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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

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Archdiocese of Toronto

1-416-934-0606

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905-668-8912

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905-720-0003

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

TUESDAY	JANUARY 18 - 12:10 P.M. <i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins today</i>
	+Cesare Rizzuto req. wife Nancy & family
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 19 - 7:00 P.M. <i>St Marguerite Burgeys</i>
	+Paul Chester Zapora req. son George & Clara
THURSDAY	JANUARY 20 - 12:10 P.M. <i>St Fabian and St Sebastian</i>
	Deceased members of Traynor family
FRIDAY	JANUARY 21 - 7:00 P.M. <i>St Agnes</i> Multiple Mass Intentions (up to 5 people)
5:00 PM	For the intentions of a parishioner
SATURDAY	JANUARY 22 <i>St Vincent</i>
	5:00 P.M. For the parishioners (<i>pro populo</i>)
SUNDAY	JANUARY 23 - 3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; <i>Word of God Sunday; Ecumenical Sunday</i>
8:00AM	For the intentions of a parishioner
9:30 AM	For the intentions of a parishioner
12:00PM	For the intentions of a parishioner

Please preregister for all weekday and Sunday Masses via Eventbrite (<https://stgregoryshawa.eventbrite.ca>), or call the office during the week so to reserve your ticket for one person up to five persons in the same social bubble and avoid crowding at the door. A social bubble is a group of people, members of the same household, or people who are not keeping 6 feet physical distancing.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Learn it by heart, so that we may pray it together at the end of the Mass:

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.

Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop Kasun, CSB – February 13, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.

Do you celebrate 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2022? As part of Marriage Sunday 2022 celebrations, Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB, will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2022. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 13 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). Due to social distancing measures, cathedral attendance is limited to pre-registered couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries and a maximum of one guest per celebrant couple. Registration is now open. Given the limited attendance at the cathedral, we encourage milestone celebrants to register early. Those who are not able to register may join the celebration via livestream Mass here: www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live. The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

Let your voice be heard.

Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality: a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do God's will in the world today. The comments of the faithful will ultimately be discussed at a meeting of the bishops in the Vatican in 2023. To learn more about the Synod on Synodality and to share your thoughts, please visit: www.archtoronto.org/synodality.

Getting married in the Lord

Marriage Preparation Classes at St. John The Evangelist 903 Giffard Street Whitby, Ontario phone 905-668-3676 Email stjohntheevangelistwh@archtoronto.org
Our next Marriage Preparation Course at St. John the Evangelist will be held on 6 Thursday evenings from January 20 to February 24, 2022 at 7:00pm to 9:00pm in the Parish Centre. Fee is \$200 per couple. Please contact the office as soon as possible.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation

The next meeting and review session for Confirmation will be this Sunday January 16, 2022 online. Contact the office to preregister and to get the zoom link.

Prayer Corner

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

At this time, we pray especially for:

The sick: Donald Stevens

For the recently departed: Imelda Jones, Joseph Clarke, John Hynes

General information:

This is our new email address, (stgregorythegreat@archtoronto.org). We might not receive emails to our previous email address.

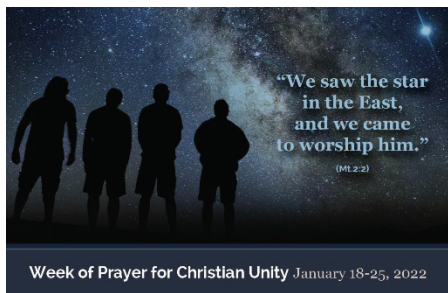
We've had a problem with receiving messages over the phone as we are using our phone answering service but have given them our new email address which for some reason didn't allow their messages to pass through. Also, our office has been closed during Christmas Season.

Can You Help?

We are looking to make a team of volunteers to help with live streaming and also a Webmaster. If you would like to help, please call the Parish office.

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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service



Sunday, January 23, 2022 – 4 p.m. Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church 920 Progress Ave., Scarborough. Join Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders to

pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches. All are welcome to attend in person or watch the livestream on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/TorontoArmenianChurch. For details, please visit: <https://bit.ly/3Gm0CZj>

Latest Provincial Covid-19 Updates

The provincial government announced that Ontario will be moving to a modified Step 2 of the *Roadmap to Reopening*. These changes have taken effect as of Wednesday, January 5, 2022, with most restrictions lasting a minimum of 21 days.

Capacity restrictions for places of worship are set at 50% of pre-Covid capacity however distancing of 2 metres (6 feet) must be maintained by those not from the same family.

NEW – Self-isolation changes – (from the [Province of Ontario](#)) “For anyone who tests positive for Covid-19, Ontario has also changed the required isolation period based on growing evidence that generally healthy people with Covid-19 are most infectious in the two days before and three days after symptoms develop. Individuals with Covid-19 who are vaccinated, as well as children under 12, will be required to isolate for five days following the onset of symptoms. Their household contacts are also required to isolate with them. These individuals can end isolation after five days if their symptoms are improved for at least 24 hours and all public health and safety measures, such as masking and physical distancing, are followed. Non-household contacts are required to self-monitor for ten days. Individuals who are unvaccinated, partially vaccinated or immunocompromised will be required to isolate for 10 days.”

In light of the highly contagious Omicron variant, a cantor remains acceptable.

Those feeling unwell should not attend Mass at this time. Please don't congregate in large groups before or after Mass.

We recognize that the Christmas season posed significant challenges given the number of Masses as well as the need to adapt to the fluid nature of the Omicron situation. A special thank you to staff and volunteers – and all parishioners – for your tireless efforts to serve the faithful and foster a safe environment for all!

Jesus the Bridegroom claims His Bride

The antiphon of the Gospel Canticle of the Morning Prayer on January 2, 2022, Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, presents three events of Jesus' life as one, “Today the Bridegroom claims his bride, the Church since Christ has washed her sins away in Jordan's waters; the Magi hasten with their gifts to the royal wedding; and the wedding guests rejoice, for Christ has changed water into wine, alleluia” (Accessed, January 12, 2022, <http://www.ibreviary.com/m2/breviario.php?s=lodi>).

That is, the Baptism of Jesus, the Magi's visitation, and Jesus changing water into wine some 30 years later is the epiphany, manifestation of Christ (Greek, *epiphaneia* means 'manifestation'). It is noteworthy that the Church presents these three events successively, for three Sundays in a row. The first Sunday of Epiphany focuses on the historic event of the visit of the Magi within Christmas celebrations (January 2). The second event, the feast of Baptism of the Lord, we celebrated the last Sunday (January 9). The third event, Jesus changing water into wine is not a solemnity or feast, but we still read that account this Sunday (January 16), the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. How, and why is this third part of the Manifestation of Christ important for us?

The antiphon reads, “Today the Bridegroom claims his bride, the Church, since [...] the wedding guests rejoice, for Christ has changed water into wine, alleluia”. ‘Today’, on the Solemnity of the Epiphany, ‘The Bridegroom’, Christ (Mk 2:19; Rev 19:7), “claims his bride, the Church” (2Cor 11:2; Rev 21:2; Eph 5:25-27). But, at the Wedding in Cana, as we read in today's Gospel (Jn 2:1-11), Jesus didn't claim His Bride. You could say, ‘Someone else was married, and Jesus was merely there with His Mother Mary and several disciples, changing water into wine’ (vv. 1-2, 9).

But I could say that there, within the faith of the Church, Jesus points to a deeper mystery prophetically announcing that He is the Groom who can change water into wine for His feast with His Bride, the Church. Jesus fulfilled that promise when He poured the Holy Spirit like ‘the new wine’ in the feast of the Pentecost (Ac 2:13). The Apostles of Jesus were not “drunk on new wine” but filled with the Holy Spirit whom Jesus promised and sent from the Father (*ibid.*; Jn 16:13). Today, and in every time in the history of the Church, Jesus claims His Bride, us, whenever, through the ‘rational worship’ we give ourselves to Him in marriage sealed with wine changed into His Blood that flows freely to us in the Eucharist during the Mass. It could be said that we ‘consummate’ the marriage with the Lamb of God when we ‘consume’ the Lamb of God and so ‘become one.’ Thus, Jesus *manifests* Himself to us and ‘claims us, His Bride, the Church’ in Baptism and in the Eucharist, that is, the Mass.

As Jesus ‘claims us’ in the wedding feast, let us rejoice not merely as observers, or even guests, but as The Bride seeking to be united to The Bridegroom, Christ, dressed in a clean, white gown of the good, ‘righteous deeds’ in the Lord (Rev 19:8). Lord Jesus, as you changed water into new wine, change wine into your Blood, so that your Blood may change us, purify us, and unite us to you in the embrace of love. Amen.



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