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## Office Hours:

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](http://www.stgregorythegreat.ca)

## Archdiocese of Toronto

1-416-934-0606

or: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)

## Catholic Cemeteries

St. Gregory's & Resurrection

905-668-8912

or: [www.catholic-cemeteries.com](http://www.catholic-cemeteries.com)

## Durham Catholic District School Board

905-576-6150 or [www.dcdsb.ca](http://www.dcdsb.ca)

## Society of St. Vincent De Paul- Help Line

905-720-0003



There will be a virtual Ordinandi Dinner where we may see and support 9 transitional deacons that will be ordained in 2022 for different dioceses. Join us virtually on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 7pm via <https://www.youtube.com/archtoronto>. For more info go to, <https://serracanada.com/2022-ordinandi-dinner/>. Thank you for promoting and supporting the vocations!

### 20 February 2022 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Today we celebrate Jesus as the Lord of compassion and love. We cannot honestly approach his altar if we are still bearing grudges against others. We ask him to rid us of our petty vengefulness.

#### **Able to forgive**

Jesus' message was new and shocking for the religious leaders of his day. Their law decreed "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." In other words, they were expected to strike back at those who harmed them in any way. It is in a gospel like that presented to us today that we see just how radical and revolutionary Jesus' teaching must have sounded back then. Indeed, it is still quite revolutionary in today's world, with our dog-eat-dog mentality. The process of salvation which he had come to establish would be based on forgiveness, and, therefore, to be part of, and to belong to that process must put each of us right Out there in the front line of tolerance, forgiveness, and love.

Look in a mirror, reflecting on the failures and sin in your life. Take as much time as you need. You are going to ask God's forgiveness, you are going to offer amendment, to move forward from here. Jesus taught us one simple prayer, which we call the Our Father or the Lord's Prayer. It is a simple prayer, and it is quite short. One of the petitions is where we ask God to forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. We can rattle off this prayer, and fail to realise the bind in which it can place us.

In the Lord's Prayer, we ask God to forgive us on one condition, which is that we will forgive others in our turn. There is a proven power in forgiveness and love. "Blessed are the meek" says Jesus, "they shall possess the earth." We are impressed by the power of forgiveness shown by characters like Mahatma Ghandi, Martin Luther King, and others who somehow managed to turn the other cheek. The bully cannot deal with the power of the one who won't strike back, but often resorts to violence as the only way to silence their voice of protest. To err is human, to forgive is divine. We would aim to be big-hearted, tolerant and patient... But the ideal Jesus sets for us is, "Be merciful, just as your heavenly Father is merciful." (*Resource – Priest's For Life*)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 22 - 12:10 P.M. – Chair of St. Peter</b>
	+ Sick of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 23 - 7:00 P.M. St. Polycarp</b>
	Linda Formosa, req. Jacqui Martin
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 24- 12:10 P.M.</b>
	Stephen Toutant, req. his wife Heather
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 25 - 7:00 P.M. (up to 5 intentions)</b>
	Allison Unroe Theresa & Dave Peets Mary Gauthier George McLaughlin
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 26 - 5:00 P.M.</b>
	Intentions of Anne White
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 27</b>
8:00AM	
9:30 AM	For the parishioners ( <i>pro populo</i> )
12:00PM	

Please pre-register for all weekday and Sunday Masses via **Eventbrite** (<https://stgregoryoshawa.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.

#### **Letters of Reference for Catholic Teacher Applicants**

If you are a teacher, or one of your children are currently studying to become a teacher in our Catholic schools, part of the application process for the Board includes a letter of reference from your pastor. If you are from this Parish and intend to ask for a reference letter, please note that you will have to be attending Mass here regularly and participating in a Parish ministry before such a recommendation will be given. That is, applicants are expected to be practicing Catholics in good standing (attending Mass, contributing to the Parish, being married in church; <https://bit.ly/PracticingCath>).

If you have a son or daughter currently in Teacher's College and they intend to use St. Gregory the Great as the Parish from which they will request a letter of reference, but they do not attend this Parish (because they are away at school), they will be required to obtain a letter from the pastor of the Parish where they are attending while away at school. Please remember all our schools and teachers – present and future – in your prayers!

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



### Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

Diamond couple Lawrence and Donna Darnell have celebrated 60 years of wedding bliss.

The couple marked the milestone anniversary on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> by attending Mass and received a special blessing from Fr. Marijan.

Lawrence and Donna were married at Church of our Lady in Guelph, on a cold day – 10 f. May the Lord continue to guide and bless them.

### 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.

**Ash Wednesday – March 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Mass Times: 12:10 & 7:00 p.m.**

### A Time to Prepare

As we begin to approach Lent, it is good to pray, asking God how does he want us to enter into this holy season. If our Lent in the past has been focused more on giving up, has it been the giving up some habitual sin in our lives? If our Lent has been more centered around doing more, has it been in loving more intentionally? After Lent we should see some significant change in our spiritual lives. Lent is not a forty-day exercise without results. It is our annual pilgrimage to the celebration of our redemption by Jesus, our Lord and Savior. But after his death on Good Friday, there is his resurrection on Easter Sunday. He died for our sins and rose to new life. Our Lenten journey is to lead to the same mystery in our own lives. Something is to die, so new life can become a reality of our lives now.

### Offertory Envelopes for 2022

You may pick up your Offertory Envelopes at the back of the church. If you are new to the parish, wish to have a box, if you cannot find your box, or would like to sign up for pre-authorized giving (PAG) please call Jacqui at the office.

### Lenten Retreats

Lenten Retreat – Saturday March 5, or, Tuesday March 15  
Time: 9:00a.m. -3:30p.m.

Cost: \$40.00 Lunch included

Where: Queen of Apostles, 1617 Blyth Road, Mississauga 905-278-5229, or, office@qoa.ca

Father Ron Rolheiser Lenten Retreat

Time: Friday 7:00p.m. – Sunday 2:00p.m.

Cost: \$450.00 per person, or, \$700.00 per cpl

Where: Queen of Apostles, 1617 Blyth Road. Mississauga 905-278-5229, or, office@qoa.ca

Are you or someone you know *divorced?*

Every Catholic has the right to investigate their marriage. (Canon 1674)

- It is **free of charge** (*Moto Proprio, Mitis Iudex Dominus Iesus*)
- It could be because you want to enter a new relationship, or for a completely different reason
- Pope Francis has greatly **simplified** the procedures



Talk to your pastor about the Catholic Marriage Tribunal and the marriage nullity process, or visit our website at [www.archtoronto.org/MarriageTribunal](http://www.archtoronto.org/MarriageTribunal) for more information.



### Prayer Corner

This week, please remember in your prayers:  
For the sick:

**Greg Martin, Anne White**  
&

For the recently departed:  
**James Brain, Angela Scanga & Giuseppina Katarina**

Have a blessed week!

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