

The Chant

St. Gregory's Anglican Church

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World by Knowing, Loving and Serving God.



This past month we had our annual Episcopal visit where Bishop Ackerman, our diocesan assisting bishop came to celebrate, preach, and receive several members into the Church. Bishops are an essential part of our Catholic identity and serve a very particular role in the life of the Church. As our Anglican Catechism, *To Be A Christian*, explains, "The work of bishops is to represent and serve Christ and the Church as chief pastors, to lead in preaching and teaching the faith and in shepherding the faithful, to guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church, and to bless, confirm and ordain, thus following in the tradition of the Apostles." In my opinion, perhaps the most important function listed is to guard the faith. They are entrusted to keep error out of our beliefs and practices.



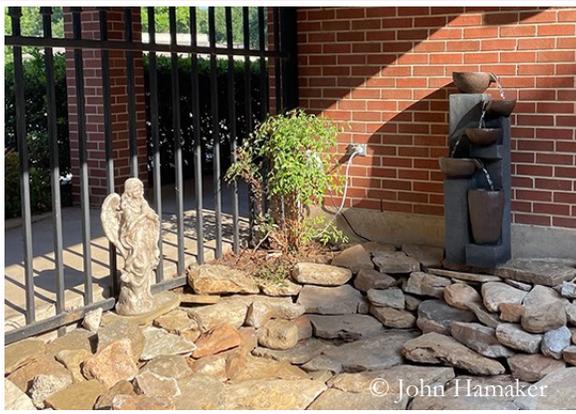
And this is a function that we have seen performed since the time of the New Testament. In the Acts of the Apostles, we see in Chapter 15 what is known as the Jerusalem Council. At this point, there was a group of Jewish Christians who were teaching that it was necessary for Gentile converts to be circumcised and submit to the Mosaic Law. Paul and Barnabas disagreed and they took the matter to the apostles and elders in Jerusalem. They discuss the matter and James, the first Bishop of Jerusalem, declares "therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God, but should write to them to abstain from the things polluted by idols, and from sexual immorality, and from what has been strangled, and from blood." So, here we see the hierarchy of the Church, centered around the Apostles, coming together to guard the belief and practice of the Church.

Another way in which we see this happening in the New Testament is through the teaching contained in Paul's letters. Now, Paul was not traditionally an Apostle, as he wasn't named among the original twelve, but Jesus appeared to him and commissioned him as an Apostle to the Gentiles and was accepted by the rest of the Apostles (Galatians 1:11-2:10). Paul would often address Christian communities in his letters regarding error creeping in that would serve to undermine the Gospel that he had preached to them. One such instance was at the church in Colossae. Paul wrote to the Colossians to combat some false teaching that was being spread. We aren't sure of the exact nature of that teaching, but Paul addresses it directly in the second chapter of his letter. He warns the Colossians to "see to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ."

This month we will be studying the Letter of Paul to the Colossians on Wednesday evenings following mass. I hope you will all join us as we discuss the teaching of Paul and his proclaiming the truth and power of the Gospel and combating the error trying to hinder that Gospel. And let us never forget to give thanks and pray for our bishops who carry out that same ministry today.

Fr. Alan Horton+

The *Chant* is archived on St. Gregory's website: <http://www.stgregorysmansfield.org/this-week/the-chant-2>



Jr. Warden's Report

I'm sure you may have noticed that the prayer garden has been revitalized. Thank you to the many hands and efforts of others that helped with this effort. New plants were donated and planted and a new fountain donated and installed to make the prayer garden what Sally initially envisioned. This church is blessed to have so many people that feel called to care for the property. You and your help are greatly appreciated.

In Christ, *John*



June Birthdays

- 02~ Nancy Studstill
- 03 ~ Phil Hawkins
- 05~ Michael Mowrer
- 08~ Dot Cannon
- 10~ Rita Barowsky
- 10~ Tony Casamento
- 10~ Colin Hiley
- 17~ Diane Auger
- 19~ Cheri Davis
- 19~ Dee Lemser
- 23~ Kay Tamakian
- 24~ Maria Casamento
- 26~ John Zavala
- 28~ Angie Griffin
- 29~ Gigi Okafor
- 29~ Jason Grubenhoff

June Anniversaries

- 01~ Armand & Diane Auger – 54 years
- 06~ Jay & Kathy King – 32 years
- 11~ John & Jane Zavala – 12 years

Mark Your June Calendar

- 01~ 6:30 Eucharist, Bible Study follows
- 02~ 6pm Bridge Group
- 03~ 7am Bishop Iker Golf Tournament
- 04~ 8am Men's Group @Rosa's
- 05~ 9am Eucharist
10am Coffee Hour
- 07~ 9:30am Women's Bible Study
- 08~ 1pm Watercrest Eucharist
6:30 Eucharist Bible Study follows
- 09~ 6pm Bridge Group
- 11~ 11am Women's High Tea Event
- 12~ 9am Eucharist
10am Coffee Hour
- 14~ 9:30am Women's Bible Study
- 15~ 6:30 Eucharist Bible Study follows
- 16~ 6pm Bridge Group
- 18~ 8am Mens' Group @ Rosa's
- 19~ Happy Father's Day!
9am Eucharist
10am Brunch
- 21~ 9:30am Women's Bible Study
- 22~ 1pm Watercrest Eucharist
6:30 Eucharist Bible Study follows
- 23~ 6pm Bridge Group
- 25~ 10am DHC Meeting
11am Healing Ministry
- 26~ 9am Eucharist
10am Coffee Hour
- 28~ 9:30am Women's Bible Study
- 29~ 6:30pm Eucharist, Bible Study
- 30~ 6pm Bridge Group

Daughters of the Holy Cross



Cheri Davis and Kathy Walker attended the Fourth Provincial Assembly in Scottsdale, Arizona from May 20 - May 23 for the Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross. There were 85 ladies in attendance at the council. The Most Reverend Dr. Foley Beach honored the assembly by leading our first archaist. The assembly focused on the joy of serving God and others and strengthening our lives in prayer. The Chaplin for the order is the Right Reverend Mark Lawrence that lead other Holy Eucharist and Morning Prayers.

Fellowship in sharing our joys and concerns about our chapters and how to continue to grow the order were discussed. In small groups, we shared how we can share our stories, joy through studying Lectio Divina, and finding the joy in scriptures. The beautiful retreat center was a perfect place to reflect on our service to God and others. It was truly an honor and privilege to represent our church and chapter.

In Christ alone, *Kathy*



We held our most recent DHC Meeting on Saturday, May 28, 2022, had had 9 in attendance. There are currently 16 members and 3 candidates.

The Daughters reviewed Chapter 7 of *His Way to Pray*, which is "The Prayer of Patience." This was the final chapter of a very well written and helpful book. We also reviewed and updated our daily Prayer List.

On June 11th at 11am, the Daughters are hosting a Tea at Barbara Hanson's home. This event is open to all the ladies of St. Gregory's. Don't worry, Barbara has a very large living area, so everyone is welcome to come. Please RSVP to Barbara no later than Sunday, June 5th.

Theresa



22 Annual Golf Tournament
3 June at Squaw Valley.
Contact
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Tim Cannon 682-558-4934

If you would like a full size copy of any of the pictures, advise and I'll e-mail you a copy.



Pet Partners

Pet Partners is a nationwide pet therapy group. Locally we have a group that holds Pet Partners evaluations monthly at St Gregory's to test teams (handler & dog) so they can visit various places. We are so grateful that St Gregory's allows us to have the evaluations. These handlers come from all over the Metroplex. We also have Animal Assisted Crisis Response teams that are trained and tested further..

If anyone would like more information I would be happy to talk to you or go to petpartners.com website.



Blessings, Abby



St. Clara's Guild

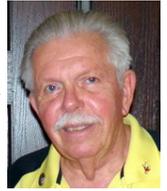


The St. Clara's meeting that was scheduled for Saturday, June 11, has been cancelled due to a scheduling conflict.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, August 13, at 9:00 in the Parish Hall.

Barbara

Order of St. Luke



WHY A HEALING MINISTRY? Did God not provide us with doctors, specialists in every field of medicine, covering all our systems including mental disorders? So why pray for healing?

The truth is that doctors, no matter how proficient, are only able to treat symptoms. Only God can make a person whole, physically as well as mentally.

God's word gives many examples of healings, as well as many directives given by Jesus. In Matthew 10:13, Luke 9:12 and Mark 6:1-6 Jesus sent his 12 apostles to proclaim that the Kingdom is near. He gave them authority to drive out demons and heal diseases. Later Jesus sent 72 disciples giving them authority to proclaim the Kingdom, drive out demons and heal the sick. His last directive "The Great Commission" entails all other directives he gave.

This brings us up to date. We have well established churches serving parishioners with services and bible studies. We have established prayer lists that are dutifully read. It appears to me that the one ingredient, that Jesus stressed, is missing. When Jesus sent out his apostles and then the 72 disciples, it was always person to person. James 1:22 directs us to be personally involved ('But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.')

With the last quote in mind, it is my suggestion that each church establishes prayer teams of 2 or 3 people and have those teams available after communion or after the service to pray for individuals asking for prayer.

I will make myself available for team training as required.

Heinz, Heinz.liedke@gmail.com, John 14:12,13



Music & Choir



I would like to thank everyone for their patience as we have moved forward with the music at the church. Last November we started changing up to a different way to provide hymns for our service music. This is such an important part of our worship service. As we went through the initial stages, we developed from 3 hymns to using interludes for pre-service, communion, and post service.

Most recently we have gone to 5 hymns for our services. It has been a pleasure to be able to provide this for our services.

So now we are coming back to our parishioners for more help. As we have held on to our shrinking choir, we are now getting smaller with one member moving away. We certainly would love for any parishioner who would like to join us to come to the choir loft. We arrive at 8:20am before the Sunday service to practice the hymns that we use for the service. At this time that has become the only commitment. We would feel very blessed for anyone who would like to join our choir on Sunday. If you feel the call, please feel free to join us.

Also anyone with the ability to run a playlist could also help us with providing hymns on Sunday.

Thank you all for your patience, and GOD bless you.

Fritz Barowsky, 972-393-5587 hm, 214-794-4834 mbl



St. Gregory's Genealogy Research Group



The Genealogy Group began meeting again in May. We had a new person join us. It is a great feeling to help someone start their genealogy journey.

The Group went to Mama Cuca's for a lunch following the meeting. It was great food and fellowship.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, June 2nd at 9:30 a.m. in the Parrish Hall. Bring your laptop, if you have one. Hope to see you there!!

Happy Hunting! *Gayle*

23andMe is the only company with multiple FDA authorizations for over-the-counter genetic health risk reports, and in particular the only company that is FDA authorized to provide, without physician involvement, genetic cancer risk reports and medication insights on how individuals may process certain commonly prescribed medications based on their genetics. The company has also created the world's largest crowdsourced platform for genetic research, which it is using to pursue drug discovery programs rooted in human genetics across a spectrum of disease areas.

We increased the number of health reports in our Personal Genome Service to over 60, grew our customer base to 12.8 million genotyped customers and expanded our therapeutics pipeline to more than 50 active programs with two now in Phase 1 clinical trials. All of these accomplishments further our mission to help people access, understand and benefit from the human genome," said Anne Wojcicki, CEO and Co-Founder of 23andMe. "Genomic information is enabling us to revolutionize the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of human disease. 23andMe 4th qtr news release (Nasdaq: ME).

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“Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him”
John 13:16

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