

Dear StG Graduates, Families, and Friends,

Welcome to the 2019 St. Gregory the Great Catholic School graduation ceremony. This is a blessed and momentous day for all of our graduates, and we would like to congratulate each of you for this great achievement.

Sixty four years ago, in the fall of 1955, a group of enthusiastic students enrolled in a brand-new school in San Antonio called St. Gregory the Great. Our school has made wonderful strides from those humble beginnings, but our commitment to academic excellence, a strong Catholic identity, providing access for all, and establishing an excellent learning environment for our students has remained the same. A special "thank you" to the Presentation Sisters for laying the foundation for our GREAT school. At St. Gregory the Great, we are family.

Students, as you receive your diploma today, remember all the hard work and dedication you put forth to reach this milestone. Most importantly, remember the sacrifices your parents and family made so that you can receive a Catholic education. You also received the support of our pastor, school administration, faculty, staff, and community. Please take time to reflect on all the great memories you have enjoyed and cherish those memories. Appreciate how God has worked through your life, guiding you as a disciple of Christ. "As I have loved you, you should love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another."

John 13:34-35

The St. Gregory the Great family continues to grow with each passing year and we continue to be delighted by the ongoing commitment and dedication of our entire school community. We wish you, our graduates, the greatest success as you continue your educational and spiritual journey. We look forward to learning of your future accomplishments. Know of our continued love, prayers, and support for you. May our good and gracious God continue to bless you so that you always make good choices and use your mind as well as your heart.

United in Spirit,

Father Rudy Carrola, Jr., Pastor and Mr. Daniel P. Martinez, Principal

Liturgy



INTRODUCTION

Read by: Diego Martinez

Gathering Song: “On Eagle’s Wings”

(Gather #611)

PROCESSION OF GRADUATES

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Greeting
Penitential Rite
Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 40:25-26; 29-31

Read by: Jake Wulf

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

The Holy God asks, “Who can compare with me? Is anyone my equal?” Look at the stars in the sky. Who created all of these? Who leads them like an army and gives them each a name? The Lord is so strong and mighty that none of the stars are missing.

The Lord gives strength to all who are weary. Even young people tire out, then stumble and fall. But all who trust the Lord will find new strength. They will be strong like eagles that soar about on wings. They will walk and run and not feel weary or tired.

The Word of the Lord.

R:/ Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:34

Read by: Lorena Aguilar

Sung Response: The Lord is kind and merciful. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation: Mass of Renewal

“Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.”

Kayleen Thurow

Gospel

Luke 7:17-26

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Luke

News about Jesus spread all over Judea and everywhere else in that part of the country.

John's followers told John everything that was being said about Jesus. So he sent two of them to ask the Lord, “Are you the one we should be looking for? Or must we wait for someone else?”

When these messengers came to Jesus, they said, “John the Baptist sent us to ask, ‘Are you the one we should be looking for? Or are we supposed to wait for someone else?’”

At that time Jesus was healing many people who were sick or in pain or were troubled by evil spirits, and he was giving sight to a lot of blind people.

Jesus said to the messengers sent by John, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard. Blind people are now able to see, and those who are lame can walk. People who have leprosy are being healed, and those who are deaf can now hear. The dead are raised to life, and the poor are hearing the good news. God will bless everyone who does not reject me because of what I do.”

After John's messengers had gone, Jesus began speaking to the crowds about John: “What kind of person did you go out to the desert to see? Was he like tall grass blown about by the wind? What kind of man did you really go out to see? Was he someone dressed in fine clothes? People who wear expensive clothes and live in luxury are in the king's palace.

‘What then did you go out to see’ Was he a prophet? He certainly was! I tell you that he was more than a prophet.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

R:/ Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

General Intercession

Read by: James Furr and Alivia Gonzales

Response: “Lord hear our prayer”

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of the Gifts, Song: “We Come To Your Feast” (Gather # 850)

Dressing of the Altar: Diego Alonzo, Mercedes Mandujano, Laila Prado,
Ashley Silva, Jacob Tapia, and Annalisa Verastegui

Gift Presenters: Janessa Bermudez, Darius Cobos,
Kameron Lujan, and Jordan Vasquez

Holy, Holy, Holy:

“Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.”

Memorial Acclamation:

Sung Reponse: “We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.”

Great Amen:

“Amen, Amen, Amen.”

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God:

Sung Response: Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world have mercy, have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world have mercy, have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world grant us, grant us peace.

Communion

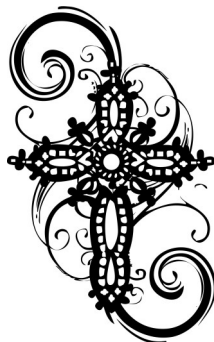
Communion Song: They'll Know We Are
Christians
(Gather #735)

Meditation: Hallelujah

CONCLUDING RITE

Sending Forth Song: Lord I Lift Your Name
on High

Altar Servers: Abigail Furr, Lola Thurow,
Sara Gimbel, & Juliette Vasquez





The Ceremony

Introduction/Welcome to Graduation

Desiree Elise Camargo, Student Council President

Presentation of Diplomas

Class Sponsors

Ms. Martha Ann Burch

Mrs. Suzette Gimbel

Blessing of Graduates

Fr. Rudy Carrola

Graduation Address

Celia Paloma Lopez, NJHS President

Closing Remarks

Mr. Daniel P. Martinez, Principal



2019 Graduates

Lorena Natalia Aguilar Nuncio

Milani Charlize Meurer

Diego Gael Alonzo

Ruben Joseph Omedo

Janessa Izabel Bermudez

Melecio Daniel Ortiz

Desiree Elise Camargo

Phillip Tristian Perez

Adriana Renee Castilleja

Laila Nicole Prado

Joseph Adrian Beniceros

Stephanie Angelina Ramirez

Darius Elijah Cobos

Cristian Robert Rodriguez

Iba Juliana Delgado

Chloe Michelle Seesholtz

James Christian Turf

Hannah Isabella Silva

Juanita Manuela Rodriguez Garcia

Ashley Silva

Alivia Elaine Gonzales

Jacob Matthew Tapia

Jaiden Alyse LaVanway

Kayleen Carol Thurrow

Celia Paloma Lopez

Jordan Avery Vasquez

Kameron Reece Lujan

Annalisa Verastegui

Mercedes Arianna Mandujano

Evan Xavier Villarreal

Diego Samuel Martinez

Jake Martin Wulf





2019 Scholarships

Theresa Skloss Memorial Scholarship \$250

Diego Samuel Martinez

Serna Survivorship Scholarship Award \$250

Diego Samuel Martinez

Hope Rodriguez Scholarships \$400

Jaiden Alyse LaVanway

Phillip Tristan Perez

Gary Michael Fernandez Memorial Scholarship \$500

Diego Samuel Martinez

Mr. James H. Merritt Scholarship \$500

Diego Samuel Martinez

Altar Server Scholarship \$500

James Christian Furr

Man-Tra Enterprises Scholarships

Evan Xavier Villarreal \$1,500

Phillip Tristan Perez \$1,000

Cristian Robert Rodriguez \$1,000

2019 Scholarships



NJHS Scholarships \$350

Jaiden Alyse LaVanway
Jordan Avery Vasquez
Evan Xavier Villarreal

NJHS Outstanding Achievement Award \$500

Lorena Natalia Aguilar Nuncio
Alivia Elaine Gonzales
Jaiden Alyse LaVanway
Celia Paloma Lopez
Chloe Michelle Seesholtz

Student Council Scholarships \$500

Jaiden Alyse LaVanway
Jordan Avery Vasquez

Knights of Columbus Council #4140 Scholarships \$1,000

Phillip Tristan Perez
Diego Samuel Martinez
Jordan Avery Vasquez
Evan Xavier Villarreal



Presidential Awards



Joseph Adrian Ceniceros

Alivia Elaine Gonzales

Ruben Joseph Olmedo

Laila Nicole Prado





Graduating Class

Valedictorian

Lorena Natalia Aguilar Nuncio

Salutatorian

Chloe Michelle Seesholtz





2019 Service Awards

Volunteer Service (Silver) 50-99 Hours

Lorena Natalia Aguilar Nuncio

Volunteer Service (Bronze) 21-49 Hours

Janessa Izabel Bermudez
Desiree Elise Camargo
Adriana Renee Castilleja
Joseph Adrian Cenicerros
Darius Elijah Cobos
Ava Juliana Delgado
James Christian Furr
Juanita Manuela Rodriguez Gavia
Jaiden Alyse LaVanway
Celia Paloma Lopez
Mercedes Arianna Mandujano
Diego Samuel Martinez
Melecio Daniel Ortiz
Laila Nicole Prado
Stephanie Angelina Ramirez
Cristian Robert Rodriguez
Chloe Michelle Seesholtz
Hannah Isabella Silva
Jacob Matthew Tapia
Kayleen Carol Thurow
Jordan Avery Vasquez
Evan Xavier Villarreal



2019 Sacristans



Lorena Natalia Aguilar Nuncio
Jordan Avery Vasquez

2019 Altar Servers

Adriana Renee Castilleja
Darius Elijah Cobos
Ava Juliana Delgado
James Christian Furr
Milani Charlize Meurer
Ruben Joseph Olmedo
Stephanie Angelina Ramirez
Cristian Robert Rodriguez
Kayleen Carol Thurow
Jordan Avery Vasquez



National Junior Honor

Society Officers



President - Celia Paloma Lopez

Vice President - Lorena Natalia Aguilar Nuncio

Secretary - Jaiden Alyse LaVanway

Treasurer - Ava Juliana Delgado

Historian - Chloe Michelle Seesholtz

Parliamentarian - Alivia Elaine Gonzales

Chaplain - Kayleen Carol Thurow

Chairperson - Juanita Manuela Rodriguez Gavia

Student Council Officers



President - Desiree Elise Camargo

Vice President - Ruben Joseph Olmedo

Secretary - Megan Allison Moreno

Treasurer - Noah Edward Flores

Commissioner of Ecology - Aralynn Marie Esquivel

Commissioner of Catholic Identity - Nikolai Anthony Aleman

Commissioner of Athletics - Lawton Kade Acquart

Thanks & Dedications

We express a heartfelt thanks to Father Rudy Carrola for your guidance and support. Thank you , Ms. Burch and Mrs. Gimbel, our class sponsors, our Principal Mr. Daniel P. Martinez, our administration, and all of the faculty and staff at St. Gregory the Great Catholic School. We also dedicate this day to our parents, family and friends for all their love and support during our days at St. Gregory the Great. We especially thank all those who shared this special day with us.

The Class of 2019