



# St. Gregory the Great

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Friday, March 13, 2020

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation continues to develop, I want to keep you informed about our parish family of St. Gregory the Great. Today, our Apostolic Administrator, Bishop Edward Scharfenberger, suspended the **obligation** to attend Sunday and Holy Day Masses until further notice.

**Please know that all Masses will continue to be celebrated at St. Gregory the Great Church as scheduled.**

Please know that we will strictly enforce the maximum population limits set by our elected officials. We will be prepared, for those who desire to come to celebrate Mass, to have multiple sites for Mass to take place at the same scheduled time. Remember that all Masses are live streamed from our Church and you will be able to pray with us and celebrate the Mass by way of the internet. The live stream address is: <http://www.stgregs.org/live-stream>

Effective immediately until Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am, **ALL PARISH** activities and offices are cancelled/closed with the exception of Mass. Again, all Masses will be celebrated as scheduled.

Please know that the health and well-being of our parishioners and visitors is our highest priority. We are following closely the directives we have received from the Diocese of Buffalo and from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the New York State Department of Health to help prevent the spread of the virus. We will be as vigilant as possible to maintain a clean and disinfected facility.

At this time I urge you to pray for those who have become ill due to this virus and to pray for the repose of those who have died because of it. I also urge you to simply remain calm and to practice regular hygiene to maintain your own health should you come in contact with this or any virus or germ.

Please continue to check our parish website for the most up to date information. May God bless you, our Mother Mary watch over you and St. Gregory the Great intercede for you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Leon J. Biernat, Pastor