



# St. Gregory the Great Catholic School

## GUARDIAN NEWS

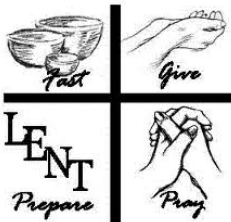


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### Virtue of the Week: *CITIZENSHIP*

## Principal's Message



Dear Parents,

We begin the season of Lent this week with the celebration of liturgy on Ash Wednesday. The symbol of the ash cross on our foreheads serves as a reminder that we come from God and return to Him. The forty days of Lent offers an opportunity to renew our faith and spirit, and to become better

versions of ourselves. Peter J. Murphy, Director of the Secretariat of Evangelization and Catechesis at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops offers some thoughts on traditional Lenten practices : **Prayer: Fasting: Almsgiving.**

“Prayer is essential to a Christian’s daily life, but it can get lost in the busyness of daily living. Allow Lent to be a prayerful journey. Spend time as a family reading the bible and reflecting in both discussion and prayerful silence. Fasting: Catholics fast during Lent to experience sacrifice and also to appreciate the blessings and gifts that sometimes are taken for granted. Fasting reminds us of our needs, especially our need for God.

Catholic abstain from eating meat on Fridays during Lent. Almsgiving: Sharing our resources help us learn generosity. Breaking selfish tendencies, we learn to recognize and serve the needs of others. Sharing with others reveals that our blessings are gifts to be shared.”

We approach the Lenten season with an **ATTITUDE of GRATITUDE** for our God-given blessings. Through Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving, we hope to become the best version of who God created us to be. During Lent, it is empowering for our children to focus on positive actions and practices (spending quality time with a younger sibling; offering part of weekly allowance to the missions; doing extra chores at home) rather than negatives such as “giving up” something. You may decide as a family to begin a new positive tradition in your home that recognizes blessings, and motivates sharing and service. Your Monday Messenger next week will contain a six-week Lenten calendar, which offers practical suggestions on positive practices during Lent. Additional resources may be found online at <http://www.catholicmom.com/lent.htm>.

Blessings for a faith-filled week!

*Mrs. O’Connell*

### Week-at-a-Glance

Monday, Feb. 20	Presidents’ Day- No School
Tuesday, Feb. 21	
Wednesday, Feb. 22	Ash Wednesday 8 A.M. Liturgy @ Parish Church 10:30 Weather Presentation Matt Baylow – Guest Speaker
Thursday, Feb. 23	Hot Dog Thursday 6:30 P.M. Gr. 5 Family Life Meeting
Friday, Feb. 24	7 P.M. Children’s Stations of the Cross @ Parish Church

### Coming Soon!

Feb. 27	7PM GALA Meeting @ Parish Hall
Feb. 28	Prospective Parent Information Meeting (Grades 1-7)
March 3	9:30 AM Prospective Student Screening (Grades 1-7)
March 5	Re-registration for 2012-2013 begins
March 6	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Lent)

### Extended Daycare Assistant Position available at St. Gregory the Great Catholic School

Part-time position as Extended Daycare assistant. Monday through Friday (2:30- 6 P.M) Duties include supervision and monitoring students, data entry and billing. Love of children and lots of energy is a must! Position must be filled by the end of February.

Contact the school office at (858) 397-1290 or [office@stggcs.org](mailto:office@stggcs.org) to request an application.



### May 5, 2012 Coronado Island Marriott

\$90 per person,  
Early-bird Special  
(School families have \$100 credit towards the purchase of tickets-included in 2011-2012 registration fees).

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## Sports Center

Contact Mr. Swan, our Athletic Director, with any questions or concerns regarding Peewee soccer or your child's physical development. My email is [mewan@stggcs.org](mailto:mewan@stggcs.org) and website is [www.classroomwebites.com/mewan](http://www.classroomwebites.com/mewan). The password is available in your classroom handbook.

You can access schedules and other information regarding Peewee soccer at the Catholic Sports League of San Diego webpage. You will find a link to this webpage next to the Guardian logo on the Home page of the school website. You can also find a link on the bottom of my webpage listed above. Sign-up now for text-alerts on the Catholic Sports League of San Diego Webpage, providing you instant game day updates, facility issues, and rain outs.

## Parish Connect

**Mom's night out!** Join the Ministry of Mom's for a night out to watch the Oscar's!!! Come in your PJ's and pigtales. Enjoy some yummy appetizers while we watch together who wins! February 26th at 6pm. Contact Kelly Ball to RSVP.

**Ash Wednesday** is this Wednesday, February 22nd! The masses that day will be at 6:30, 8 am, 12, and 7 pm.

Fridays during **Lent** there will be Mass at 8 am and 12 noon. The Saturday evening mass will be incense free.

**Stations of the Cross** - Please join us the Fridays of Lent for this venerable devotion at 11am and 7 pm. Everyone is invited to participate as we pray and remember Jesus' suffering, and associate His suffering with our lives today. Lent is coming, Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Discover a deeper understanding of the Eucharist in your life! Small groups meet in homes once a week for 6 weeks of Lent. The cost is only \$5.00 for the workbook. Contact the parish office if interested. in by March 30, 2012.

Join the **Ministry of Mom's** Thursday, March 1st starting at 9:30 in the parish hall. Our speaker will be covering the topic on how to talk to our kids about financial responsibility. Please join us! Any questions contact Lynda Rowin, 578-0123.

**Lenten reminder** - Remember to have abstinence from Meat on Friday's during Lent.

**Music Ministry** - for information about the children or adult choirs please call or email Tim Hilgeman 858-653-3583 or [thilgeman@stgg.org](mailto:thilgeman@stgg.org)

## PTSG News

The PTSG Enrichment Program "**Task Force**" came together last November to research nearly 20 programs to be considered (both long and short term) for the benefit of our students. We would like to recognize the diligent and thorough work completed by Jennifer Alexander, Kelli Kunkel, Kathy McGrattan, Marilou Pennington, and Sharon Van de Grift. The Task Force will present their findings and recommendations to Mrs. O'Connell next week. We look forward to the implementation of some of these recommendations to enrich the academic, musical and social experiences of our children.

At the January **PTSG General Meeting**, we welcomed Carol Keeffe to speak about her upcoming series at the parish regarding "Hassles to Harmony with Homework and other Tasks." Those who attended her first workshop at the parish on Feb. 8 have given very positive feedback. Two more family workshops are being offered on March 8 and April 7. If you have misplaced your informational flyer, please inquire at the parish or school office.

## Shop with Scrip!

Order your scrip gift cards online each week by 8 A.M. on Tuesday at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). The school office finalizes your order and gift cards are available for pick-up on Friday afternoon of that week. A percentage of each gift card purchase comes to our school. Gift cards are same as cash. A complete listing of vendors is available [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). Payment at pick-up. Checks payable to STGGCS please. Write "Scrip" on memo. **Scrip gift cards are also available in the school office.**



## Register for eScrip!

Click on the eScrip icon on the Support Your School page on the school website. Follow the prompts and insert the **School ID 136559297**. This one-time registration of your Vons card and credit card(s) ensures that a percentage of your purchases at participating merchants goes directly to our school.



Thank you so much for clipping those box tops. Our next submission of box tops is scheduled in February. Keep clipping those box tops. Each box top is worth 10 cents!  
FREE cash for our school!  
Way to go, Guardians!

