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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

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK	
TUESDAY	JANUARY 25 - 12:10 P.M. <i>Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle – feast</i> For the intentions of a parishioner
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 26 - 7:00 P.M. <i>Saints Timothy and Titus</i> For the intentions of a parishioner
THURSDAY	JANUARY 27 – 12:10 P.M. <i>St Angela Merici</i> For members of the Franciscan Fraternity of St Angela Merici
FRIDAY	JANUARY 28 – 7:00 P.M. <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i> Multiple Mass Intentions (up to 5 people)
5:00 PM	For the intentions of a parishioner
SATURDAY	JANUARY 29 5:00 P.M. For the intentions of a parishioner
SUNDAY	JANUARY 30 – 4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM	For the intentions of a parishioner
9:30 AM	For the parishioners (<i>pro populo</i>)
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.

Worth noting

A Catholic speaker Matt Frad on why cohabitating before Marriage is a bad idea, <https://youtu.be/D7v3eZWfiY0>

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.

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.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation

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.

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.

Visit www.archtoronto.org/careers for the latest employment opportunities.

A reminder: those feeling unwell – especially if suspecting Covid-19, should not attend Mass at this time.

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

Please don't congregate in large groups before or after Mass.

Pre-Authorized Giving

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG) to assist you in your support of the work of the parish through your regular parish offerings. To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, the parishes depend entirely on the generosity of their parishioners. Pre-authorized giving allows you to give to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account or credit card. These funds are then deposited directly to the parish account.

There are various benefits of participating in pre-authorized giving, both for you and for your parish.

Advantages for you:

- The convenience of having your offering automatically contributed to the parish.
- Knowing you continue to support the parish even when you are away.
- Continual support of ministries and programs funded through the parish.

Advantages for the Parish:

- Regular, dependable contributions to the parish.
- Reduction of cash on hand.
- Reduction of paperwork.

For information on how to enrol, please contact St. Gregory's office or email development@archtoronto.org.

Calling all Catholic Advisors

Are you a lawyer, financial or insurance advisor? If yes, then we want to hear from you! The Archdiocese of Toronto has spent a number of years creating a network of advisors, who understand our faith and can assist us with our estate and financial affairs. Come and be a part of our network where you have the opportunity to integrate your spiritual and professional lives. For further information, contact the Development office at 416-934-3400 ext. 561/519 or email development@archtoronto.org.

Catholic Nurses Canada Tuesday, January 25 – 7 to 8:15 p.m. VIRTUAL EVENTS HOSTED BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC NURSES-CANADA

Looking for support in your vocation as a Catholic health professional? Join the National Association of Catholic Nurses-Canada for prayer on the first Friday of the month at 3 p.m. and for fellowship on the final Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Fr. Michael Eades of the Toronto Oratory joins us on January 25, 2022. NACN-Canada's goal is to align professional practice with faith through prayer, education, service and participation in public discourse. Please contact by email for the meeting link, or sign-up for updates via the website.

CONTACT: NACN-Canada PO Box 19525, Manulife PO, 55 Bloor St. W., Toronto, Ontario, M4W 3T9

EMAIL: nacncanada.boardcontact@gmail.com

WEBSITE: <https://catholicnurses.ca/>

Friars' Student Writing Contest 2022 – Win Great Prizes!

It is time once again for the Friars' Student Writing Award. Students aged 13-19 are invited to submit a 450-500-word essay for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated from January 18 to 25, 2022. This year, the theme and the resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022 have been prepared by the Middle East Council of Churches based in Beirut, Lebanon. The theme of the contest is: "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him" (Mt. 2:2). The deadline for the writing contest is Monday, February 14, 2022 at 2 p.m.

Please see the poster for more contest details: <https://bit.ly/FriarsStudentWritingContest2022>

In this annual celebration we are reminded that the unity of the Church is both a gift of the Holy Spirit and a task for all Christians.

"Change of heart and holiness of life, along with public and private prayer for the unity of Christians, should be regarded as the soul of the whole ecumenical movement, and merits the name, 'spiritual ecumenism'." (Unitatis redintegratio, <https://bit.ly/DecreeOnEcumenism>, 8).

Bereavement Ministry Training

The next Bereavement Ministry Training will be offered online on Tuesdays, January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15 & 22, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This training is designed for new and seasoned parish bereavement ministers. It will explore ways to begin a bereavement ministry in your parish or enhance your present program. Registrants are required to participate in all online sessions and complete pre-homework to receive full training. There is no cost to attend, but register early as capacity is limited. REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/BT-RegisterJanFeb2022>

POSTER: <https://bit.ly/BT-PosterJanFeb2022>.

CONTACT: Sally Amaral at samaral@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3400 ext. 518

Openness to Christ's Words: A Path of Encounter and Conversion

Friday, January 28 – 7 p.m. to Sunday, January 30 – 1 p.m. Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering. A silent Ignatian weekend retreat for men. During three days of retreat, we will focus on the Ignatian method of contemplation that suggests the use of our senses (SE 106), to contemplate together some of the significant moments of Jesus' encounter with His audience and the healing and transformative process that followed as a result of these encounters. Fundamental to this, is the role of the Holy Spirit that allows people to open their hearts to the Divine Grace which transforms, restores and re-creates. Facilitated by Fr. Jean Francky Guerrier, SJ. A suggested offering of \$235 per person. Includes two nights' accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction. REGISTER: (*for this and other retreats*): manresa-canada.ca CONTACT: registration@manresa.ca PHONE: 905-839-2864

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