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Sunday Mass

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. & Noon

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday and Thursday 12:10 p.m.
Wednesday and Friday 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Penance

Thursday 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Saturday 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Baptism

Please contact the parish office for more information.

Marriage

One year notice (Archdiocesan guideline)
Marriage Preparation required
Please contact the parish priest

Visits To The Sick

Please contact the parish office for more information.

Parish Organizations and Ministries

For information 905-723-8141
or www.stgregorythegreat.ca

Archdiocese of Toronto

1-416-934-0606
or: www.archtoronto.org

Catholic Cemeteries

St. Gregory's & Resurrection
905-668-8912
or: www.catholic-cemeteries.com

Durham Catholic District School Board

905-576-6150 or www.dcdsb.ca

Society of St. Vincent De Paul- Help Line

905-720-0003

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK	
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 23
12:10 PM	+ Julie Cote
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 24
7:00 PM	+ Tadeus & Julia Monchesky
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 25
12:10	+ Donald Stewart, req. Betty Stewart
FRIDAY (up to 5 Intentions)	NOVEMBER 26
7:00 P.M	Intentions of Fr. John Pilkauskas
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 27
5:00 PM	
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 28
8:00 AM	
9:30 AM	Deceased Members of St. Gregory's
12:00 NOON	



About Christ the King

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that

attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, 'as instruments of justice unto God.' -*Quas primas*, 33

Have a great & blessed week!

Plenary Indulgence

We may receive a plenary indulgence for a deceased person or ourselves with these conditions: we need to pray the Creed and an Our Father for the intentions of the Pope Francis, detach ourselves from all our sins through the Sacrament of Confession within two weeks prior or after visit to the cemetery or a church and receive Holy Communion at Mass. Those who are homebound, may obtain indulgences with the same conditions. Only difference is that instead of going to the church or cemetery or receiving Communion, they may pray in front of an image of Jesus or Mary. (<https://bit.ly/Indulgences-Covid>)

Book Of Life

Remembering our loved ones and recalling fond stories of them is a great way to honor their memories. Praying for them may help them on the way to Heaven. For the month of November there will be a binder on a table in front of the Altar. We invite you to create a page (8 ½ x11) for any deceased members of your family. You can decorate it by writing their name(s) and place photos or images. Place your page in the binder and then **join us on November 19 @ 7:00 p.m. for a Mass of Remembrance**. The Book of Life will be placed on the side table in the church every November so that parishioners may add to it.

Advent Confessions

In preparation for Christmas Fr. Marijan and Fr. Ed will hear confessions on Tuesday December 14th from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, and from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

NEW! Mass Intentions on Sundays

If you wish to have a Mass said for the intentions of the living or for the deceased, you may also request it now for the weekend Masses. Only **one Sunday Mass** will be for the people of our Parish (*pro populo*), and we will rotate that Mass each weekend. You may book for the Masses for the next six months in advance.

SVPD Message

Our "Virtual Angel Trees" are back! The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would appreciate our parishioners to consider donating gift cards of any value redeemable at various stores such as Superstore, Old Navy to name a few. The Gift cards will be distributed to our neighbours in need through the Christmas Outreach. Our "Angel Trees" will be available to fill from **November 13th** until on and including **December 5th** at the entrance and exits of the Church. Thank you for your support!

Please remember St. Gregory's Parish in your will.

Worth Noting

Announcements at the end of the Mass: many Parishioners don't like them or even less love them.

But is it possible to do hear the announcements from a different perspective? Let's try together. When there are important announcements in our family, such as wedding, Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, birth, and death, joyful and difficult news, we listen to them because they are important to us. After all, they matter to us as members of our family. Our parish is also a family, it is a *family of families* and individuals gathered together in God's family. Therefore, the announcements at the end of the Mass are *our* family news because they are our Parish family news, since they are about important things in the life of our Parish, of our family, or person within our Parish family. So, let us ask the Lord that, when the next time we hear the announcements, we may appreciate them since they are relevant to our Parish family. If they would not be important to us, the priest would probably not speak about them.

Something to consider

Adopt a Family for Christmas

It's that time of year! Our Annual Adopt-A-Family/Person Program is underway. If you wish to help a family in our Parish please call Jacqui at the Parish office as soon as possible, better sooner than later! If you wish to make a donation, please put it in a blank envelope and clearly mark on the envelope "Adopt a Family" and put it to the attention of Jacqui and place it in the collection basket. These donations will help us purchase gift certificates at local stores like Walmart and grocery stores. Income tax receipts will be issued for your cash/cheque donations. God bless you for your generosity and kindness. Thank you.

First Holy Communion Meeting

We invite the parents of the children in grades 2 and 3 that seek to receive their first Holy Communion to bring their children to the first meeting on Sunday November 28th before or after Mass at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. The parents are invited to preregister their children ahead of time at the office. I encourage you to make time for this important meeting and to help us make First Communion a meaningful and spiritual celebration for all the children in the Parish.

Confirmation Meeting

We invite the parents of the children in grades 7 and possibly 8 that seek to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation to bring their children to the first meeting on Sunday December 5 before or after Mass at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Please preregister for the Sacrament ahead of time at the office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you wish to become fully a Catholic Christian, join us at RCIA on Tuesdays beginning November 23 in the Parish Hall from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) provides instruction and spiritual formation to anyone 16 years of age and older who are not baptized, or baptized in another Christian community, who would like to become a member of the Catholic Church. Catholic adults who have not yet received their First Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Confirmation may also take part. Please speak to Fr. Marijan or call the office for more information and/or to register.

Booking Reservations for Mass

We will continue the practice of making reservations for weekend Masses for purposes of contact tracing. You can go online and register via Eventbrite (<https://stgregoryshawa.eventbrite.ca>), or call Jacqui at the office during the week. **One ticket is for a person up to five people in a social bubble.** We are asking parishioners to reserve their seat online before each weekend. Reservations open at **1:00 pm on Tuesdays and close at 3:00 pm on Friday** on our website. You may leave a message with the answering service **BUT ONLY DURING THE WEEK. YOU MUST REGISTER BY FRIDAY AT 3:00 to reserve a seat. The answering service will not take messages for reservations after 3:00 Friday afternoons.**

News From the Archdiocese

The Archdiocese has informed us that based on advice from our health and safety experts, parishes can resume congregational singing in the church. We are still encouraged to minimize the number of people in the sanctuary. We will continue to refrain from offertory processions at this time. Communion at home may be offered. Clergy and volunteers have to be vaccinated or provide weekly rapid test results.

Parish meetings in halls or other indoor spaces are permitted up to 50% capacity, physical distancing, and contact tracing. Meals or food service should be limited – prepared individual items are preferred. Those attending religious services or participating in parish ministries (with the exception of volunteers) in the hall do not need to be vaccinated. For a third-party hall rental where the facility is being used as an event space, vaccination is required for events and activities unrelated to ministry, and the third party is responsible for ensuring participants are vaccinated. The only exception for non-ministry related activities would be "essential" programs like Alcoholics or Narcotics Anonymous, soup kitchen or food distribution for the homeless. Vaccination is not required for participants in these activities.

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