

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 30, 2020

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE GREATNESS OF POPE GREGORY THE GREAT IS STILL FELT IN THE CHURCH TODAY? Born around the year 540, he came from a wealthy family. Before the age of 30 he was Prefect of Rome, but after a number of years he resigned and established 6 monasteries on his estate in Sicily and became a Benedictine monk in his own home in Rome. Ordained a priest, he became one of the pope's 7 deacons. He served as papal nuncio to the Byzantine Court in Constantinople. Returning to Rome he was elected abbot of his monastery of St. Andrew. He undertook the missionary work in England but was called back to Rome by Pope Pelagius when plague broke out in the city. Pelagius died from the plague and Gregory was elected by the clergy and people of Rome and consecrated pope on September 3, 590. He restored church discipline, removed unworthy priests from office, abolished fees for services and emptied the papal treasury to ransom prisoners of the Lombards, to care for persecuted Jews and to help so many who suffered from famine or plague. He was an eloquent preacher, great theologian, reformer of the Liturgy, and the common chant of the Western Church, Gregorian chant, still bears his name. Gregory lived in a time of great strife and social upheaval. He, himself, went out to meet the Lombard king, persuading him not to invade the city of Rome and negotiated a peace treaty with the Lombards. In effect, he set aside the authority of the Byzantine emperor who had been neglecting the care of the Italian peninsula while still subjecting the people to tremendous taxes. Thus did Gregory begin the acquisition of temporal power of the pope and is truly the Father of the Medieval papacy. In his book Pastoral Care, he wrote of the duties of a bishop in maintaining order and bringing healing to the Church. He was untiring in preserving the supremacy of the bishop of Rome, the Successor of Peter, as the voice of authority in the Church. He referred to himself as "The Servant of the Servants of God," a title that is still used by the pope today. He died on March 12, 604 and was declared a saint by popular acclamation. Along with Ambrose, Augustine and Jerome, Gregory the Great is considered one of the 4 principal Doctors of the Western Church.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION. Those preparing for the reception of the Sacrament will meet on Monday, August 31st at 7:00 p.m. in the Slovenian Room. A reminder that sponsor certificates for all sponsors are due, as well as candidates' letters and saint reports.

TODAY'S PSALM RESPONSE:

"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God."

Last Sunday's Offering: \$5,073.00

Church Needs: \$1,000 in honor and memory of parents, Aloysius & Mercedes Nemecek from daughter, Bernadette Barnette; \$114 for the Feast of the Assumption from Rev. John Retar; \$100 from Mary Petelin; \$50 picnic donation from Zdravko & Andrea Novak; \$75 picnic donation from Stan & Jamie Zalar; \$50 from Marie & David Kushner in memory of Alex Ferrazzoli and Toncka Berkopec; \$20 in memory of Alex Ferrazzoli from Florian & Pat Osredkar; \$50 in lieu of picnic from Ursula Pisorn

The Following in Memory of Christian Chermely: \$50 from Elsie Jacobs, \$50 from the Visiting Angels, \$50 from Paula Jazwa, \$20 from Janet Miller, \$50 from Margaret Wolf, \$25 from Julia Laurich, \$25 from John & Katherine Sabol, \$100 from Marie & David Kushner, \$30 from Janet Zehner and Karen Bone

Pew Refurbishing: \$200 from Antonia Urankar; \$100 M/M Phil Merkun

Your generosity to the Parish is appreciated!

CLAMBAKE. Our socially distanced clambake will be held on Saturday, September 19th. Cost of the Steak & Clams dinner is \$35, Chicken and Clams dinner is \$28, Steak only dinners are \$25 and Extra Clams are \$10. Reservations are absolutely necessary by calling the rectory office at 216-761-7740 since attendance is limited.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY will be prayed in church on Wednesday, September 2nd at 6:30 p.m. Come and join us to pray for our nation during these turbulent times.

FIRST FRIDAY CONFESSIONS will be heard from 7:00 to 7:30 a.m. on Friday, September 4th.

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION. The Legion of Mary Cleveland West Comitium invites you to a traditional Eucharistic Procession on Saturday, September 5th at noon at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. The (less than 1 mile in distance) procession will be through the sidewalks of downtown Cleveland, as we walk, pray, and sing in honor of our Eucharistic Lord Jesus and Our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary. The event includes opening prayers and remarks by Fr. Kevin Estabrook, our Legion of Mary Comitium Spiritual Director, a procession with hymns and a return to the Cathedral for the recitation of the Rosary and closing prayers. RSVP is not required. All are welcome.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST. In the United States, the most basic, powerful, and counter-cultural thing we can do for God's creation is pray. We live in a culture that values busy-ness and accomplishments. Following our Creator's call to "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10) humbles us. With prayer, we become open to God's guidance, inspiration, and call to action. With prayer, God knits us closer together in community.

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**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Masses for the Week of Aug. 31-Sept. 6, 2020

Monday:	(8/31) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Christine Sustersic (Family)
Tuesday:	(9/1) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Poor Souls
Wednesday:	(9/2) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Radmila Veider (Family)
Thursday:	(9/3) ST. GREGORY THE GREAT (Pope & Doctor of the Church)
7:45 a.m.	Frank Ferkulj (Martina Stepec)
Friday:	(9/4) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Deceased Members of Grajciar & Ferkul Families (Cirila Grajciar and Stanley Ferkul)
Saturday:	(9/5) ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA
7:45 a.m.	Deceased Members of Marija Breclj Family (Dolinar Family)
5:00 p.m.	Amalija Champa (Randlett Family)
Sunday:	(9/6) TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Altar Society
12:00 noon	Ivan Kucmanic (Family)

Please Pray for Our Sick: Rev. William Jerse,
Rev. Zvonko Blasko, Zdravko Novak, George Rozman,
Tom McNulty, Brenda Prebevsek, Louis James Prebevsek,
Anna Kosir, Tim Petric, Ron Zagar

May He Rest in God's Peace:

+Martin Merela 

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In the words of his beautiful canticle, St. Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a mother who opens her arms to embrace us. Pope Francis' letter to the whole world on the importance of protecting and healing our natural world opens this way as well.

Let us pray,

Good and gracious God of all created things, seen and unseen. You created all things in this world for our use, and charge us with protecting that creation. Help us to see in all things the reflection of a parent's love for a child. When we see your goodness in the face of the moon, we see our sister. When we feel the warmth of the sun on our face, we feel the love of a brother. We ask for your strength to give us wisdom and courage to protect our earthly environment from destruction and overuse. Help us to share the goodness and generosity of the earth with every living person. We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ, our savior and brother. Amen.

DANES JE 22. NAVADNA NEDELJA.

ALI STE VEDELI, da veličina papeža Gregorija Velikega se še vedno čuti v Cerkvi danes? Rojen okrog leta 540, on je prišel iz bogate družine. Predno je bil star 30 let je bil Rimski prefekt, toda po nekaj letih je odstopil in postavil 6 samostanov na njegovem posestvu v Siciliji in postal Benediktinski menih v njegovem lastnem domu v Rimu. Posvečen duhovnik je postal eden od 7 papeževih diakonov. On je služil kot papežev nuncio na Bizantinski vladi v Carigradu. Ko se vrne v Rim je bil izvoljen za opata njegovega samostana Sv. Andreja. On je prevzel misijonsko delo v Angliji, toda je bil poklican nazaj v Rim od papeža Pelagija, ker je v mestu izbruhnila kuga. Pelagij je umrl od kuge in Gregorij je bil izvoljen od duhovščine in ljudi Rima in bil posvečen v papeža 3. septembra 590. On je postavil cerkveno disciplino, odstavil nevedne duhovnike, odpravil pristojbine za obrede in izpraznil papeževo zakladnico da reši jetnike od Lombardov, da skrbi za preganjane Jude in da pomaga neštetim, ki so trpeli zaradi lakote in kuge. Bil je izrazit pridigar, velik teolog, reformator liturgije in cerkveno petje Zahodne Cerkve. Gregorijansko petje še vedno nosi njegovo ime. Gregorij je živel v času velikih konfliktov in družbenih preobratov. On sam je šel k kralju Lombardov, prepriča ga naj ne napade Rima in naredil pogodbo miru z Lombardi. Tako je odstranil oblast Bizantinskega cesarja, ki je zanemarjal skrb Italijanskega polotoka, medtem še vedno podjarmoval ljudi z ogromnim davkom. Gregorij je vzel posvetno oblast in tako je začel Srednjeveško papeštvo. V njegovi knjigi Pastoralna Skrb, je napisal o dolžnostih škofa v vzdrževanju reda in prinesiti ozdravljenje Cerkvi. On je bil neutrujen za ohranitev nadvlade škofa Rima, naslednika Petra, kot glas oblasti v Cerkvi. On je sebe nanašal kot "Služabnik, služabnikov Boga." naslov ki ga še vedno uporablja papež danes. On je umrl 12. marca 604 in je bil izjavljen za svetnika od popularnega odobravanja. Poleg Ambroža, Avgušтина in Hieronima je Gregorij Veliki smatran za enega od velikih učiteljev Zahodne Cerkve.

PRIPRAVA NA BIRMO. Tisti, ki se pripravljate na sprejem Zakramenta, pridite na nadaljevanje priprave v ponedeljek 31. avgusta ob 7:00 zvečer v slovenski sobi. V opomin, da prinesete potrdila vseh botrov čimprej in tudi birmanci prinesite pismo in domačo nalogo o Svetnikih.

CLAMBAKE. Naš v socialni distanci Clambake bo v soboto 19. septembra. Cena za Steak & Clams je \$35, Chicken & Clams je \$28, samo Steak je \$25 in dodatne Clams \$10. Rezervacije so absolutno potrebne, zato kličite župnijski urad 216-761-7740 ker udeležba je omejena.

SPOVEDOVANJE ZA PRVI PETEK JE, od 7:00 do 7:30 zjutraj v petek 4. septembra.

ODPEV DANAŠNJEGA PSALMA JE:

MOJ BOG, MOJO DUŠO ŽEJA PO TEBI.