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Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

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Archdiocese of Toronto

1-416-934-0606

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Catholic Cemeteries

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Society of St. Vincent De Paul- Help Line

905-720-0003

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK	
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 30
12:10 PM	+ Rev. Paul Casullo, req. The Maguire Family
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 1
7:00 PM	For the sick of the Parish
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 2
12:10	+ John Foley, req. Jerry6 & Marilyn Poel
FRIDAY (up to 5 Intentions)	DECEMBER 3
7:00 P.M	+ Julie Cote
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 4
5:00 PM	+ William & Rita Clark
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 5
8:00 AM	
9:30 AM	
12:00 NOON	



Today is the First Sunday of Advent. After a tumultuous year, there is comfort to be found when we pause to read, pray, and reflect over the course of the Advent season in which believers eagerly anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth.

The first Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to center our thoughts on **hope in the Lord**.

It's a beautiful chance to remember the hope God offers to our lost and dying world, and that He's given.

On this first Sunday of Advent, as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Jesus' arrival as a gift to all humanity, let's stir up in our hearts and homes a sense of anticipation. Over this Advent, we pray that **hope** would rise up in our hearts in a tangible and life-giving way.

Adopt a Family for Christmas

It's that time of year! For our new families to the parish here is a little explanation of how the program works. Sponsors (Parishioners who wish to help another family from this parish) are given information about their chosen family. We try to match the content of their own families with the family in need, in this way your own children can shop and help in the selection of gifts and make it rewarding for all. You are given the gender, ages, sizes and interests of the children. There is no dollar value suggested, it is whatever you care to spend. You will be asked to bring your wrapped gifts to the Parish Office no later than December 17th.

If you do not wish to purchase the gifts you can provide gift cards to the family and the parents can go out and purchase the gifts for the children. If you want a tax receipt for your donation than you can write a cheque St. Gregory's Church and mark it "Adopt A Family". The bookkeeper will then write a cheque for the amount and our Parish Secretary will go out and purchase the gifts/gift cards for the family.

However you wish to help is greatly appreciated!!

Pastoral Care Of The Sick

Please notify the office if a family member or parishioner is hospitalized, recovering at home, or in a Nursing Home. Visitation, Communion, and/or the Anointing of the Sick can be made available to them. *Privacy Laws* prevent hospitals or a nursing facility from notifying us directly. It is a good idea to call the Priest while the person can still speak.

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.

Have a wonderful & blessed week!

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

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of
the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

St. Gregory's St. Vincent de Paul Society Report for the month of October, 2021

DePaul Society has accomplished the following on your behalf.

Families Visited 102
Of Adults 149
#Of Children 46

EXPENSES

Grocery Store Vouchers Given Out	\$4465.00
Clothing Vouchers Given Out	10
Value of clothing Vouchers Redeemed	\$358.00
Total expenses for October	\$4,823.00
Total poor box donations for October	\$2,440.00
Net Loss	\$2,383.00

If you are contributing to the poor box each week or even periodically, please be aware that if you put your donation in an SVPD envelope with pertinent information you will receive an income tax receipt at the end of the year. Envelopes are available at the exits of the Church. **Please feel free to drop your envelope in the collection basket. We would like to thank our Parishioners for their ongoing support!**

Prayer Corner

Almighty God, we ask salvation for those who believe in you. Hear us on behalf of your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, that they may be restored to health. We pray especially for:

The sick: David Butler

For the recently departed: Dora Smith

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!

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.

First Holy Communion

It's not too late to register. Please contact the Parish 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://stgregoryoshawa.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.***

Worth Noting

We as Catholics should confess at least once a year. If you don't know what to confess, just ask the Priest.

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