The final visit of Bishop Jack L. Iker with St. Gregory’s prior to his end-of-year retirement.
The fall semester is upon us and although the weather isn’t doing much to signal it, everything else is FALLing into place. The kids have returned to school, football is back, and things are in full swing at St. Gregory’s. On September 8, we will have our first official Rally Day in my tenure as rector. I hope everyone will make an effort to be at church that Sunday and discover all of the ways to get involved in our parish. We also have Sunday school starting the following Sunday, September 15. If you have not signed your children up yet, please do so we can make sure we have enough supplies for all of our kids.

Next, we are getting back to Wednesday evening Bible Study following our 6:30 pm service starting on September 11. This semester we will be studying the Minor Prophets. The Minor Prophets are the last 12 books of the Old Testament from Hosea to Malachi. They are referred to as the Minor Prophets due to the length of each book, not necessarily their importance. These books cover approximately the 8th century to 6th century BC and are a record of God’s warnings, judgments, and promises to his people from before the fall of the Northern Kingdom to the return of the exiles from the Southern Kingdom. We will be departing from our usual verse by verse study of each book and focus more on the historical context and overall message, highlighting various passages in the process. I look forward to getting back into studying scripture in a group setting as we always have stimulating discussions. I would encourage everyone who is able to join us as we dig deeper into the Word of God.

Finally, we will have a couple opportunities to connect with our preschool families. We have the Fall Festival on October 19 as well as the Thanksgiving Feast on November 21. The Fall Festival is a great chance for us to get together with our community and put on a fun event for all ages. The Thanksgiving Feast is specifically for our preschoolers and their families to have a meal served by our parishioners. You can get more information about the Festival on our website and there are forms for vendors. So, if you know anyone who might be interested, please spread the word so we can have a successful event. And there will be more information about the Thanksgiving feast as we get closer to that date.

But, the most important event we have coming up isn’t at St. Gregory’s at all and that is the consecration of our new bishop co-adjutor for the diocese. On Saturday, September 21, the Very Reverend Ryan Reed will become the newest bishop in Christ’s One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. The service will be held at Arborlawn United Methodist Church in Fort Worth and will begin at 10:00 am. This is truly an historic event as Dean Reed will be set to become the 4th Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Worth and continue in the legacy of godly leadership that this diocese has experienced thus far. I would highly encourage everyone to attend and support our new bishop in his ministry.

I am very excited for the coming months and am ready to move into a season of vibrant activity and hopefully cooler weather sooner than later.

Fr. Alan Horton+

Sunday sermons are recorded, each Sunday.
Preschool Happenings

The 2019/2020 school year is off to a great start! We welcomed two new teachers to co-teach together in our 2 year old classroom: Mrs. Wendy Prevatte and Mrs. Lucinda Flores. We are so blessed to have them as a part of our SGP team this year. Enrollment is doing well: we have a waiting list in our youngest classes, but still a few openings in the Pre-K program. There's no time to waste as we dive right into another busy school year.

Coming up in September we will have Fall picture days scheduled September 9th and 10th. Robert and Cindy Bloomfield so graciously provided their services to the preschool for the last several years and upon their retirement we have decided on a new photography studio "Wonder Years" to provide our school photos. We were spoiled by the Bloomfield’s and their wonderful service, praying for a good experience with the new studio!

Also in September, we will have SGP spirit wear sales. This will serve as one of our fundraisers, as a portion of the sales will go to the preschool. Order forms will be available at the back of the church.

We are happy to have both Abby Wilson and Bernice Baldwin return as volunteers here at the preschool. Abby comes out once a month with the Pet Partners program, bringing along her furry friends for story time and visiting with the classes. Bernice comes out once a month to host a special story time for the children, reading themed and holiday stories to the classes. If you are interested in getting involved with the preschool, contact Elizabeth Rivera in the office @ 817-473-6205 or email @ sgpreschool@stgregorymansfield.org.

Pic #1 Michael Winter's first day in Jr. Pre-K (photo cred Michelle Savitch) Pic #2 Elise's first day of Pre-K (photo cred Ellen Dauzat)

My grandfather on my father's side.

St. Gregory's Genealogy Research Group

Our August meeting was held on August 2nd in the Parish Hall at the Church. We started a new Beginner’s Group.

Some of us attended sessions from the Fort Worth and Arlington Genealogy Societies during the month.

As a genealogist, every now and then you find something that just "blows your socks off". I just want to share some interesting news.

Barbara Edwards and I have discovered that we are 6th cousins once removed. We share a grandfather and grandmother ....for me it is my 6th great grandparents and for Barbara her 5th great grandparents. Our research shows Barbara and I are both kin to the same Simon Reeder (1715-1797) and Anastasia Dunbar, some of the early colonial families of Maryland. Our next step is to try to compare our DNA on Ancestry.com and Gedmatch to prove it. It is a small world.

Happy Hunting, Gayle Bradburn

RALLY DAY - SEPTEMBER 8TH

Looking for a way to use your talents to serve at St. Gregory’s? After services on Sunday September 8th the Parish Hall will be filled with displays, contact information and sign up sheets for all Guilds and Organizations at St. Gregory’s. There will also be a sign up sheet for Sunday School which resumes on September 15th.

Candace

Children’s registration: Sunday School starts September 15th. Please take time to fill out a registration form for your children. Forms are located on the credenza at the back of the church. Suzanne Dougherty
Jr. Warden’s Report

We had a workday in August and the turn out / support was great, and we had a lot of success.

Thanks to all of you that participated at the Church. Galye & Walt Bradburn, Ruth Sabourin, Toby Navarre, Tim Cannon, John & Elizabeth Hamaker, Fritz & Rita Barowsky, Steve Hawkins, Sean Sparkman and Mack Holcomb. If I missed anyone please excuse me.

Trice

Pictures by Tim Cannon
Order of St. Luke

Consider the below biblical passages and determine if healing is something that interests you.


1 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two [a] others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go.
2 He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.
3 Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.
4 Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.
5 “When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’
6 If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you.
7 Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.
8 “When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you.
9 Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’
10 But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say,
11 ‘Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.’

Heinz Liedke

Daughters of the Holy Cross

The Daughters of the Holy Cross met on August 24th, 2019, at St. Gregory's. There was a discussion to collect toiletries and other necessary items for homeless persons. Suzanne will contact the lady at the Arlington Night Shelter and find out the needs of the people at the Shelter. We could also get these items to the homeless in Mansfield and surrounding cities. We could also get the parishioners at St. Gregory's involved in this worthwhile project. More will be discussed at our next meeting. We will also be participating in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Boxes. It was decided to buy plastic containers this year. Any parishioners from the Church are invited to participate in this project. Our next DHC meeting will be on Saturday, September 28th, 2019, at St. Gregory's.

Our next monthly meeting will be on Saturday, September 28th, at 10:00am at St. Gregory's.

Blessings, Bernice Baldwin

St. Gregory's is expanding our greeting card ministry to aide parishioners in sending get well, sympathy, thinking of you and thank you cards to fellow parishioners. Donations of cards are currently being accepted to help get this ministry started. Donations of men's and children's birthday cards are also needed. For additional information contact Candace Griffin (817-366-5686).

Candace

Ice cream reception following the Bishop's final visit on the 18th.
Our Clergy and Staff

“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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