



**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 3, 2013**

Faith, hope, and love remain, these three;
but the greatest of these is love.

— 1 Corinthians 13:13

AN ONGOING MISSION

In his hometown synagogue, Jesus' neighbors are amazed by his words. Nevertheless, they remind each other, "Is this not Joseph's son?"

Surely the people know who he is. The carpenter's son. The young man who had learned in this very synagogue. The boy down the street.

Conflict arises as Jesus begins to define himself in a new way. When he compares himself to the ancient prophets Elijah and Elisha the tensions grow. The tensions multiply when Jesus begins to tell of a new mission for God's people: the good news of the scriptures is intended for all.

In his famous passage from the First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul reminds us of the eternal nature of love. Love does not come to an end. In today's readings, we are reminded that, like love, Jesus' mission cannot be contained. Jesus slips through the crowd of persecutors and moves on to new challenges. We are called to this same perseverance in the name of love.

Questions for Reflection on the Gospel

For Adults: What do you do when a message you are trying to deliver "falls on deaf ears"?

For Children: What ways do you show God's love to someone who is lonely or hurting?



Peninsula Catholic Young Adults

Are you a young adult (22-40) who is looking to enrich your faith in a social setting? The PCYA is a ministry based at St. Gregory's in San Mateo for those young adults in the mid-peninsula who are seeking something new from church. Check us out on Facebook or our website! We will be gathering on Tuesday, Feb 5th.

FB: [facebook.com/peninsulacya](https://www.facebook.com/peninsulacya)

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Sunday Collection \$9,671.04

St. Patrick's Seminary \$3,135.42

Thank you! Your generous contributions help to make our ministries possible.



Congratulations to our high school students who are being confirmed this Saturday, February 2nd at 5:00 pm by Archbishop George Niederauer. May the Spirit of God always be a guiding presence in their lives. Many thanks to Melissa and James Ursin, Confirmation Coordinators and those who assisted them in preparation for this day.

Forward In Faith Series

During Lent, the Archdiocese of San Francisco is once again presenting the *Forward in Faith* series for Catholics who wish to deepen their faith in God and the life of the Church. In our area, the parishes of St. Mark's and St. Dunstan's are hosting evenings for the series. If you are interested in a flier with a registration form and more information including dates, times, all the locations and topics of this program, stop by or call St. Gregory's parish office at 345-8506.

Contribution Statements

Due to the current requirements of the tax law, a statement of your 2012 contributions to St. Gregory Church has been mailed to you on January 30. **No need to call the parish office this year.**

Please join us
following 9am Mass **NEXT Sunday**
in the Vanos gym



Anna Ramacciotti is the **Parish Council** contact member for the month of February. Call her at 345-6138 with questions or suggestions.



DID YOU KNOW about Vatican II...?

Most of the changes which we saw in the Mass were actually made after Vatican II, in a series of "Instructions" sent to Pastors.

**St. Gregory's 9 Alive Family Mass
This Sunday February 3rd
9:00 o'clock Mass**



**God's Good News
All Are Welcome
God Loves Each One of Us**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The song of the angels, "Holy, Holy, Holy," resounds from our lips at every Mass. There was a widespread belief in the first religions of the world that God stirred creation into being by a word, a song, a musical note. Music and a sense of God's presence have always been inseparable. In the liturgy, your voice is invited into this song as the priest names the reasons for our praise. "Heaven and earth are full of your glory," and we are not passive on-lookers, but participants in this glory. Catholic prayer no longer assigns this angelic hymn to a choir, but gives it to you to sing. Even if your voice is thought to be suitable only for a well-insulated shower stall, you are called into this song.

We are born to sing—just listen to a baby testing the full range of newly-discovered vocal abilities. Soon we get shushed and hushed into quiet, and given lots of messages that our voices are unwanted, and that we need to raise our hands in order to be heard. All of that is overturned in liturgy, the place where God waits to hear us come alive in the song of all creation. In heaven, everyone's in the choir; why not start practicing now?

**Mass Intentions
For The Week**



**FEBRUARY 2
TO
FEBRUARY 10**

Saturday	5:00 † Vera Germano
Sunday	7:30 † Richard Steffen
	9:00 † Baptiste Barreneche
	10:30 St. Gregory Parishioners
	12:00 † John Gabriel Buencamino
	5:30 † Maria Gonzaga
Monday	8:30 † Marousa Gofa
Tuesday	8:30 † Greta Schillig
Wednesday	8:30 † Gregory Pilla
Thursday	8:30 † Albert Bigley
Friday	8:30 † Edward Mifsud
Saturday	8:30 † Rosina Fazio
	5:00 † Jose and Maria Silva
Sunday	7:30 † Dorothy Bellone
	9:00 † Rose Fazio
	10:30 St. Gregory Parishioners
	12:00 † Alvera Germano
	5:30 † Thomas Carroll

SAN MATEO PRO LIFE

Our next meeting will be
Thursday, **Feb 7th** at 7:30PM
St. Gregory's Worner Center



**** NOTE:** Meeting is one week **EARLY**

All are welcome!

For more info: Jessica 572-1468

Coming soon: **Rally for 40 Days for Life:**

Join us on Sunday Feb 10th at 35 Baywood Ave in San Mateo from 2-3 pm, *rain or shine*. Includes vigil sign-ups for 40 Days.

Campaign for 40 Days for Life: Wed Feb 13th - Sun Mar 24th, daily from 7am to 7pm. A peaceful, prayerful vigil in front of Planned Parenthood at above address to end abortion and restore a Culture of Life! For more info or to sign up online visit

www.40daysforlife.com/sanmateo

**Let's defend all people from conception
to natural death.**

Book of James: A Roadmap for Christians

St. Gregory Bible Study

Tuesday Evenings, Feb 12-March 26, 2013

7:00-8:30PM

Worner Center @ St. Gregory Church

This infrequently read book can be understood as our roadmap for the Christian journey. The unifying theme of the Book of James is:

"Be doers of the word, not hearers." (James 1:22)

Whether you are a beginner or an experienced scripture reader, consider joining us to learn and grow in faith.

There is a \$10 fee to cover the cost of the book.

Call the Main Office at 345-8506 to register.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR SCHOOL AUCTION-

The auction committee is asking for your help. They would like some families to donate any items or any parties. A few examples from the past include: Time Shares, Condos, Progressive Parties, Bunko Nights, Oscar Events, Poker Nights and Giants' Games to name just a few. If you have an item that you can donate or are a group of parents that would like to host an event or party it would be **graciously appreciated**. Please contact the office@stgregs-sanmateo.org for a sponsor form. Thank you very much for any and all of your support.

2013 Men's Faith Study Group

For those wishing to deepen their knowledge of our Catholic faith, please join us Saturday mornings at 7:00am as we reflect on the book "Rediscover Catholicism". It's a great way to help you to be the spiritual leader of your family and get to know other men in the parish.

All are welcome.

For more information contact Dave at (650) 333-7338



Society of
St. Vincent de Paul

The next **St. Vincent de Paul Conference** meeting will be held on **Wednesday, Feb 6th at 7:00 pm** in the **Parish Office**. Anyone interested in learning more about our work is encouraged to attend.