

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT
UPDATE
NOVEMBER 22, 2020

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am. This Mass will also be live streamed. The office will be closed Thursday and Friday this week.

We are now limited to 125 people per Mass. Last weekend, families were turned away from attending Mass due to the numbers. If you find that your Mass may be full (125), please choose another Mass to attend. The Saturday Mass and the 8AM Mass are usually not as crowded as the 10:30. Please keep in mind, once our count reached 125, you will not be let in the Church.

We have very few spaces left in all three Christmas Day Masses, please call to confirm as soon as possible. There are **NO SPACES AVAILABLE FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES.**

Very important: Please remember that you must present your ticket for the Mass you signed up for. Please do not change Masses. If you do not have a ticket, you will not be allowed into Mass. Please advise friends and neighbors

that if they do not have a ticket they will not be able to get into Mass.

We are reminded of the protocol for attending any and all Masses:

- a. Must wear a mask
- b. Must sanitize hands
- c. If you have any trace of illness, please stay home
- d. No congregating before, during or after Mass

This is a terribly, unfortunate situation that we have been placed in. We only pray that we have done this the most fair and equitable way.

As we figured during the epidemic, our revenue has fallen. We are still responsible for many bills (heat, electric, insurance), Diocesan taxes and salaries. We thank those who have continued with their ongoing support, and ask all families to try to catch up with their giving if possible.

Because of the restrictions adopted by the hospitals, we are no longer able to visit patients. We are only able to go in for an emergency and administer the Sacrament of the Sick.

Thank you for attending Mass! It is truly wonderful seeing so many people coming back to Mass! This past weekend our counts were--Saturday Mass 93, 8 am Mass, 92 and the 10:30 Mass, 125.

As ALWAYS if you are feeling ill in any way, cough, sneezing, or temperature, please do not come to church.

Daily Mass is now offered two mornings per week on Monday and Wednesday at 8:30 AM. Masks must be worn.

Please remember to wear your mask and to leave the Church immediately after Communion. Please do not socialize before or after Mass.

The Church is open daily Monday – Thursday 8am-2pm. Office hours are Monday –Friday 9-4. There is also a safe and secure drop off box (brown) located on the outside of the office. You may use that to drop off any notes or your budget if you wish.

Our Masses are Saturday 4 pm and Sunday at 8am and 10:30am. Masks must be worn during Mass. Communion will be at the end of Mass. **After you receive Communion, you should immediately exit the church.** Live streaming of Mass is on Sunday at 10:30 through our website at www.stgregorychurchri.com

Please remember to visit our website: www.stgregorychurchri.com for messages and updates.

In closing, we pray that everyone keeps safe, listens to the medical community, continues to pray, and is kind and loving to one another.

**Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Rev. Alfred Ricci**