

Welcome to
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

August 28, 2022 - Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.



*"My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts.
Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God."*

- Sirach 3:17-18

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

Contact Us

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Parish Office Hours:
(as of August 15th)

Monday-Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Saturday: 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Sunday: Closed

Parish Website:

🌐: www.icchicago.org

School Website:

🌐: www.iccowboys.net

Social Media



Facebook:

View our Masses, connect with fellow parishioners, and access exclusive articles and content. Simply search “**Immaculate Conception Parish Chicago (Talcott)**” and request to join our online community.

Twitch:

Membership-free platform where all are welcome to view our Masses and access content.

Visit us at www.twitch.tv/icchicago



Mass and Sacrament Schedule

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil @ 5:00 P.M.
Sunday Mass @ 8:30 A.M.
Sunday Mass @ 10:30 A.M.*
(*Our 10:30 A.M. Mass is also livestreamed)

Capacity limits have been lifted and reservations are no longer required. Masks are optional.

All are welcome!

Weekday Mass Schedule:

In-Person

Monday through Thursday @ 8:30 A.M.

(Please note: Friday daily Masses & First Friday Mass & Adoration temporarily suspended as of July 8th)

Online

Wednesdays @ 8:30 A.M. (School Mass)
(Worship with us virtually on our Facebook Page or Twitch)

Confessions:

Sunday mornings
from 9:30 A.M.-10:15 A.M.
(offered every other Sunday)

(Special dates & times offered during Advent & Lent)

Baptisms:

2nd & 4th Sundays of each month @ Noon
(except during Lent)

Donate

Church & Special Collections:

Interested in supporting our parish, specific ministries and projects?

Please consider giving online at Give Central:
www.givecentral.org/location/349

Offertory envelopes can also be mailed in or dropped off at our Parish Office.

School:

Interested in supporting Catholic Education for both present and future generations?

Please donate to our **Endowment Fund** (via Give Central) or support efforts by our **Holy Name Men’s Club** and **Parents Club** posted on our Social Media or featured in our bulletin.

The Priorities Of The New Year: Leadership & Hospitality

Welcome back to all of our families! It was wonderful to see our children back this week, especially many of them seeing their new classrooms. The new floors and resurfaced parking lot helped to emphasize the newness of this year. My prayers are for our new and returning teachers, likewise for our students and families – a special welcome to all of our first-time parents at IC!



Throughout the year, we will be offering a variety of opportunities for community and for personal and spiritual growth. Allow me to list them in short form:

Alpha – Our flagship program, Alpha is a program which centers around a meal, a reflection, and open discussions. It starts with the premise, “Who is Jesus to me?” Already, nearly 70 parishioners have participated, and all team leaders are members of our parish family. The program is open to everyone, is free of charge (meals, retreat, etc.), and of excellent value. This Fall, participants will now have the option of either attending on Saturday mornings (beginning on September 17th) or on Monday evenings (beginning on September 19th.) To learn more or to register, please visit: icchicago.org/connect/alpha.cfm



Coffeehouse – A new Hospitality offering that will take place, essentially, on the first Sunday of every month beginning on October 2nd. It will be an open-forum experience hosted by various parish groups. Coffee and light foods will be provided, along with a space for everyone to gather together and enjoy. It will be open after our 8:30 A.M. Mass through Noon. We hope it is a good opportunity to meet leaders and neighbors alike! Freewill offerings will be accepted.

Fruitful Harvest – Returning for a second year, Fruitful Harvest is a reflection series taking place, typically, on the last Sunday of the month. Assisted by our seminarians and leaders in our parish, we lead a roundtable reflection on varied topics with small group discussion afterward. Light food will be provided. Join us for these faith-sharing exercises!

Lastly, I will be emphasizing prayer more at our parish. One such way, is through *The Liturgy of the Hours*. Please see below for one of our parishioner’s reflections on using Bishop Barron’s new publication to enhance his prayer life. I have copies available for you for free upon request. Afterward, decide if you would like the \$7/per month subscription as I can give new copies to different people each month. More to come in future bulletins.
- Fr. Matt

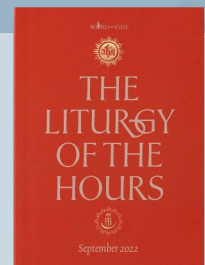
A Reflection On The Subject Of Prayer: The Liturgy Of The Hours

I would like to introduce you to a new form of daily prayer called: *The Liturgy of the Hours*. It is published by the ‘Word on Fire Institute’ and it arrives in the mail every month when you subscribe at: wordonfire.org/pray

In essence, this is the traditional Church prayer recited daily by all clergy and religious worldwide. The contents are taken from the Sacred Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, and it makes wide use of the psalms and other classic passages. If you already enjoy prayer, this experience will dramatically expand the content of your daily prayer life, even if it only adds no more than a half hour total to your daily time for prayer, which is split into three sections: Morning, Evening and Night.

What is captivating is that you will walk through the story of Salvation hand in hand with the Prophets, the Kings, and the inspired writers as they recount in vivid colors the Might, the Wonders and the Great Mercy of our God, as He looks after His people, defending them, teaching them, and forgiving them for the numerous times they falter. Our own humanity is also on full display in the cry of the sinner, in his redemptive repentance, and finally, trusting in a merciful God that forgets His Justice when called by a contrite heart. What is awe-inspiring for me, is to witness the eternal plans of salvation from way back, as the Father prepares for the coming of His Son Jesus.

If you have been getting comfortable with prayer, but often you seem to run out of time, then step into a more organized form – it will be a joyful oasis you will look forward to. - Mario Orrico





Alpha is...

- Welcoming
- Connecting
- Encouraging
- Enriching
- Engaging

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Saturday Mornings
(beginning Sept. 17th)

Monday Evenings
(beginning Sept. 19th)

To learn more or to register,
please visit: icchicago.org

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life
faith
meaning

Alpha



IC Welcomes Our Seminarians!



On Sunday, August 21st, at our 10:30 A.M. Mass, we welcomed our Seminarians, *Joseph Mick & Jacob McGuire*, both from the *Diocese of Wichita, Kansas*, who have been assigned to our parish as a part of *Mundelein Seminary's Tolton Teaching Parish Program*. This will be Joseph's second year at IC, while Jacob is joining us for the first time. Further details will appear in a subsequent bulletin, but in the meantime, please keep our Seminarians in your prayers as they serve our IC community this year and continue their vocation journey.

IC Men's Club GOLF OUTING

Traditions at Chevy Chase
Wheeling, IL

Sat. September 10, 2022
1:30pm - Shotgun Start

Registration begins 12:00pm

COST: \$125 (Roundtrip bus transportation for an additional \$30)

Includes: 18 holes golf, cart, lunch @ course, Dinner @ IC bowling alley & prizes!

Register online: www.ichnsgolfouting.com

Please note that online registration requires a processing fee.

For more info. or reservations, call:

- Jeff Escher (773) 407-1544
- Adam Jahns (312) 203-5423
- Terry Gillespie (773) 447-9783
- Kevin Maloney (773) 971-1454
- Nick Eaglin (773) 386-7988

Return form to IC Rectory: 7211 W. Talcott Ave. Chicago, IL 60631
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Please join our parish family in prayer . . .

For those who are sick:



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 Sonia M. B.
 Roberta Berger
 John Bozek
 Vince Caeti
 Mary Cali
 Jackie Campbell
 Zita Castro
 Donna Chaplin
 James Covello
 Ronnie Cunningham
 Paige Dicks
 Margarita DiSalvo
 Emily Divarco
Lillian Dulce
 Ozzie D'Souza
 Joan Fabiano
 Richard Flanagan
 Brooke Foreman
 Patricia Furgat
 Lila Gehner
 Bonnie Jean Gorski

Marie Hagarty
 Gloria Hernandez
 Ofelia Hernandez
 Mary Ann Schmitt Hurtig
 Kevin Jaburek
Bob Kech
 Wayne Kinzie, Sr.
 Craig Kloss
 Lillian Kohut
 Katherine Kreuser
 Anthony LaPash
 Denis Mahoney
 Benny Martinez
 Edwin Martinez
 Frank Martinez
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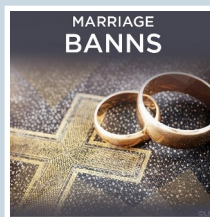
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 Helen Rasmussen
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 Bill Remblake
 Joe Rispoli
 Pia Rizza
 David Rodriguez
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 Don Skorey
 Edward Stanczyk
 Wivina Stremel
 Jill Swagler
 Alma T.
 Donna Tisdale
 Camilla Trevino
 Steven P. Trifilio
 Mary Ellen Vanderman
 Henry Wagener
 Miss Westhoff
 Rita Zambon

***Newly Added**

For our faithful departed:

For those preparing to be joined together in Holy Matrimony:

Geraldine "Geri" Pierotti
 Theresa Ann Karwoski
 David Grex



Sarah Ann Todd and
 Matthew Jose

Samantha Rose Portera and
 Kevin Aoraha



"Eternal rest grant unto them,
 Lord, and let perpetual light shine
 upon them."

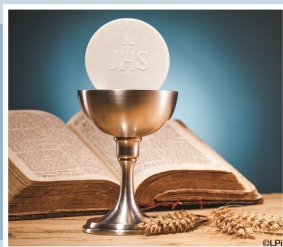
"And the two shall become one..."
 - Ephesians 5:31

For those who serve our country:



U.S. Army - SSgt. John Francis Mikita, Sgt. Kevin Whalen, SSgt Martine Makita, Chris Dash, Pvt. Jason G. Cavanaugh, Major Christopher Walsh, Capt. Benjamin Monson, 1st Lt. Katherine D. Hartnett, SPC Michael J. Stone, Pvt. Charlie Cruz Pappas, Thomas Treslo, National Guard Specialist 4th Class
U.S. Navy - CMDR Michael Brasseur, LCDR Christopher Jenkins, PO Thomas T. Tudisco
U.S. Air Force - John Christopher Ocasio, Major Laurel Walsh, Major Paul H. Kolk, LT. COL. Michael O'Koniewski; Captain Colleen Bernal
U.S. Marines - Sean Gronset, PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos, LCpl Daniel Wiczorek

Please contact our Parish Office when these service people return home safely. If you are a veteran or know a veteran, the Archdiocese of Chicago has a website located at vets.archchicago.org that provides information that can be of assistance.



*Mass Intentions:
Sunday, August 28th
through
Sunday, September 4th*

Sunday, August 28th – Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time
 5:00 P.M. (Saturday) – †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Joseph Henmueller;
 †Nick J. Perisin (on his 4th Anniversary); †Jan Pondo; Lillian Dulce
 (Living); Teresa Sojda (Living) (For A Quick Recovery); and Halina &
 Anthony Serafin (on their 50th Wedding Anniversary) (Living)
 8:30 A.M. – †George Buschauer; †Fr. Ronan Newbold, C.P.; †Helena
 Dziadkowiec; and †Stella Sygiel
 10:30 A.M. – †Frank & Margherita Martino; †Kathleen Nasello (on her
 11th Anniversary); †John Bacchi; †Stella Sygiel; †Francis & Moira
 Cross; and The People of the Parish

Monday, August 29th – The Passion of Saint John the Baptist
 8:30 A.M. – †Poor Souls In Purgatory

Tuesday, August 30th – Weekday
 8:30 A.M. – †Mary Keeley Grecek (Birthday Remembrance); and
 Rose D. Hegarty (on her Birthday) (Living)

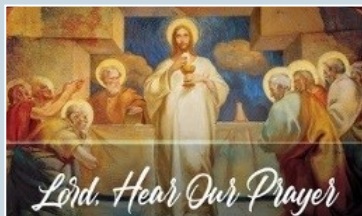
Wednesday, August 31st – Weekday
 8:30 A.M. – †Chuck Johnson

**Thursday, September 1st – Weekday (World Day of Prayer for the
 Care of Creation)**
 8:30 A.M. – †All Deceased Members of The Capito & San Juan
 Families; and Concordia S. Daylo (on her Birthday) (Living)

Friday, September 2nd – Weekday
 Friday Daily Masses Temporarily Suspended (as of July 8th)

**Saturday, September 3rd – Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor
 of the Church**
 5:00 P.M. – †Edward Labuz; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Ellen “Nellie”
 Gavin; †Patty Dunleavy; †William Johnson; and †Sheila Walsh

Sunday, September 4th – Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time
 8:30 A.M. – †The Furgat Family; †George Buschauer; Jasia & Marian
 Kumon (Living); and Christopher & Danuta Poniecki (on their 40th
 Wedding Anniversary) (Living)
 10:30 A.M. – †Tommy Fuller; †Thomas McNicholas; †Francis & Moira
 Cross; and The People of the Parish



August 28th through September 3rd
 Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week
 for the repose of the soul of

**Maureen McGee
 Kogen**

Requested by: The McGee Family

August 28th through September 2nd
 Our Blessed Mother Votive is burning this
 week for the prayer intention of

**Gerry S.
 Michalek, Jr.**

Requested by: Lisa Anderson

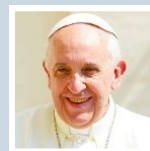
August 28th through September 2nd
 Our St. Joseph Votive is burning
 this week for the repose of the soul of

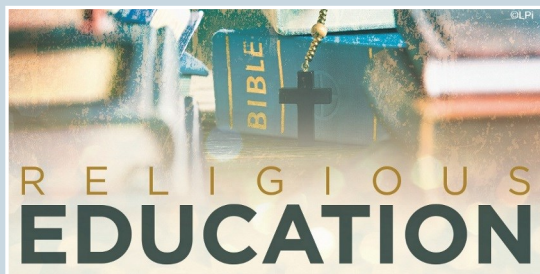
**Nick J.
 Perisin**

Requested by: The Perrone Family

Pope Tweet of the Week...

“To love like Jesus means to serve
 & give our life. To serve means to
 put others’ interests first, to fight
 the cancer of indifference, to share
 the gifts God has given us. To
 give our life means to leave egoism behind, to
 make our lives a gift, spending ourselves
 for all in need.”





**Immaculate Conception School
Religious Education Program 2022-2023**



Registration:

Online registration for our Religious Education Program is currently in progress (as of **Monday, August 15th**) and will continue through **Wednesday, September 7th** (a direct link to our online registration form is accessible via icchicago.org)

First Day of Class:

Wednesday, September 14th – 4:00-5:00 P.M.

For the upcoming 2022-2023 School Year, we will be adopting a hybrid format with classes primarily meeting in-person on a weekly basis on **Wednesdays** from **4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.** in our School. All grade levels will also meet virtually via Zoom Video Conferencing for Religious Education Class on certain dates. (Dates TBD)

**2022 Religious Education
Class Schedule:**

September 14th, 21st & 28th
October 5th, 12th & 19th
November 2nd, 9th, 16th & 30th
December 7th, 14th & 21st

**2023 Religious Education
Class Schedule:**

January 11th, 18th & 25th
February 8th, 15th & 22nd
March 1st, 8th, 22nd & 29th
April 19th & 26th
May 3rd & 10th



Sacramental Dates:



Confirmation [8th Grade]: Sunday, November 6, 2022 @ 2:00 P.M. with Bishop Bartosic presiding

First Reconciliation [2nd Grade]: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.

First Communion [2nd Grade]: Saturday, May 13, 2023* [*Time TBD]

Sacramental Programs:

We have recently revised our policies for our Religious Education Program at IC. A new handbook for the 2022-2023 school year is now available on our parish website at: www.icchicago.org/connect/children's-religious-education.cfm Parents will be asked to carefully review our new policies and will then be required to submit a signed agreement form by the time of the first class on September 14th.

Questions regarding our IC Religious Education Program?

For **curricular concerns**,

please contact *Julie Szwedo*: szwedo@iccowboys.net

For **tuition, registration or other administrative concerns**, please contact *Vickie Thome*: thome@iccowboys.net

2022-2023 Religious Education Tuition:

[Tuition fee includes all books and class materials and instruction by IC School Teachers]

One student per family (Grades 1-7): \$400

One student (Grade 8) (classes end on December 14th): \$200 (plus Confirmation fee of \$50)

Tuition increases by \$150 per additional child

Confirmation fee (Grade 8): \$50

Communion fee (Grade 2): \$50

Registration fee (for first time families only): \$50

Late fee (after Wednesday, September 14th): \$100

First Tuition payment is due by: September 14th

Second Tuition payment is due by: February 15, 2023

Please note: all tuition payments will only be accepted via Give Central. Cash or checks will no longer be accepted.



Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



People who are concerned with their own advancement and agenda have little room for anyone else. With an almost addictive pursuit of esteem and acknowledgment from others, they become little more than entitled embodiments of the vice of pride. Public humiliation or embarrassment can hit them hard. While avoiding humiliation and embarrassment may be advantageous to obtaining worldly success, they are much less desirable motivations for entering the Kingdom of God. Avoiding embarrassment is a self-serving motivation. Pride and all of its manifestations have no place on God’s agenda, neither do worldly success and fulfillment. In fact, we have

been clearly told that if we love our lives, we will lose them. Therefore, if you really want to find your true station in life, learn to give yourself away.

While this may sound foolish to secular ears, it actually makes perfect sense. God, who is love, makes each of us in His image. Love, and therefore God, is in our DNA. That being the case, love is never love if it is kept to oneself or hoarded. Love needs to be shared and given away. Therefore, it is the only proper motivation for entering the Kingdom of God. The door to happiness is only opened when we realize that all we are and all we have is due only to God’s grace. Without God we are nothing.

Love is the remedy for pride and protects us from ourselves. God asks us to be humble. Only when we are free from the traps of pride and arrogance that we can begin to follow the path to true humility. Only one who is humble can rightly love and be of service to God. “*God makes use only of the humble as his instruments* (Jean-Pierre de Caussade).” The humble one does not need others to give them worth and value. Their self-esteem comes from the much more secure foundation of God. Only those who are entirely free can give themselves freely to others. Love must always be our motivation for doing all things. Be content that God has invited you to the banquet of life. Concern yourself with accepting the invitation, and don’t worry about where you will sit. ©LPi

Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained: Sign Before The Gospel

Question: I have been going to Mass for years and have always wondered: why do we make the three signs of the cross before the Gospel?

Answer: Certainly, many people go to Mass or other devotions, doing and saying things out of habit or reverence and not really understanding the reasons behind some of these things. But everything we do has a meaning or purpose that helps us to worship better, proclaim our beliefs, or focus the attention of the people on something that has a greater importance or significance. A review of the meaning of various gestures and practices can help us have a deeper appreciation for what we do.

There is a little prayer that goes with the three crosses before the Gospel: “*May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart.*” In standing to hear the Gospel, we acknowledge that Jesus is present, and the words of the Gospel are addressed to us. All of the gestures and special postures we adopt before the Gospel are intended to help us prepare for hearing the Word as well as act on it. The incense, the Alleluia, the deacon or priest, and the special dialogue and announcement that introduces the Gospel help us focus our attention on the Good News we are about to hear. The three signs of the cross show our desire and good intention to hear and live the Gospel. ©LPi

Ministry Schedules: Saturday, September 3rd & Sunday, September 4th

| | Saturday 5:00 P.M. | Sunday 8:30 A.M. | Sunday 10:30 A.M. |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Presiders | Fr. Robert Fedek | Fr. Matthew Heinrich | Fr. Matthew Heinrich |
| Lectors | N. Schroeder | N. Kremer | Maria Davila & Erma Kinzie |
| Cantors | Vocal Quartet | Vocal Quintet & Violin | Vocal Quintet |
| Extraordinary Ministers | S. Witz | C. Mulligan | A. Schnitzlein & C. Kech |
| Altar Servers | TBA | TBA | TBA |



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Deacon Ronald & Connie Gronek
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What's Happening @ IC...

Your Gifts to God and Parish...

Wednesday, August 31st -

8:30 A.M. - School Mass; CH
 11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M. – RCIA Mtg.; RCR

Thursday, September 1st -

7:00-8:30 P.M. – RCIA Mtg.; RCR
 8:00-9:30 P.M. – Holy Name Men's Club Mtg.; BA

Friday, September 2nd -

8:15-10:00 P.M. – Men's Basketball; PC

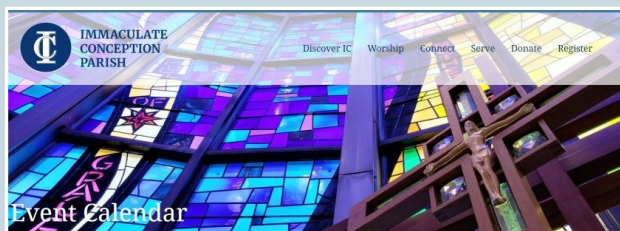


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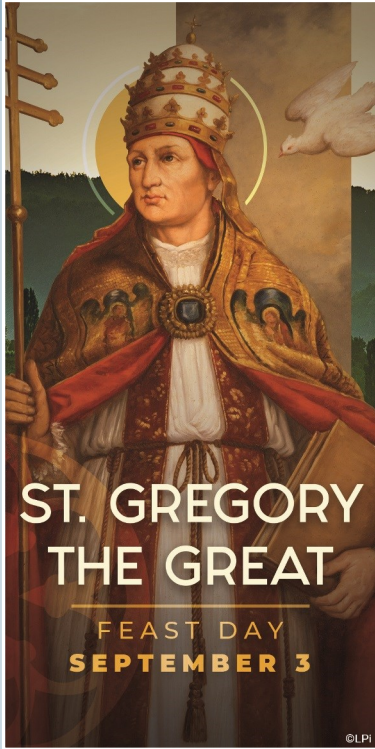
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Bulletin Deadline: The deadline for all bulletin submissions is Friday at Noon – 8 days prior to the Sunday it will appear. Bulletin submissions are accepted via email at: parishbulletin@icchicago.org



For additional information regarding upcoming events @ IC, please visit: icchicago.org/discover-ic/event-calendar.cfm



Saint of The Week - Examples of Our Faith: Saint Gregory The Great (September 3rd)

Saint Gregory the Great lived in a most turbulent time. There were devastating episodes of plague, the sacking of Rome and the breakdown of strong Roman rule, invasions by Lombards and Franks, floods, and a widening gap between imperial Byzantium and the Roman Church.

Born around 540 into a noble Roman family, Saint Gregory was probably trained in law, and started his public service as a Prefect of Rome. However, upon the death of his father, he converted his family home to a monastery, where he resided as a monk. He built six more monasteries in Sicily and one in Rome.

Often called the father of the medieval papacy and Apostle of the English, Saint Gregory was proclaimed Pope by acclamation in 590. Although he was reluctant to assume this post, preferring the cloistered life, his accomplishments were many. He was an extremely capable manager of Church estates and tenants and is known for his reform of the liturgy. He was instrumental in the consolidation of papal power and led the fight against the many heresies promoted by small Christian groups at the time. Through his prolific correspondence he oversaw monastic life, curtailing the power of grasping bishops, correcting abuses, and enforcing discipline. He was particularly concerned with the conversion of England, sending 40 monks from his monastery including Saint Augustine of Canterbury to evangelize there.

Saint Gregory died in 604 and was sainted immediately. He is one of four key doctors of the Western Church, including Saints Augustine, Ambrose, and Jerome.

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