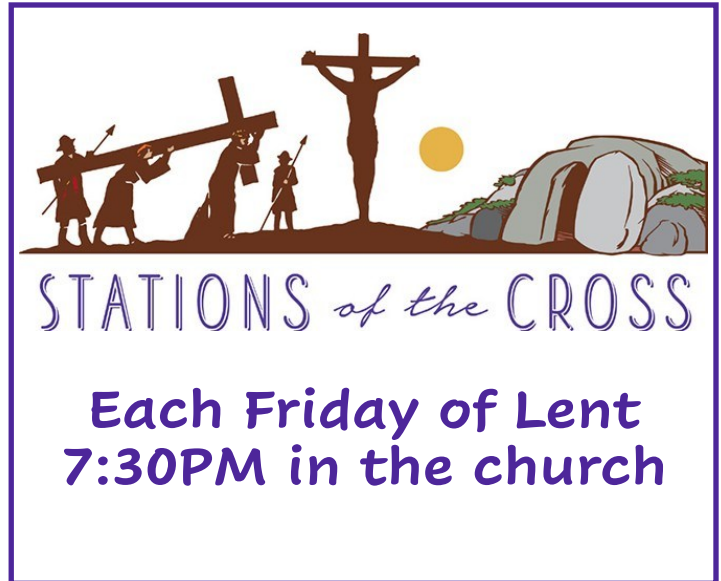


# CHURCH OF SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

242-20 88TH AVENUE, BELLEROSE, NY 11426

Week of March 8, 2026  
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



## *Parish Mission Statement:*

*St. Gregory the Great Parish, established in 1936, is a welcoming Catholic community serving the people of Bellerose, Floral Park, and environs. Pursuing holiness through the Eucharist, we strive to live out Jesus Christ's mandate of service, evangelization, and establishment of justice for all. Embracing the diversity and talents of our members, we seek the participation of everyone on the journey.*

### ***Parish Staff:***

**Rev. Edward M. Kachurka KCHS**, Pastor  
**Rev. Nnamdi Eusebius Eze**, Parochial Vicar  
**Deacon Arthur Cutter**  
**Deacon Robert Zeuner**  
**Mrs. Alison Morisi**, Faith Formation Director  
**Mr. Joseph Paniccia**, Academy Principal  
**Mr. Bart Haggerty**, Director of Music Ministry  
**Msgr. Edward A. Ryan**, Pastor Emeritus  
**Msgr. William M. Hoppe**, In Residence  
**Mr. John Reh**, Civil Trustee  
**Mrs. Patricia Brandt**, Civil Trustee

### ***Mass Schedule:***

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00PM  
Sunday: 8:30AM; 10:30AM; 12:30PM  
Weekdays:  
Monday - Friday: 9:00AM  
Saturday Morning: 9:00AM  
Holydays: Vigil Mass: 7:30PM  
9:00AM



**Eucharistic Devotion:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place every Tuesday from the conclusion of the 9:00AM Mass until 10:30AM. Every First Friday of the month, there will be Eucharistic Adoration from the conclusion of the 9:00AM Mass until 10:30AM.

### ***Contact Information:***

#### **Parish Office:**

242-20 88th Ave.  
Phone 718-347-3707  
Fax 718-347-0583  
Parish Website: [saintgregorythegreat.com](http://saintgregorythegreat.com)  
Parish Email: [stgregoffice@aol.com](mailto:stgregoffice@aol.com)  
**Ms. Jennifer Kalin**, Parish Receptionist  
**Mrs. Lina Pichardo**, Parish Secretary  
Office Hours:  
Monday - Friday 9:00AM-4:00PM  
Saturday 9:30AM - 1:00PM  
Sunday 9:00AM - 2:00PM

#### **Office of Faith Formation**

Gregorian Hall  
\***New Phone** (516) 564-2417  
Email: [DRE101074@diobrook.org](mailto:DRE101074@diobrook.org)  
**Mrs. Alison Morisi**, Faith Formation Director  
Office Hours:  
Tuesday 9:30AM - 11:30AM  
Wednesday 11:30AM - 2:00PM  
Thursday 9:30AM - 11:30AM

#### **St. Gregory the Great Catholic Academy of Bellerose**

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Phone 718-343-5053  
School Website: [www.sgtgca.org](http://www.sgtgca.org)  
**Ms. Deanna Philippe**, Principal  
**Mrs. Elena Contreras**, Secretary

**Baptism:** Baptism is celebrated on the Second Sunday of each month at 2:00PM and on the Fourth Saturday of each month at 12:00Noon. Please call the Parish Office to make an appointment to meet with Deacon Zeuner.

**Sacrament of Penance:** The Sacrament of Penance is offered each Saturday at 4:00PM. and at other times by appointment with one of our priests.

**Marriage:** A couple planning marriage must make an appointment with one of our priests or deacons at least 6 months in advance of the marriage.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week of March 8, 2026

C= Church    CB= Convent Basement    GH= Gregorian Hall  
GR= Green Room    GS= Gathering Space    OB = Office Basement  
OR= Oak Room    RB= Rectory Basement

### SUNDAY

**FAITH FORMATION 9:15AM GH**  
**ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 1:00PM-8:00PM GH**  
**BAPTISM 2:00PM C**  
**AA CLOSED MEETING 7:00PM CB**

### MONDAY

**ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 4:00PM-9:00PM GH**  
**BOOK GROUP 7:00PM RB**  
**HOLY NAME SOCIETY 7:30AM OR**

### TUESDAY

**ADORATION 9:30AM C**  
**LEISURE GROUP 1:00-4:00PM RB**  
**FAITH SHARING GROUP 1:00-2:30PM GS**  
**ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 4:00PM-9:00PM GH**  
**CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM OR**  
**ADULT CHOIR 7:30PM OB**

### WEDNESDAY

**FAITH SHARING GROUP 3:00-4:30PM GS**  
**ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 4:00PM-9:00PM GH**  
**FAITH SHARING GROUP 4:00-5:30PM OR**  
**FOLK GROUP 7:15PM RB**  
**LENTEN ADORATION 7:30PM C**

### THURSDAY

**ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 4:00PM-9:00PM GH**

### FRIDAY

**ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 4:00PM-9:00PM GH**  
**AA CLOSED MEETING 7:00PM CB**  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7:30PM C**

### SATURDAY

**ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 9:00AM-9:00PM GH**  
**LECTIO DIVINA 11:00AM GS**  
**FIRST PENANCE 11:00AM C**  
**PENANCE 4:00PM C**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Week of March 8, 2026

### **SAT MAR 7<sup>th</sup>**

5PM            Anthony Pete Cosentino (36<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Rem.)

### **SUN MAR 8<sup>th</sup>**

8:30AM        Louise Barrett  
10:30AM        The People of the Parish, Souls of Purgatory, Gene Boles  
12:30PM        Margarita Vispo

### **MON MAR 9<sup>th</sup>**

9AM            John & Catherine O'Brien

### **TUES MAR 10<sup>th</sup>**

9AM            John & Rita O'Connor

### **WED MAR 11<sup>th</sup>**

9AM            M. Joseph

### **THUR MAR 12<sup>th</sup>**

9AM            Jean Czerwinski

### **FRI MAR 13<sup>th</sup>**

9AM            Souls in Purgatory

### **SAT MAR 14<sup>th</sup>**

9AM            Peter O'Connell, Souls in Purgatory  
5PM            Peter Fotiadis

## **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



### **FOR THE SICK**

Ginger Prus, Tony Baratta, Tom O'Shea,  
Paul Gebhard, Jimmy Walters Jr.,  
Kurt Krotz, Ed Little, Helen Hurley,  
Nicholas Grippo, Elizabeth Williams,  
Joseph Muzyka, Mary Sullivan, Alma Carr,  
Daniel Cronin, Roberto DeLeon, Ed & Patricia Long,

### **FOR THE DECEASED**



The Sanctuary Lamp and Altar Candles  
burning throughout the week of  
March 8th have been donated  
in loving memory of Martinez Sr. Family  
requested by Theresita.

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

## A WARM WELCOME

If you are new to our parish, please feel free to introduce yourself to one of the priests or deacons after Mass today. We kindly invite you to come to the Parish Office and register as a member of St. Gregory's.



**One Church.  
Diverse Ministries.  
United Mission.**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN [Exodus 17:3-7](#) , [Romans 5:1-2, 5-8](#) ,  
[John 4:5-42](#)  
MON: [2 Kings 5:1-15ab](#) , [Luke 4:24-30](#)  
TUES: [Daniel 3:25, 34-43](#) , [Matthew 18:21-35](#)  
WED: [Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9](#) , [Matthew 5:17-19](#)  
THUR: [Jeremiah 7:23-28](#) , [Luke 11:14-23](#)  
FRI [Hosea 14:2-10](#) , [Mark 12:28-34](#)  
SAT: [Hosea 6:1-6](#) , [Luke 18:9-14](#)

## COLLECTIONS

The monthly collection amounted to \$8,469.  
The GiveCentral collection amounted to \$1,178 .  
Thank you for your generosity!

## ST. GREGORY'S MONTHLY 50/50 RAFFLE



**Congratulations to , Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Lagula, winners of \$287.50 from our February drawing!**  
Special 50/50 envelopes are included in your envelope packet and are also available at the back of the church. The winner for the month of March will be chosen on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Each year, St. Gregory the Great partners with the Diocese of Brooklyn in the Annual Catholic Appeal, which funds essential ministries and programs serving countless individuals and families across Brooklyn and Queens. This initiative benefits our parish while also sustaining works of mercy and faith that no single parish could carry out on its own.

### Why does your participation matter?

As disciples of Jesus at St. Gregory the Great, we are called not only to support our parish but also to share in the mission of the wider Church. When one part of the body is missing, the whole body is affected. In the same way, your participation in this Appeal—above and beyond your regular Sunday offering—helps our parish fulfill Christ's mission while keeping us connected to the larger Catholic community.

We invite you to stand with us as One Church, with Many Ministries, United in Mission across Brooklyn and Queens. Make your pledge today at [AnnualCatholicAppeal.org](http://AnnualCatholicAppeal.org) or by texting **DONATE to 917-336-1255**.

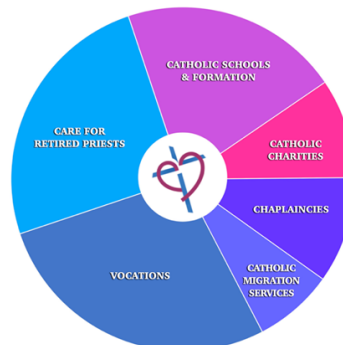
The Annual Catholic Appeal helps fund essential ministries across the Diocese while supporting parish initiatives here at St. Gregory the Great. Our parish goal is \$78,235. Once we reach it, every dollar raised above the goal is returned directly to our parish. To learn more or to make a contribution, please contact the Parish Office at 718-347-3707

## GIVE CENTRAL

St. Gregory the Great Church is accepting online donations through GiveCentral, a safe, secure, and paperless way to make your contributions. GiveCentral is designed specifically for Catholic organizations and is used widespread throughout our diocese. The site allows you to make one time or recurring payments on a schedule that works best for you, using any credit or debit card or electronic (ACH) bank withdrawal. Please visit [www.givecentral.org](http://www.givecentral.org) and take a few minutes to set up your contributions. Your generosity and support at this time are both much needed and greatly appreciated!



## ACA Case 2026 Components



	<b>VOICATIONS</b> \$2,200,000	28%
	<b>CARE FOR RETIRED PRIESTS</b> \$2,000,000	25%
	<b>CATHOLIC SCHOOLS &amp; FORMATION</b> \$1,650,000	21%
	<b>CATHOLIC CHARITIES</b> \$800,000	10%
	<b>CHAPLAINCIES</b> \$750,000	9%
	<b>CATHOLIC MIGRATION SERVICES</b> \$600,000	7%

**LENTEN REGULATIONS**

**Abstinence:** All the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent

**Fasting:** All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday. Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions during the day. Coffee, tea and juice are permitted at any time.

**Easter Duty:** After they have been fully initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled in the Easter Season unless, for a good reason, it is fulfilled at another time. By special permission, in the USA, the period for fulfilling this precept is extended to include the period from the 1st Sunday of Lent (February 22) until Pentecost (May 24)

**THE RENAISSANCE GROUP**

will be holding it's annual Lenten Soup Supper on Thursday, March 19th at 6:30 pm in the Gathering Space. We are pleased to have Msgr. William M. Hoppe as our Guest Speaker!



Come and enjoy a light supper, reflection, and fellowship! All adults are welcome! If you can join us, or you have any questions, please call Cathy/John Reh at 718-347-5756.

**SAVE THE DATE**



Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will take place on Saturday, March 28th. More details and ticket information will be in next week's bulletin.

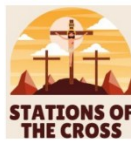
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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Will take place each Friday during Lent at 7:30PM in the church.



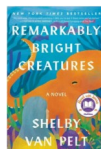
**NOURISHING FUTURES IN GUATEMALA**

In Guatemala, nutrition classes and savings programs give mothers and families better opportunities to improve their health, nutrition and financial well-being. Visit [crsricebowl.org/week-3](http://crsricebowl.org/week-3) to read how your support of CRS Rice Bowl is helping the Guatemala community thrive.



**BOOK GROUP**

The Book Group will meet on Monday, March 9th, at 7PM in the Rectory Basement. The selection is *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt .



**LENTEN HOLY HOURS**

Please join us for Lenten Holy Hour with Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays through April 1st at 7:30PM in the church.



**FIRST PENANCE**

The children preparing for First Holy Communion in the Faith Formation Program and at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Academy will receive the Sacrament of Penance on Saturday, March 14th. Let us keep the children and their families in our prayers.



**DONATE IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE**

- Donate flowers,
- Altar Breads and Wine,
- Sanctuary Lamp and Altar Candles
- Donate for an entire week, in memory of, or in honor of a loved one.

**SPECIAL NEEDS PARENTS GROUP MEETING**

We invite parents/guardians with children/adults with all special needs or IEP's to join us to share and exchange ideas in an informal setting. We will be meeting at 10:00 AM on Thursday, March 12th. For information contact Mrs. Lyons at 718-631-1307 or email at [shreligiousdbayside@yahoo.com](mailto:shreligiousdbayside@yahoo.com)

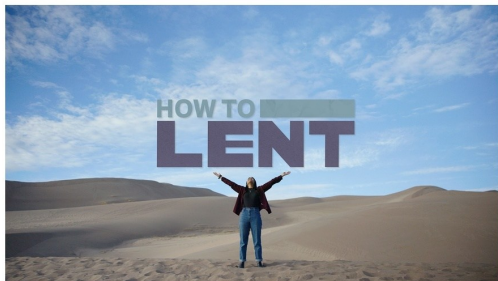


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## Week of March 08, 2026



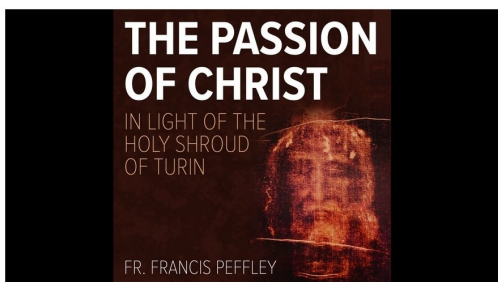
### How to Lent

Lent is right around the corner. In How To Lent, you will be guided by priests and religious in the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so that you can make this your best Lent yet.



### St. Frances

Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome, patroness of homemaking! Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and three-year-old Barbara make something they like to call "trash can soup." Find this episode's feature recipes and more about liturgical living in the home at Catholic All Year. <https://catholicallyear.com/at-home/>.



### The Passion of Christ in Light of the Holy Shroud

The Holy Shroud of Turin was called the greatest relic in Christendom by Pope St. John Paul II. Fr. Peffley presents new, detailed scientific and medical evidence for the authenticity of the Holy Shroud.

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## SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

*John 4:13-14*



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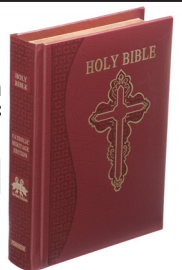
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