

# COMUNIDAD CATÓLICA de ST. GREGORY-OUR LADY OF FATIMA

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December 27, 2014 ~ 27 de Diciembre 2014



## MASS SCHEDULE ~ LA MISA

Saturday	5:00 pm	Shelby
Sunday	9:30 am	Hart
Domingo	11:30 am	Hart; Español

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday	4:00 pm	Shelby
By appointment		(231) 873-2660

## BAPTISM~ MARRIAGE~ANOINTING

Please call the Parish Office (231) 873-2660

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Our Lady of Fatima is located at 1372 S Oceana Dr, Shelby  
 St. Gregory is located at 316 S Peach Ave, Hart

**LITURGY ~ LITÚRGIA**  
**Dec 28-Jan 3 ~ 28 de Diciembre-3 Enero**

**Tues/Martes**  
 9:00 am St G Mass

**Solemnity of Mary**  
**Santa Maria, Madre de Dios**

**Thurs/Jueves: December 31**  
 5:15 pm OLF Vigil Mass/Misa Bilingüe  
**Fri/Viernes January 1**  
 8:30 am Assumption, Rothbury  
 9:00 am St Joseph, Weare  
 10:00 am St James, Montague



**Sat/Sabado**  
 5:00 pm OLF Parish Family  
**Sun/Domingo**  
 9:30 am StG Faye Roche  
 11:30 am St G Familia Parroquial

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**  
**MINISTERIOS DE LA MISA**

**December 31 de Diciembre**

**Word/Lectura:** Paul Inglis, Reyna Ramirez  
**Eucharist/Comuni6n:** R Dold, V Griffin, A Contreras  
**Servers/Ac6litos:** Enrique Cruz  
**Hospitality/Bienvenida :** Jesus Zarzoza y Familia

**Jan 2 & 3 de Enero**

**Ministers of the Word/Lectura**

5:00 pm Kathy Carter  
 9:30 am Jim Cunningham  
 11:30 am Olga Guzman

**Ministers of the Eucharist/Comuni6n**

5:00 pm P Earhart, P Poynter, R Setlak  
 9:30 am A Bosse, G Merten, J Merten  
 11:30 am A Contreras, E DeBlas, H Madrigal

**Altar Servers/Ac6litos**

11:30 am Ulises Escoto, Osiel DeBlas

**Ministers of Hospitality/Bienvenida**

9:30 am M Jastrzembski, V Griffin  
 11:30 am Agustin Tudon y Familia

**Ushers/Colecta y Ofrendas**

9:30 am J Schaner, R Umstad, A Bosse, T Bosse  
 11:30 am Gerardo Morales y Familia

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**



Gene Schaner, Jim Johnson, David Adamczyk, Donald Earhart Jr., Deana Lenon, Ed Lathrop, Jeanne Strzyz, Tom Merten, Agnes Kokx, John Bell, Sally Morden, Victoriano Herevia, Sean

Morrissey, Ann Herrygers, Heather Swiech, Dennis Hedinger, Mary Beth Latona, Don Hopper, Mike Fuller, Fidencio Vasquez Jr, Oralia Davila, Bryan Cramer, Joseph Frontiera, Richard Davila. Daniel Crawford, Donna Manisfield, Paula Tibbitts, Wendy Baxter, Julie LaPree, Mike Oomen, Ardith Merten, Maria Trinidad Carbajal y Francisco.

**STEWARDSHIP**  
**Dec 12/13 de Diciembre**

Envelopes \$3,517.00  
 Loose 747.03  
 Total \$4,264.03



**PARISH CALENDAR - CALENDARIO**  
**Dec 27-Jan 3 ~ 27 de Diciembre-3 de Enero**

Mon/Lunes	StG	8-9:00 am	Prayer Group- 206 S Peach, Hart
	StG		No Faith Formation
Wed/Mi6rcoles	StG & OLF	3-5:00 pm	No Faith Formation
			Food Pantry, 11 Washington, Hart
Thurs/Jueves	StG	7:00 pm	No Bible Study
Sat/Sabado	OLF	4:40 pm	Rosary before Mass

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** classes are on break until Monday, Jan 4.

**BIBLE STUDY** is on break and resumes on Thurs, Jan 14 at 7:00 pm for 12 weeks. Commentary: Israel Part II will be the guide. Cost for the book is \$15.00. Call Sharon at 873-4253 by Jan 3 to order your book.

**PARISH OFFICE** will be closed Jan 1. Bulletin deadline is Tuesday, Dec 29th at noon. Have a safe and blessed New Year.



**FOOD PANTRY:** Particularly needed are toiletries, peanut butter and tuna. Monetary donations are also welcome, to assist with bulk buying opportunities. Donations may be left at either parish at any time, or at the pantry 3-5:00 pm on Wednesdays. Monetary donations may be dropped in the collection, in an envelope marked "Pantry". Thanks for your support.

**CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES** are available in the back of church. If you do not find your envelopes, or if any corrections are needed, please call the parish office at 873-2660. Also, if you would like a **statement of your 2015 contributions**, please call the office. THANKS for your support.

**LAY MINISTRY** schedules are available at both churches.

**PARISH DIRECTORY:** If you do not want your address and/or phone number included in the new parish directory, please notify the parish office at 873-2660.

**ANNUAL REPORT** is available in the back of both churches.



**THANK YOU** to all who showed up at both churches to help decorate for Christmas. The beautiful trees we are all enjoying were a **BIG JOB** for the workers. Thanks and blessings to the cooks, the decorators, and all who lent a hand. If you're available, help will be needed for take-down after weekend masses on Jan 9/10, the end of the Christmas Season.

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION:** For the second year in a row, the Diocese of Grand Rapids Education Office has been named to the AP® District Honor Roll, recognizing the success of all four high schools in the diocese: Grand Rapids Catholic Central HS, West Catholic HS in Grand Rapids, Muskegon Catholic Central HS and St. Patrick HS in Portland.

**RIGHT TO LIFE:**

- **SILENT MARCH:** Jan 23, beginning at 2:00 at St Gregory. Proceed to courthouse for prayer service and then return to St G for speaker and refreshments. Guest Speaker: Nancy Fuhlbrook from Project Rachel.
- **MARCH OF LIFE:** Diocese of Grand Rapids is coordinating a trip to Washington DC Jan 21-24 for high school students and chaperones. Registration is *first come, first serve*. Contact Betty 616-516-0082 or elizabethbesteman@yahoo.com .



**CATHOLIC INFORMATION CENTER:** Upcoming programs with live streaming. Visit catholicinformationcenter.org for details.

- **REDISCOVERING OUR CATHOLIC MYSTICAL AND CONTEMPLATIVE TRADITION:** Jan 6 & Feb 3, 7-8:45 pm.
- **ST LUKE, THE GREAT STORYTELLER:** Jan 11, 1-2:45.
- **DIVORCE, ANNULMENT AND REMARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH TODAY:** Jan 14 & 21, 7-8:45 pm.

This is the time when the stores and shopping centers are packed with people, but this time it is not to buy gifts for their loved ones, but to return the gifts that their loved ones gave them for Christmas.



Este es el momento en que las tiendas y los centros comerciales se llenan de gente, pero esta vez no es para comprar regalos para sus seres queridos, sino para regresar los regalos que sus mismos seres queridos les compraron en Navidad.

My godson Sean works at a retail store in Tennessee. He tells me that on the day after Christmas there are long lines of people ready to either return or exchange their gifts. One day, he tells me, that he saw his own wife walking in to return a scarf he gave her for Christmas! He laughs now when telling me the story, but it was not so funny when it happened. Sean put much time, effort, and money looking for a special gift for his wife. Unfortunately, she only saw a scarf and thought that since she had several, she could return it and use the money for something else. There are gifts, however, that should not be returned.

From the beginning of our existence, God is constantly giving us many gifts. In fact, for God, every day is Christmas! From the gift of life, of having a name, an identity, a home, the ability to read this reflection; to the gift of love, respect, and dignity, God always fills our lives with many and very good gifts.

Unfortunately, just like Sean's wife did, sometimes we take these gifts for granted and think that we have plenty of them, so we want to return them and change them for something else. That is how we change love for hatred, prudence for lust, and depth for superficiality, good things for bad things. There are times when it seems easy to choose what we do not have rather than using (and sometimes even unwrapping) the amazing gifts that we already have within ourselves.

Sean approached his wife and told her that there was a reason why he gave her the scarf: he was going to take her to a cruise through Alaska and wanted her to have something to keep her warm during the trip. God does the same thing; the gifts God gives us—though they may seem simple—are for our glory and victory in life. The real presents are never returned.

As we start the New Year, it is good to reflect on everything we are made of. I assure you that you will find wonderful gifts God has given you: creativity, patience, ability to think and feel, freedom, ability to give and receive love... and much more!

When you find these presents—these real presents—thank God for giving us gifts that bring meaning to our lives; and then use them for your good and the good of those around you. That is how we build the Kingdom of God, which is already present among us.

*By Byron Macías, C.M.F.*

Mi ahijado Sean trabaja en una tienda en Tennessee. Me cuenta que en el mismo día después de navidad ya hay largas isla de gente lista para devolver o cambiar sus regalos. Un día, me dice que ¡vio a su propia esposa entrando a la tienda para devolver la bufanda que él le había comprado por Navidad!

Hoy se ríe al contarme la historia, pero no fue tan chistosa cuando sucedió. Sean invirtió mucho tiempo, esfuerzo y dinero buscando un regalo especial para su esposa. Desafortunadamente, ella solo vio una bufanda y pensó que ya que tenía varias, la podía devolver y usar el dinero en algo más. Hay regalos, sin embargo, que no se deben devolver.

Desde el principio de nuestra existencia, Dios constantemente nos da muchos regalos. De hecho, para Dios, ¡cada día es Navidad! Desde el regalo de la vida, de tener un nombre, una identidad, un hogar, la habilidad de leer esta reflexión; hasta el regalo del amor, el respeto y la dignidad, Dios siempre llena nuestras vidas con muchos regalos y muy buenos.

Lamentablemente, tal y como lo hizo la esposa de Sean, a veces tomamos estos regalos por sentado y pensamos que ya tenemos muchos, así que queremos devolverlos o cambiarlos por algo más. es así que cambiamos amor por odio, prudencia por lujuria, profundidad por superficialidad, lo bueno por lo malo. Hay veces cuando parece fácil optar por lo que no tenemos en vez de usar (y hasta a veces abrir) los geniales regalos que tenemos dentro de nosotros mismos.

Sean se acercó a su esposa y le dijo que había una razón por la cual le dio la bufanda: la iba a llevar a un crucero por Alaska y quería que tuviera algo que la abrigara durante el viaje. Dios hace lo mismo; los regalos que Dios nos da —así parezcan simples— nos los da para nuestra gloria y triunfo en la vida. Los regalos verdaderos nunca se devuelven.

Al iniciar este año nuevo es bueno reflexionar sobre todo aquello de lo que estamos hechos. Les aseguro que encontrarán regalos maravillosos que Dios les ha dado: creatividad, paciencia, capacidad de pensar y sentir, libertad, capacidad de dar y recibir amor... ¡y mucho más!

Cuando encuentren estos regalos —estos regalos verdaderos—denle gracias a Dios por darnos regalos que dan sentido a nuestra vida; y luego úsenlos para su bien y el bien de todos los que le rodean. Así es como se construye el Reino de Dios, el cual ya está presente entre nosotros.

*Por Byron Macías, C.M.F.*

Don't gossip  
Finish your meals  
Make time for others  
Choose the 'more humble' purchase  
Meet the poor in the flesh  
Stop judging others  
Befriend those who disagree  
Make commitments, such as marriage  
Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord'  
Be happy



**CLASES DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:** Las clases comenzarán nuevamente el lunes, 04 de enero de 2016.

**OFICINA PAROQUIAL:** Cerrado el día 1 de enero.

**SOBRES DE 2016:** Se pueden llevar sus sobres en la iglesia. Si hay errores o no hay sobres para su familia, favor de llamar a la oficina, 231-873-2660.



**GRACIAS** a todos que prepararon la iglesia para la navidad. Necesitáramos ayuda otra vez el día 10 de enero, después de la misa, remover el pino. Muchos gracias a los hombres que lo levantaron.

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