere decir ese día. Servir en la Mesa del Señor como proclamador de la Palabra de Dios es un privilegio especial y un ministerio al cual se llama a personas que tienen la destreza especial en su habilidad de leer y proyectar. Su voz y expresión ayudan a que otras personas escuchen la palabra de Dios de una manera clara y creíble. Se requiere entrenamiento y práctica.



SACRISTANES

El sacristán es la persona que prepara todos los artículos religiosos para celebrar la liturgia (Misa), tales como el Cáliz, el pan y el vino, la llave del Tabernáculo, las hostias no consagradas, el leccionario y el evangelario, purificador, incensario, campanas, etc. Se requiere entrenamiento.

UJIERES Y MINISTROS DE BIENVENIDA

Los ujieres son laicos, hombres o mujeres, que ayudan en las cosas necesarias para (y durante) la celebración de cada Misa. A ellos se les confía promover un sentido de bienvenida y pertenencia a todos los fieles reunidos para la liturgia. Ellos son el primer punto de contacto para la celebración comunal de la Liturgia, y por eso, deben tomar medidas especiales para ser vivos representantes de la parroquia. Además de ofrecerle la bienvenida a los feligreses y visitantes ellos entregan el misal y el libro de cánticos para que las personas participen activamente en esta celebración. Ellos también dirigen a los asientos a los que llegan, recogen las colectas, mantienen el orden y dirección (controlan ruidos), están listos a dar protección al sacerdote y el altar, velan por la seguridad y bienestar de la congregación, incluyendo a los niños que asisten a la Liturgia para Niños durante la misa. Durante la Comunión, son ellos los que dirigen la procesión de Comunión empezando por las bancas del frente e indicando a las personas cuando deben pasar a la fila. Al final de la Misa, ellos son responsables de distribuir el boletín y cualquier otra promoción. Al salir todas las personas de la iglesia, ellos deberán de revisar todas las bancas y asegurarse que no hayan quedado misales y/o libros de cantos fuera de su lugar. Cada misa requiere la ayuda de 8 ujieres.

HOSPITALIDAD

Este ministerio es una extensión del Ministerio de Bienvenida. Este grupo de voluntarios organiza la hora social después de misa y el compartir después de la misa de Pascua. También están encargados de organizar celebraciones especiales después de misa para celebrar ocasiones especiales como: el Día de las Madres y Padres, graduaciones, Todos los Santos (en conjunto con los Catequistas de la Liturgia de la Palabra para niños) y otras. Voluntarios y donaciones para las recepciones son siempre bienvenidos.



COORDINADOR :

Juan Chávez

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"Porque no es injusto Dios para olvidarse de vuestra labor y del amor que habéis mostrado hacia su nombre, con los servicios que habéis prestado y prestáis a los santos."

Hebreos 6:10

COORDINADORA:

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"No os olvidéis de la hospitalidad; gracias a ella hospedaron algunos, sin saberlo, a ángeles."

Hebreos, 13:2

MINISTERIO HISPANO

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GRUPO DE ORACIÓN Y ALABANZAS

El Grupo de Oración se reúne el primer y tercer viernes del mes a las 7:00 p.m. en el Salón Damián para alabar al Señor, escuchar testimonios de fe, orar y pedirle guía al Espíritu Santo. Está abierto a todos los feligreses. Voluntarios con habilidades musicales y de palabra son siempre bienvenidos.

“La oración da un corazón transparente. Y un corazón transparente puede ver a Dios.”

Santa Teresa de Calcuta

RETIROS

Los retiros son un medio de evangelización que ayuda a los feligreses de la comunidad hispana a renovar su fe católica y vida espiritual. El Comité de Retiros organiza dos retiros al año: La Misión y Retiro Cuaresmal y El Retiro en Preparación para el Adviento. Su organización y ejecución requiere la ayuda de decenas de voluntarios para pedir y recoger donaciones, ayudar en la promoción, inscribir participantes, arreglar los salones, cocinar, servir, recoger, cuidar niños y muchas otras labores.

“Creced, pues, en la gracia y en el conocimiento de nuestro Señor y Salvador, Jesucristo. A él la gloria ahora y hasta el día de la eternidad. Amén.”

2 Pedro 3:18

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA)

RICA es un camino de fe para los católicos y no católicos. A través de este programa los católicos pueden aprender más sobre su fe. También es para los no católicos y cristianos bautizados en otras denominaciones que quieren convertirse a la Iglesia Católica. También es para adultos bautizados en la fe católica que desean prepararse para la Primera Comunión y/o la Confirmación. El programa requiere de la ayuda de católicos practicantes que puedan servir como guías y modelos de fe para los que están participando en este programa.

MINISTERIO HISPANO

~ MINISTERIOS DE JUSTICIA SOCIAL ~

MINISTERIO DE AYUDA A LOS NECESITADOS

La Oficina del Ministerio Hispano recibe constantes llamadas de personas de habla hispana, católicas y no católicas que necesitan algún tipo de asistencia o información. Se necesitan voluntarios de buen corazón que puedan asistir a personas en asuntos como transporte a citas médicas, escuelas o agencias de gobierno, transporte a misa, ayuda para llenar formularios o solicitar ayuda gubernamental o de vivienda, visitar a envejecientes o enfermos, etc. También nuestra comunidad se encarga de cocinar y servirle comida a los indigentes de Virginia Beach, dos veces al año. En celebraciones especiales se entregan canastas de comida y en Navidad se distribuyen regalos para niños de bajos recursos económicos. La necesidad de voluntarios depende de las llamadas pidiendo ayuda.

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"Hermanos, si uno dice que tiene fe, pero no viene con obras, ¿de qué le sirve? ¿Acaso lo salvará esa fe?"

Sant 2:14

~ MINISTERIOS DE VIDA COMUNITARIA ~

ACTIVIDADES SOCIALES Y RECAUDACIÓN DE FONDOS

Este comité organiza actividades mayormente culturales, para ayudarle a la parroquia a recaudar fondos para los gastos asociados con el Ministerio Hispano, ayuda a los necesitados y contribuir al fondo general de la iglesia. Generalmente se llevan a cabo dos actividades principales para recaudar fondos: La Fiesta de la Hispanidad (durante el mes de la Hispanidad) y la Celebración/Fiesta después de la Misa de la Virgen de Guadalupe (en diciembre). Ocasionalmente se hacen otras actividades para recaudar fondos dependiendo de las necesidades de la comunidad. Voluntarios para ayudar en estas actividades son siempre necesarios.



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"A veces sentimos que lo que hacemos es tan solo una gota en el mar, pero el mar sería menos si le faltara esa gota."

Santa Teresa de Calcuta

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***“I will praise the
Lord all my life,
sing praise to my
God while I live.”***

Psalms 146:2

CANTORS

A Cantor leads all of the congregational singing at the Mass.

Qualifications include:

Confidence, a pleasing voice and a demeanor that encourages others to sing. Past experience is always desirable. The Music Minister will work with volunteers to train them.

Cantor practice is generally held twice a month. Cantors are assigned to the various Masses a month in advance.

CONTEMPORARY CHOIR

The Contemporary Choir provides music year-round at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass each week, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Easter Sunday, as well as other liturgies during the year. Practice is in the Damian Room on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. from the first Wednesday after Labor Day through Memorial Day. There are no practices during the Summer. Vocalists and musicians are welcome!

ST. GREGORY CHOIR

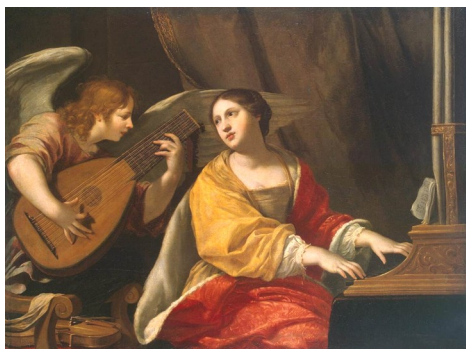
The St. Gregory Choir is a dedicated group of volunteer singers that perform at the 11:00 a.m. Mass from September to June. They also provide music for Christmas Eve, the Easter Vigil, Confirmation and other special rites and occasions at the Church.

The choir accepts Sopranos, Altos, Tenors and Basses and practices every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m.



ST. CECILIA CHOIR

The St. Cecilia Choir sings at all Funeral Masses (Mass of the Resurrection & Memorial Masses) of fellow parishioners. Music is healing and as this is a healing ministry, we strive to impart peace and comfort to those at their most difficult time through the music liturgy. Singing consists of all service music and hymns. We are made up of adults (15 and older are welcome!) who love to sing and share their gift with others. There are no rehearsals and attendance is based on your availability. Once on the roster, you will be called anytime there is a service scheduled. The choir is also led by a cantor.



ST. GREGORY FIL/AM MINISTRY CHOIR

With dedicated and energetic members, the St. Gregory Fil-Am Ministry Choir sings every First Sunday of the month at the 6:00 p.m. Mass. Choir rehearsal is held every Friday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Parishioners with the time and God-Given talent to sing are welcome.

SPANISH CHOIR

This small group of dedicated men and women sing faithfully at the 7:30 p.m. Saturday Liturgy. If you speak Spanish, love to sing, play an instrument and can commit to practice, Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Church, we are interested in you.

SPANISH YOUTH CHOIR

Devoted to singing at the Spanish Youth Mass, which is held the first Saturday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Choir practice is held on two scheduled Fridays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Practice ends by 9:00 p.m.

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***“Shout joyfully
to the LORD,
all you lands;
serve the LORD
with gladness;
come before him
with joyful song!”***

Psalms 100:2

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***“Children, let us love
not in word or
speech but in
deed and truth.”***

1 John 3:18

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ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

The Athletic Committee organizes and promotes athletic programs in the parish. Basketball and cheerleading for boys and girls in PREP and St. Gregory the Great School. Practice starts in October and the season ends in February. The committee also sponsors skating parties.

Volunteers are needed as coaches, cheerleader trainers, snack stand operation and fund raising. Five hours, season minimum.

MEN’S BASKETBALL

Men's basketball night is open to men of the Parish who are 30 years of age and older. It is an evening of fellowship for Catholic men to play basketball and discuss volunteer opportunities with children's sports at St. Gregory. We meet various Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the gym. April - October. We play pickup basketball.



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

COURT STELLA MARIS - #1881

Catholic Daughters is a Catholic Women's Organization and is one of the largest international organizations for women in the world. It is dedicated to strengthening our spiritual life through Christ and His Church. We were founded by the Knights of Columbus of Utica, NY in 1903. The purpose of the organization is to participate in the religious, charitable and educational Apostolates of the Church. Our meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ST. BENEDICT COUNCIL #9056

Do you want to become a better Catholic, a better husband/father, a better you? Consider joining a brotherhood of Catholic men dedicated to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism in the Knights of Columbus. We were founded by Fr. Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, CT in 1882 to provide for the protection of Catholic families and help men deepen their faith through service.

Today, the Knights have over 2 million men in over 16,000 councils in the US and other countries abroad. We live out our founder's vision through our mission to:

- Learn and live the faith as practical Catholics through formation activities, Knights of Columbus information services, and Building the Domestic Church initiatives
- Strengthen families in our parishes and communities through respect life activities such as the Ultrasound Initiative and the defense of sacramental marriage;
- Be a strong pillar of support for the clergy and supporting vocations;
- Serve the Church and community with over \$180M in charitable giving and over 75M volunteer hours (yearly); and,
- Aid families in distress or death through our \$100+B member owned insurance corporation supported by local field agents

St. Benedict Council 9056 fulfills this mission through our activities. We hold routine monthly prayer/business/social meetings and many events and activities throughout the year. Those include Italian Fest, Daddy-Daughter Dance, Lenten Fish Fry, March for Life, Special Olympics, Columbian Squires (Youth), Veterans Support, School Support, Christmas Party, Annual Awards Dinner and many others. Being a Knight is meant to be a life-long journey, but is tailored to you and your families' needs and desires.

Contact the Grand Knight for more information on how to join the Knights of Columbus and St. Benedict Council. Alternatively consider online membership at www.knights.net if you are not yet ready for full participation with the local council. Vivat Jesus!

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“The Rosary is by its nature a prayer for peace, since it consists in the contemplation of Christ, the Prince of Peace, the one who is ‘our peace’ (Eph 2:14)”

*Rosarium Virginis Mariae - par.40
- St. John Paul II*

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LEGION OF MARY: MARY QUEEN OF ANGELS

Members meet weekly for prayer, spiritual direction and to report on their previous week's work assignments. Work assignments take two hours weekly and are performed with a partner. These assignments include visiting the homebound and those in assisted living or nursing homes, bringing the Pilgrim Virgin statue from home to home, praying with families who enthrone their homes to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and sharing the Gospel message by going door to door and by setting up tables with Catholic literature at parish retreats and functions. Come grow in your own faith and reach out to share that faith with others. We meet Wednesday mornings from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. in the Tobias Room at church.

***** Pilgrim Virgin Statue *****

Welcome our Blessed Mother, a statue of Our Lady of Fatima, into your home!

The statue will be brought to your house by two members of the Legion of Mary. They will pray the opening prayers with you and then leave the statue with you for one week. One week later, members of the Legion of Mary will come back, pray the closing prayers and take the Pilgrim Virgin on to its next home. The prayers take about 30 - 40 minutes.

The week will be a special time for you to spend with our Blessed Mother. You are encouraged to pray the Rosary, offer up prayers of thanksgiving and petition.

This is a wonderful way to enrich your spiritual life and draw closer to Jesus through Mary. Invite friends and family to join you in praying the Rosary. The Rosary has long been considered a special prayer for peace and the family.

LEGION OF MARY: OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

The object of the Legion is the Glory of God through the sanctification of its members through prayer and active cooperation of Ecclesiastical guidance in Mary and in the Church's work. Members are men and women who also visit Catholic patients in hospitals and nursing homes. We meet every Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Gordian Room.

1 1/2 hour meeting and 2 hours active work each week.

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club was organized in 1963 as a working group to carry out the tasks that needed "doing" in the new parish. The primary goal after building the original church (now offices & meeting rooms) was starting a school. The men were tasked with raising funds to support this endeavor as well as assisting with grounds maintenance. At the time, approximately half of the men in the parish responded to the call, volunteering their time and energy to provide needed facilities for a new growing parish.

The goal of the Men's Club today continues to be the support of the pastor and his vision of parish needs. The Friday night Bingo game, started in 1964, provided significant financial assistance for the school construction and other parish projects. Now upwards of \$140,000 (+) per year is provided in direct financial support to the parish and school activities.

To foster greater interaction for the parish, the men cook and serve three spaghetti dinners per year to provide an opportunity for parish fellowship. The dinner for the Daddy/Daughter Dinner Dance in February each year is donated and cooked at no cost to the Athletic Committee. The food provided at the Annual Parish Picnic in September (the Sunday after Labor Day) is also supplied, cooked and served by the Men's Club.

We meet at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (except July & August) in the Men's Club room in the gym. All men of the parish are invited to attend and stay for refreshments after the meeting where you can get answers to your questions about the Men's Club. Or stop in the gym any Friday night after 5:30 p.m. and offer to help in the weekly Bingo game.

WOMEN'S CLUB

The Women's Club is an organization here at the church that meets once a month. We raise money through fundraisers throughout the year to donate to various charities. Our fundraisers include a Book Sale, Flea Market and Candy Sales. There are also 2 Blood Drives per year. Our Executive Board meets once a month and our General Meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month at 7:00 p.m. in the Tobias Room. Our meetings consist of praying the rosary (unless we have a speaker), meeting agenda and refreshments. Our annual dues are \$5.00 and new members are welcome all year long. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

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ADVOCATES FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

Patron Saint: St. Gertrude the Great, O.S.B.

St. Gertrude had a deep empathy for the Church Suffering, the Holy Souls in Purgatory. At every Holy Communion, she beseeched Jesus for His mercy to be bestowed on them. With the guidance of Our Blessed Mother, so shall we!

Become like "Apostles of Purgatory" and learn what the Church, the Saints, Holy Scripture, and Tradition, have revealed about Purgatory and the Holy Souls. Together, under Our Blessed Mother's guidance, we can strive toward Holiness, as we offer up prayers and almsgiving for the suffrages of the Holy Souls who desperately need our care and devotion.

If you already pray for the Holy Souls and would like to join in prayer or if you would like to begin a devotion, please email the above address for more information.

***"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon them."***

BOOKSTORE & RELIGIOUS ITEMS

New volunteers are always welcome to serve in the Church Store. Please come by to visit and/or volunteer. Contact the store directly or leave your name and telephone number at the church office. The more volunteers we have, the more hours we can be open to serve the Parish.



EMBRACE MINISTRY

Embrace is a group of people from the church who reach out to new members of St. Gregory's to welcome them into the church. We make phone calls to new members to find out if they have any specific needs, as well as to see how they might get involved in the church. Some of the members will even ask if the new member would like to join them at Mass. We offer to pray with or for the new members and their needs. We will provide new members with a booklet of organizations in the church that they can keep for reference.

We plan to have socials where the new members get together with members of the Embrace team as a group so they have a chance to meet more people in the church. This could be a great time to find out what is available in the church, as well as to discuss any questions they may have.

If you are new to the church, feel free to contact the Embrace team leaders with any questions you may have.

Are you looking for a way to get involved? Do you have a knack for striking up a conversation with those you don't know? Do you like to organize get-togethers? We would love to have you join our organization. You would be assigned to a team leader and would only need to make phone calls one week a month. How many people you need to call will depend on how many people sign up in a given week. Phone calls would be made from your own home. Meetings will be held as needed.

***“He who receives you receives me,
and he who receives me
receives him who sent me.”***

Matthew 10:40

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Parishioners and visitors are invited to join in the Tobias room the last Sunday of the month, following the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass to enjoy fellowship, coffee & donuts served by the Fil-Am Ministry.

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FILIPINO/AMERICAN MINISTRY

The Filipino American Ministry was formed to unite the Filipino American community of the parish to participate actively in the mission of the church through spiritual development, evangelization, stewardship and community involvement.

The ministry also serves as the voice for representation of our culture and religious traditions while working to be a vital, fruitful and effective member of the parish.

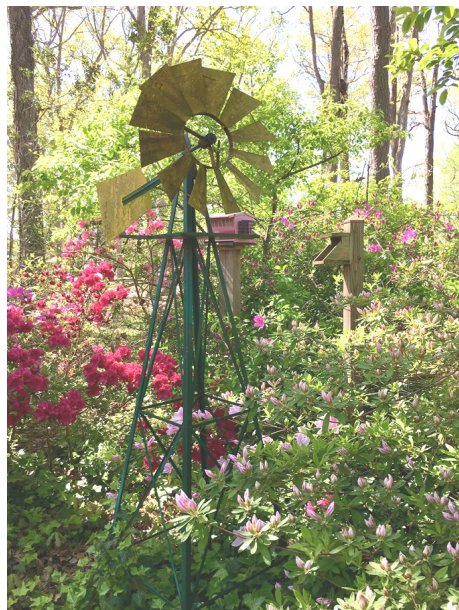
All are welcome to join and we meet every third Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Tobias Room.

***“As each one has received a gift,
use it to serve one another as good
stewards of God’s varied grace.”***

1 Peter 4:10

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

This is a voluntary scheduled ministry. Several times during the year a call will go out to the parish community to revitalize certain garden areas. We are looking for parishioners who can give of their time and talent to the care of the different areas of the church property.



NEW EVANGELIZATION TEAM (NET)

The New Evangelization Team (NET) is a parish ad hoc committee formed to implement the Diocesan's five-year pastoral plan, *Encountering the Joy of Gospel and Set the World Ablaze*, begun in 2014. Currently, the NET is dormant, but remains ready for any related projects generated by the parish or the diocese. In addition, NET continues to maintain a ministry to serve the parents and students attending *Beyond the Bell*, to provide the *Evangelization Corner* to the weekly Bulletin, and to volunteer for the New Evangelization Table at the biannual church bazaars.

NEW EVANGELIZATION TABLE

Volunteers are needed to "man" this table during the two craft shows in the gym (fall and spring). The table is supplied with various and free evangelization supplies, e.g., books, booklets, flyers, holy cards, handouts.

Volunteers should be friendly, warm and gracious to the many people who come to the table for Catholic information.

***"Ask and it will be given to you;
seek and you will find;
knock and it will be opened to you."***

Matthew 7:7

SMALL FAITH COMMUNITY

Small Faith Communities are groups of 6 to 12 people who meet weekly to share their faith. The different groups meet during the day or evening hours all year. The basic discussions center on the Sunday Readings.

The goal of SFC is to bring parishioners to a deeper sense of belonging to the Body of Christ. Through faith sharing, prayer and discussion, the groups provide encouragement that nurtures individual spiritual growth in living out the Gospel.

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***“By this is my Father
glorified, that you
bear much fruit and
become my disciples.”***

John 15:8

WELCOME / CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH MINISTRY

Do you sense that something’s missing in your life? Do you feel that if you weren’t so busy you would be happier, healthier, more effective, more fulfilled, and maybe even a better person?

By virtue of our baptism, each of us are called to be disciples of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We are called to bear fruit for Him and thus glorify the Father. In fact, we are each individually created for a mission, based on the charisms that each of us has individually received from the Holy Spirit.

The Welcome/CRHP program is specifically designed to take a closer look at where you are in your faith journey and to draw you closer to Christ. It is an incredible experience to grow in your faith. Whether you want to connect with other men and women in the parish, improve your prayer life, or just take a break from the craziness of your everyday life, to have fun and not have to cook or clean, you will find what you are looking for – and much more.

The Welcome/CHRP Program Renewal Weekends are held right here on the grounds of St Gregory’s. From 8:00 a.m. on Saturday to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, with all meals, cots, bibles, fellowship and prayer time provided. There is no cost to attend. Just listen, pray, participate, pray, and be inspired by the Holy Spirit to draw closer to God. There are separate weekends scheduled for men and women. Retreats are held twice a year, in September and February. For exact dates for the next Retreat, watch the bulletin, website, or contact Mike.

Following the Renewal Weekends, participants are invited to continue their spiritual growth during a five to seven month formation period focusing on Prayer, Study, Generosity and Evangelization. The team then leads the next Renewal Weekend. Following this, most team members then transition their service to Christ through other parish ministries keeping their faith active and growing.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held each Friday following the 8:30 a.m. morning Mass. Participants are responsible for filling all hours from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Vespers and Benediction begin at 4:30 p.m. Can you commit to an hour of praying with Jesus, in the small chapel, off the Commons area?

Sign-in book is by the chapel door. No meetings are required.



MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA AND MASS

We meet each Wednesday in the Chapel. The Novena begins at 6:30 p.m. and Mass begins at 7:00 p.m.

*“... grant that I may ever invoke thy
most powerful name, which is the
safeguard of the living ...”*

Novena

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*“Devote yourselves
to prayer keeping
alert in it with
Thanksgiving.”*

Colossians 4:2

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***“...that by the toil
of obedience thou
mayest return to
Him...”***

Holy Rule Of St. Benedict

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OBLATES OF SAINT BENEDICT

Saint Gregory Oblates are lay men & women that feel drawn by God to associate themselves with the Benedictine monastery of Saint Vincent Archabbey, in Latrobe, PA. They are not monks or nuns, but they do follow the Rule of Saint Benedict and pray the Liturgy of the Hours. They enter a year-long commitment to follow the life of an Oblate of Saint Benedict, reading the Rule and striving to do good. After one year they may opt to make a promise as a permanent Oblate, committed to sharing in the spiritual life, prayers, and good works of the community.

Purpose of community affiliation is to receive help and guidance for living a full Christian life. Benedict Oblates at Saint Gregory meet the first Wednesday, monthly at 7:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room. In addition, Evening Prayer (Vespers) is prayed each Friday at 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel.



PRAYER GROUP IN SPANISH

The group with leadership in song, musical instruments and prayers welcomes the community and the Holy Spirit, and seeks the guidance of the Spirit of Jesus and petitions of healing. A speaker also shares thoughts on coping with life situations and events through God. All groups of people are welcome to join. Every 1st and 3rd Friday of month. 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Damian Room.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our ministry began in 2008. Over the years we have shared over 1000 knitted and crocheted scarves, hats, shawls and lap robes with hospitals, nursing homes, parishes, the Giving Tree and many individuals in need of comfort. We meet every other Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

For more information contact Peggy or Diane.

ALTAR FLOWER SOCIETY

When flowers are needed, they are gathered by the parishioners; only occasionally are they purchased. On Saturday, flowers are gathered and arrangements made for church and chapel. Midweek, dead flowers are removed, rearranged and watered.



ALTAR SOCIETY

This devoted group keeps the sanctuary (worship space) clean and vacuumed. They also dust and clean the pews, windows and doors, and care for the altar linens, vestments and candles. Members meet Thursday mornings in the Church. 1 1/2 hours weekly.

ART AND ENVIRONMENT

Caring for the inside plants in both the Church and the Commons areas are duties of this ministry. Other opportunities include preparing the Sanctuary for special Liturgies and Seasons.

“... and you shall be like a watered garden, like a flowing spring whose waters never fail.”

Isaiah 58:11

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BOY SCOUTS

SCOUTING PROGRAM

TIGER SCOUTS

Tiger Cubs is a program for 1st grade boys and an adult member of his family. Tiger Cubs are affiliated with the Cub Scout Pack but conduct their own activities monthly.

The Tiger Cub organizer helps families to plan group outings in line with the program motto, "Search, Discover, Share."

1 - 2 hours weekly.

CUB SCOUTS

Cub Scouting is a year around program for boys in 2nd through 5th grades in which parents & leaders work together to encourage character development, spiritual growth, good citizenship, and personal achievement. Leaders plan and conduct an hour-long meeting with the boys each week.

1 - 2 hours weekly.

BOY SCOUTS

Full scouting program for young men ages 11 - 18. Meetings are planned to provide leadership and character-building experiences. Camp or hold an outdoor activity once a month. Parents are always welcomed. Troop meetings are held every Monday at 7:00 p.m. in Paschal Hall.

VENTURING SCOUTS

Full Co-ed Scouting Program ages 14 - 20 years old.

Meetings and activities are planned to provide positive experiences to help youth mature and to prepare them to become responsible adults. Meetings and activities are held monthly.

GIRL SCOUTS

SCOUTING PROGRAM

DAISIES

Kindergarten & 1st grade girls are oriented to scouting and helped to feel a part of the larger organization. The girls go on lots of field trips, sing songs and do fun crafts. Daisies earn petals and badges as they learn the Girl Scout Promise and Law. They also participate in the annual cookie sales.

BROWNIES

2nd & 3rd grade girls earn badges by learning new skills and experiences. They become familiar with the values, fun and wider programs of the Girl Scout movement. Through cookie sales they are exposed to simple business concepts. They plan and complete projects to make a difference in their community. Girls may earn the "Family of God" religious medal through the Catholic Committee on scouting at this age.

JUNIORS

4th & 5th graders earn badges to prepare for young adulthood and learn valuable skills in the outdoors, arts, sciences and services to others. As the girls grow, cookie sales enhance their experiences and help to fund their community service. They can choose an issue important to them and then do something to make a difference by working together with their troop – to earn their Bronze Awards. Girls may earn "I Live My Faith" religious medal.

CADETTES, SENIORS and AMBASSADORS

Cadettes (6th - 8th grades), Seniors (9th - 10th grades), and Ambassadors (11th - 12th grades) are exposed to many leadership and character building experiences. They mentor younger Girl Scouts to share their experiences and be a positive role model/mentor. The girls continue to take action in their communities on issues that are important to them – with some girls earning the prestigious Silver or Gold Award. Girls plan and implement trips, courses, and many apply for "Wider-Ops" in this country and abroad. Girls may earn "Marian Medal" and "Spirit Alive" religious medals.

Meetings/Activities for all levels vary based on leader coordination with the girls – most troops meet twice a month.

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***“For I was hungry and
you gave me food ...”***

Matthew 25:35

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SOCIAL JUSTICE & PASTORAL CARE

The Social Justice and Pastoral Care Ministry assists the parish in meeting the needs of its Parishioners. The parish ministries also reflect the Gospel's Social Teaching and attempt to address the social concerns of the community. The ministry offers to the political system solutions that can be passed into law. We attempt to encourage our parishioners to develop a 'culture of life.' This is witnessed through the activities of our parish families. We reinforce the 'culture of life' by participating in good works towards those in need.

***“Judge not, and you will not be judged;
condemn not, and you will not be condemned;
forgive, and you will be forgiven”***

Luke 6:37

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry provides food to needy families in our parish and residents of Virginia Beach. Parishioners donate canned and non-perishable food. Two large boxes are available in the Commons Area of the church to place the food in. The items are taken to the food pantry and stored.

Volunteers pick up produce, meats and bakery items donated by a local supermarket and wholesale store. All items are stored in the pantry for distribution on Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m.

Volunteers for food pick-up, stocking shelves and food distribution are always needed.

Call Elaine if you would like to help.

The Food Pantry is located at 247 Clearfield Street.
We use the back of the property for our entrance.

FUNERAL RECEPTION MINISTRY

The purpose of this ministry is to help organize receptions after funerals for parish families. Volunteers help provide food, set up the reception area, serve and clean up

HAITI TWINNING COMMITTEE

This is a ministry of outreach to the people of Haiti offering mutual prayers, a spiritual relationship and answering our Baptismal call by giving service to others.

The St. Gregory the Great Haiti Seminary Fund is an endowment fund set up with the Diocese of Richmond. This fund is used strictly for the education of the Seminarians of the Diocese of Hinche.

We are also in a Twinning relationship with Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish and Our Lady of Lourdes School through our Sponsorship Program. Parishioners have the opportunity to sponsor a student for a year. The education of their children is the number one priority of the Haitian parents.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

The Office of Hispanic Ministry, in addition to serving the pastoral needs of the Spanish speaking parishioners, through the Mass in Spanish, faith formation opportunities, and cultural religious and social celebrations, also provides information, referrals and direct services to Spanish speaking people in the area. Bilingual (English/Spanish) volunteers are welcome to assist in a number of requests such as: transportation and/or interpretation at medical appointments, school meetings, government agencies, transportation to Mass, filling in forms, tutoring for citizenship tests, one-on-one conversational English, among other things.



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***“... I was thirsty and
you gave me drink,
a stranger and you
welcomed me ...”***

Matthew 25:35

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***“Hispanic ministry is
the Church’s response
to the Hispanic
presence...and...must
be seen as an
integral part of the
life and mission of the
Church in this country.”***

USCCB, Encuentro and Mission, n. 60

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HOSPITAL MINISTRY

Men and woman who visit and offer the Blessed Sacrament to parishioners and their families in local hospitals and who are home bound. To be a volunteer you must receive training as a Eucharist Minister. If you feel called to this ministry call or e-mail for more information.

LIAISON FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

This ministry under the Diocese of Richmond advocates for the inclusion of persons with disabilities into the full life of the Church. As a Parish Advocate you will have an opportunity to welcome individuals who are disabled as well as their families and to seek out ways to meet their needs and help them to be fully included in the life of their Church.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Focused on individuals who have no reliable means for maintaining a healthy diet, the Meals on Wheels program helps keep homebound seniors independent and in their own homes for as long as possible. Meals on Wheels also reduces isolation and reassures and comforts families who live far from loved ones, providing recipients with a friendly smile and that important safety check, making the program extend far beyond the meal.

Prepared hot meals are delivered by volunteers to homebound persons who are unable to prepare their own meals. Volunteers are always needed. 2 hours, once a month.



PARISH NURSE / FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE MINISTRY

The Parish Nurse Ministry focuses on the promotion of health within the context of the values, beliefs, practices, mission, and ministry of a faith community. Parish Nurses recognize that health is more than the absence of disease. The Parish nurse acts as a Health Counselor, Educator and Health Advocate. This Ministry offers assistance and support to families who are dealing with illnesses or other health issues.



PARISH ECUMENICAL REPRESENTATIVES (P.E.R.)

A Parish Ecumenical Representative (PER) is a parishioner who has a special role in communicating and coordinating local ecumenical and interfaith activity. One of the functions is to encourage and facilitate parish participation in local ecumenical and interreligious activities.

***“...that they may all be one...
so that the world may believe”***

John 17:21

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***“...naked and you
clothed me, ill and
you cared for me ...”***

Matthew 25:35

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***“... in prison and
you visited me.”***

Matthew 25:35

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***“Open your mouth
in behalf of the mute,
and for the rights
of the destitute;
Open your mouth,
judge justly,
defend the needy
and the poor!”***

Proverbs 31:8-9

PRISON MINISTRY

Saint Gregory Prison Ministry to St. Brides Correctional Facility in Chesapeake, VA focuses primarily on a spiritual approach with prisoners who want to understand and strengthen their relationship with God. To facilitate their spiritual growth a priest visits on the third and fourth Tuesday of each month, allowing time for Confessions and celebrates Mass for the prisoners. A representative provides a Communion Service in the Absence of a Priest when he is not available. In addition, each Friday representatives from Saint Gregory visit the prison offering a Bible Study for the prisoners and a Communion service.

RESPECT LIFE

The Respect Life Ministry, here at St. Gregory the Great, is committed to promoting the culture of Life, from conception to natural death, in our parish and our community. We lift our hearts in prayer for Life at our Annual Respect Life Mass in October, at our Holy Hour on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel, and through our nine-month Spiritual Adoption Prayer Campaign. We participate in the Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. where St. Gregory charts a bus for our parishioners. We take part in the local 40 Days for Life (a 40 Day campaign which involves a prayerful, peaceful, and fasting presence in front of Planned Parenthood). We sponsor an ongoing Baby Bottle Drive to raise funds for the Hope 4 Life Mobil unit which assists and supports women and families facing crisis-related pregnancies by providing medical and counseling services, and educational programs.

Our goal is to meet 3 times a year: March/September/December.



SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT CHURCH

Our mission at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church is to evangelize the Good News of Jesus Christ in order to transform lives, hearts and minds through worship, faith formation and discipleship.

As members of God's diverse family, we treasure the rich traditions of our Roman Catholic faith and welcome all to a spiritual home and to an enlightened, joyful and vibrant life in Christ.

PLEASE SUPPORT THESE ADDITIONAL MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS:

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Behold, the LAMB of God,



Who takes away the sins of the world!

John 1:29