

# COMUNIDAD CATÓLICA de ST. GREGORY-OUR LADY OF FATIMA

THE XXV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
XXV DOMINGO ORDINARIO

September 21, 2014 ~ 21 de Septiembre 2014



#### MASS SCHEDULE ~ LA MISA

Saturday	5:00 pm	Shelby
Sunday	9:30 am	Hart
Domingo	11:30 am	Hart; Español

#### RECONCILIATION

Saturday	4:00 pm	Shelby
By appointment		(231) 873-2660

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Linda Foster 873-3071

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**LITURGY ~ LITÚRGIA**  
**September 22-28 de Septiembre**

<b>Tuesday/Martes</b>		
9:00 am	StG	Communion Service
<b>Thursday/Jueves</b>		
5:15 pm	StG	No Mass
<b>Friday/Viernes</b>		
9:00 am	OLF	No Mass
<b>Saturday/Sabado</b>		
5:00 pm	OLF	Eugene & Alice Kelly
<b>Sunday/Domingo</b>		
9:30 am	StG	Bill Baranski
11:30 am	StG	Familia Parroquial



**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**  
**MINISTERIOS DE LA MISA**  
**September 27-28 de Septiembre**

**Ministers of the Word/Lectura**

5:00 pm	Linda Foster
9:30 am	Jim Cunningham
11:30 am	Rene Figueroa

**Ministers of the Eucharist/Comunión**

5:00 pm	R Pochyla, T Kersjes, P Kersjes
9:30 am	R Ulmstead, V Griffin, W Dodd
11:30 am	A Tudon, L Ybarra, M Barco

**Altar Servers/Acolitos**

5:00 pm	Joe Kersjes, Shannon Knapp
9:30 am	Ella Smith
11:30 am	Enrique Cruz, Ulises Escoto

**Ministers of Hospitality/Bienvenida**


9:30 am	Vanderstelt Family
11:30 am	Jesús Zarzosa y Familia

**Ushers/Colecta y Ofrendas**


5:00 pm	K Kludy, R Mather, S Fell, B Mayo
9:30 am	J Schaner, J Lamie, R Ulmstead, T Bosse,
11:30 am	Gerardo Morales y Familia

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Jane Cooper, Gene Schaner, Jim Johnson, Tim Beyer, Lori Foster, Phyllis Burmeister, Anita Anderson, Ken Church, Kenneth Croff, Joella Riggs, Pam Snider, Karen Mead, Lindsey Blamer, Heather Swiech, Barb Kartes, Steve Gable, Mero and Oralia Davila, Meg Ahlgrim, Denny Hedinger, Joyce Lombard, Tom Pangburn, Fr Jim Meyer, Luis Trujillo Calderon, Paul Setlak, Nancy M Tate



This week please remember in prayer the priests of our diocese, as they gather with Bishop Walkowiak for their annual conference.



September 13/14 de Septiembre	
Envelopes	\$ 2148.00
Loose	<u>823.33</u>
Totals	\$2971.33

Thanks to all who contributed to the special collection for the Middle East. \$840.04 was collected last weekend. If you missed the chance, it's not too late to contribute. Please drop your contribution in the collection—marked Middle East—or send it to the parish office. Thanks for your support.

**PARISH CALENDAR**

Sun/Domingo	6-8:00	Youth Group
Mon/Lunes	8:00 am	Prayer Group
	OLF 6:30-8:00	Confirmation Class 1st & 2nd Year
Wed/Miércoles	3-5:00	Food Pantry Open
	StG 3:30-4:45	Rel Ed Classes Grades 1-6
	StG 6:00-7:30	Rel Ed Classes Grade 7
	OLF 6:15-7:45	Rel Ed Classes Grades K-6
Thurs/Jueves	StG 7:00 pm	Bible Study
Sat/Sabado	8:45-4:30	Catechetical Conference

**PRAYER GROUP** meets Mondays, 8:00 am at Harold & Louise Schaner's. All are welcome. Call 873-3357 for info.

**THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:** It's not too late to join the Thursday night bible study at 7:00 pm at St. Gregory's. Everyone is welcome. Join us as we study the Pastoral Epistles of Timothy, Titus, James, Peter and Jude. Sharon 873-4253.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES ARE UNDERWAY:** If your child(ren) is not yet registered, contact the Faith Formation Office at 873-2524 immediately, or call Sr. Guadalupe at 301-1899 or Mary Lorenz at 861-2475.

**YOUTH GROUP** begins on Sun, Sept 21, 6-8:00 pm. All high school students are invited to gather at the Lake Michigan Oval for a bonfire. Please join us for our first event of the school year. We'll gather two Sundays each month, to study, serve and socialize. Put your faith in action! Call Mary Lorenz at 861-2475 for more info.

**HELPER NEEDED!** Aide for Wednesday afternoon Religious Ed classes at St. Gregory, to assist with snacks, special projects, and in the office. High school students welcome! Contact Linda Foster at 873-3071.

**SNACKS NEEDED:** We're still seeking donations for snacks for students in the afternoon Religious Ed program at St. Gregory's. Contributions may be left in the parish center kitchen, labeled "Rel Ed". Thanks for your support!

**VOICES IN THE CITY:** Interfaith sacred music concert, Sun, Sept 28, 3:00 at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew. 300+ voice performance of members from Aquinas College, West Catholic High School, Catholic Central High School, Grand Rapids Christian High School, La Grave Avenue Christian Reformed Church, Westminster Presbyterian Church, First (Park) Congregational Church, Basilica of Saint Adalbert and Cathedral of Saint Andrew. The event will also be shown live at dioceseofgrandrapids.org.

**CENSUS:** If you have not completed a parish census form in the past year, please pick up a form at the doors of either church and return it completed in the collection basket. Thanks for your help as we continue to update our parish records.



This weekend we are celebrating CATECHETICAL SUNDAY, established by the U. S. Bishops to honor and acknowledge those who work in our parish Religious Education programs. We appreciate the time, talent and effort that these men and women put forth to share our Catholic faith with our children, youth and adults. Listed below are those who are being commissioned at masses this weekend. Be sure to "Thank a Catechist" today.

Hoy día celebramos todos los maestros que enseñan en nuestros programas de educación religiosa. ¡Muchas gracias a todos!

Faith Formation Team/Lideres: Linda Foster, Mary Lorenz & Hna Guadalupe Moreno.  
Catechists/Catecistas: Donna Carrier, Walt Carrier, Mary Jane Fedder, Gordon Merten, Deb Schaner, Robby Schaner, Amanda Dodge, Joyce Lombard, Ashley Lorenz, Carlos Lozano, Collette Perigard, Diana Perigard, Leona Perigard, Theresa Perigard, Teresa Robillard, Lorrie VanDyke, Altagracia Contreras, Sofia Escoto, Sr. Martha Lemus, Jackeline Martinez, Ashley Mendez, Maria Ovalle, Maria Padron, Nancy Quinteros, Sally Rademacker, Reyna Ramirez.



**"The promise was that when the glass was full, it would overflow, benefitting the poor. But what happens instead, is that when the glass is full, it magically gets bigger -- nothing ever comes out for the poor."**  
**Pope Francis**



In, 1952, Dorothy Day was quoted in *The Catholic Worker* as saying, "We need always to be thinking and writing about poverty, for if we are not among its victims its reality fades from us. We must talk about poverty, because people insulated by their own comfort lose sight of it."

Many of us are insulated from the real needs of others, even within our own families, yet as Catholics, acts of mercy and charity are duties we are all called to do. "For I was hungry and you fed me..." is one of the most memorable verses in the Gospel of Matthew. This scripture essentially says that serving others is equivalent to serving the king of kings, Jesus Christ. "When did we do this for you? Whenever you did this for one of the least important, you did this for me" (Matt 25: 35-40). With these words, Jesus made it clear that caring for all of God's children, especially those who must be fed, clothed, and cared for, is the same as serving Him.

It's no surprise then that the Church takes the Gospel to heart when it comes to showing preferential treatment to the poor. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, "Those who are oppressed by poverty are the object of a preferential love on the part of the Church..." (CCC2448). Just what does this mean in our culture, society, and in 21st century America? It means, "When we attend to the needs of those in want, we give them what is theirs, not ours. More than performing works of mercy, we are paying a debt of justice" (Saint Gregory the Great, Patron of St. Gregory, Hart, *Regula pastoralis*, 3, 21, 45; CIC 2446).

In *The Rise of Christianity*, religious scholar and sociologist Rodney Stark wrote, "Perhaps even more revolutionary was the principle that Christian love and charity must extend beyond the boundaries of family and tribe, that it must extend to all those, who in every place, call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Not only is giving to the poor an act of justice, it is a Christian mandate. And just how do we care for the poor and needy? Perhaps by making it a point to carry out at least one act of charity each day, which can include such things as working in the parish food pantry helping to feed the poor; pressuring member of Congress for justice and immigration reform; by spending time or helping the elderly in your family and community; and by supporting organizations such as Catholic Charities that are dedicated to helping the poor on a global level. St. John Chrysostom said, "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs" (*In Lazarum*, concio 2,6).

On September 27, the Church celebrates St. Vincent DePaul, a saint whose name is synonymous with charity and helping the poor. Born into a poor family in a village of Pouy in Gascony, France, around 1580, he was captured by African pirates and taken as a slave to Tunis for two years. Despite his difficult life and challenges, he concentrated on serving God by helping others. In these tough economic times, we can pray for the intercession of St. Vincent to help us carry out at least one act of mercy or compassion each day, and by the end of the year we will have made a world of difference.

En 1952, el *Trabajador Católico* (*Catholic Worker*) citó unas palabras de Dorothy Day: "Siempre tenemos que estar pensando y escribiendo sobre la pobreza, porque, si no estamos entre sus víctimas, la realidad se nos borra. Debemos hablar de la pobreza, porque las personas que están aisladas en su propia prosperidad la pierden de vista".



Muchos de nosotros estamos aislados de las necesidades reales de los demás, incluso dentro de nuestras propias familias, pero como católicos, tenemos la llamada y el deber de hacer actos de misericordia y caridad. "Porque tuve hambre y me dieron de comer..." es uno de los versos más memorables del Evangelio de Mateo. Este pasaje de la escritura dice que servir a los demás equivale a servir al rey de reyes, Jesucristo. "¿Cuándo hicimos eso por ti? Siempre que lo hicieron con alguno de los más pequeños, lo hicieron por mí" (Mt 25:35-40). Con estas palabras, Jesús dejó claro que cuidar de todos los hijos de Dios, especialmente de quienes necesitan comida, vestido y cuidado, es lo mismo que servirle a Él.

No es de extrañar que la Iglesia tome el Evangelio en serio cuando se trata de mostrar una opción preferencial por los pobres. El *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica* dice, "los oprimido por la miseria son objeto de un amor de preferencia por parte de la Iglesia" (CIC 2448). ¿Qué significa esto para nuestra cultura y nuestra sociedad en la América del siglo XXI? Significa que, "Cuando damos a los pobres las cosas indispensables no les hacemos liberalidades personales, sino que les devolvemos lo que es suyo. Más que realizar un acto de caridad, lo que hacemos es cumplir un deber de justicia" (San Gregorio Magno, *Regula pastoralis*, 3, 21, 45; CIC 2446). En *The Rise of Christianity*, el sociólogo y experto en estudios religiosos, Rodney Stark, escribe, que quizá incluso más revolucionario fue el principio de que el amor y la caridad deben extenderse más allá de las fronteras de familia y tribu, de que se deben extender a todos aquellos que, en todo lugar, invocan el nombre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

Dar a los pobres no sólo es un acto de justicia, sino que es un mandato cristiano. ¿Y cómo cuidamos de los pobres y necesitados? Quizá cuidando de hacer al menos un acto de caridad cada día, lo cual puede incluir cosas como trabajar en el comedor de la parroquia ayudando a dar de comer a los pobres; reclaman a los miembros del Congreso para justicia y reforma migratoria; apoyar a los DREAMers en su búsqueda de más educación; dedicando tiempo a ayudar a los ancianos de nuestra familia o comunidad; y apoyando a organizaciones como Caridades Católicas o Caritas en su esfuerzo para ayudar a los pobres a nivel global. San Juan Crisóstomo dijo: "No hacer participar a los pobres de los propios bienes es robarles y quitarles la vida; [...] lo que poseemos no son bienes nuestros, sino los suyos" (*In Lazarum*, concio 2, 6).

El 27 de septiembre la Iglesia celebra a san Vicente de Paúl, cuyo nombre es sinónimo de caridad y ayuda a los pobres. Nacido de una familia pobre en Pouy, un pueblo de la Gasconia francesa alrededor de 1580, fue capturado por piratas africanos y conducido a Túnez como esclavo donde estuvo durante dos años. A pesar de su vida difícil y todos los desafíos, se centró en servir a Dios ayudando a lo demás. En estos tiempos de dificultad económica, podemos orar por intercesión de san Vicente para que nos ayude a llevar a cabo al menos un acto de misericordia y compasión al día, y al cabo del año habremos marcado una gran diferencia.



**EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA**

**CLASES DE EDUCACIÓN**

**RELIGIOSA:** Ya empezaron las clases. Si ya no registró su hijo(a)s, llame inmediatamente a Hna Guadalupe Moreno

301-1899, Linda Foster 873-2524 o Mary Lorenz 861-2475. La preparación para recibir los Sacramentos de Reconciliación, Primera Comunión y Confirmación es de 2 años.

**JOVENES:** Todos los jóvenes de High School son invitados a participar en el Grupo de Jóvenes. La primera junta es domingo, 21 de septiembre, 6-8:00 pm a Lake Michigan Oval. Los jóvenes juntan dos tiempos cada mes, para estudiar, servir y divertirse. Para más información, llame a Hna Guadalupe Moreno 301-1899 o Mary Lorenz 861-2475.

**ASISTENCIA:** Necesitamos un ayudante para el programa de Educación Religiosa en San Gregorio, los miércoles de 3:30-4:45. Si puede ayudar, llame a Linda 873-2524 o Hna Guadalupe 301-1899.

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