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

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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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK	
TUESDAY	MARCH 8- 12:10 P.M. St. John of God
	+ Deceased Members of the family of Gloria & Manuel Desousa
WEDNESDAY	March 9 - 7:00 P.M. St. Frances of Rome
	+ Patricia Scanga, req. Angelo Scanga
THURSDAY	MARCH 10 - 12:10 P.M.
	Alberto Iezzi, req. his Wife Ida
FRIDAY	MARCH 11 - 7:00 P.M. (up to 5 intentions)
	+ Giuseppe Guarini, req. Angela Guarini
SATURDAY	MARCH 12 - 5:00 P.M.
SUNDAY	MARCH 13- 2nd Sunday of Lent
8:00AM	For the parishioners (<i>pro populo</i>)
9:30 AM	+ Alcides Jeronimo, req. the family
12:00PM	

Stations of the Cross during Lent

There will be Stations Of The Cross every Friday (beginning next Friday March 4th) at 6:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m.

The Eucharist remains the source and summit of our life in Christ. For Christians, participation in the Sunday Eucharist is the central experience of the week [where we experience and receive the victory of Christ], and that is the foundation for the obligation of every Catholic to be personally present at Mass every Sunday. Of course, if there is a legitimate reason (such as being sick) this obligation does not apply. Similarly, when pandemic restrictions for the common good and love of neighbour have prevented attendance, then the obligation does not apply, and it is understandable as well that some may feel hesitant at first about returning to personal participation. But as the restrictions are lifted, now is the time to encourage Catholics to return to physical presence at Sunday Mass, if not impeded for a legitimate reason, in keeping with our basic Sunday obligation as Catholics.



The season of Lent is a time for us to change our hearts, our ways and our minds and to focus them on Christ. During this first week of Lent, the scriptures speak to us of the temptations and desires of this world, our human frailty, and our need for Jesus in our lives to help us fight the obstacles presented by Satan.

Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday, March 13, 2022. At 2:00 am clocks are turned forward 1 hour to 3:00 am local daylight time instead.

Message from The Cardinal

The Cardinal has given us: Updates to the WorshipSafe Protocols Taking Effect on Tuesday March 1, 2022: 1. All capacity limits, including physical distancing requirements, are removed from churches and parish halls. Parishes can gradually begin to remove floor markings and other signage as restrictions are lifted. Parishes may wish to continue with distancing at Holy Communion as a best practice for a period of time, removing all floor markings and distancing at the discretion of the pastor. 2. Indoor mask use is still required for those over the age of two (limited medical exemptions apply). 3. The kiss of peace is still discouraged at this time. A bow or wave should continue to be used as an alternative. 4. Holy water fonts can be refilled. Prayer books, hymnals, magazines, bulletins and votive candles can return to the church, if they have not already. 5. Holy Communion on the tongue can resume, but those receiving Holy Communion on the tongue should ideally be at the end of the Communion line. 6. Altar servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion can return to prepandemic duties. 7. Choirs and cantors still must be masked or three metres/nine feet from anyone else 8. Meetings in parish halls may resume for those who may wish to do so – mask use is required. 9. Reporting of rapid test results for unvaccinated clergy, staff and volunteers is suspended. Proof of vaccination is not a requirement to enter Archdiocese of Toronto churches. 10. The use of hand sanitizer upon entry to the church and before the distribution of Holy Communion remains a best practice and is encouraged. It is still recommended that health and hygiene signage remains posted in parishes at this time. 11. Confessionals and confession rooms can reopen, provided that both parties are masked. 12. Contact tracing and online Mass registration systems are no longer required. Parishioners should be encouraged to continue self-screening for Covid-19 symptoms and stay home if they have any symptoms. 13. Parish offices can resume operations in the manner that best suits the local conditions of that church, while respecting all normal applicable regulations, laws and archdiocesan policies. 14. Baptisms can return to pre-pandemic practices. 15. Reporting all Covid cases is no longer required, but the regional bishops and Pastoral Centre staff are still available to answer Covid-related questions, help with the communication of serious incidents and arrange for visiting priests in the case of illness. 16. Parishes are encouraged to review updated procedures with volunteers and others who may be assisting with the celebration of the sacraments. 17. Parishes are encouraged to make an announcement at the beginning of Mass over the first several weeks of March 2022 noting the lifting of restrictions and reminders regarding updated procedures that may have changed. Thank you again for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ Thomas Card. Collins

Thomas Cardinal Collins

Archbishop of Toronto

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

MARCH 6, 2022

Message from the Archdiocese of Toronto

Pope Francis has called on the faithful to make Ash Wednesday (March 2, 2022) a day of prayer and fasting for peace in Ukraine. On that day – and the days that follow – a donation to help Ukrainians who are suffering due to this war would be a most appreciated gift.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will channel donations to support the Office for Refugees, Archdiocese of Toronto (ORAT) and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA). CNEWA is a papal agency with a long history of humanitarian relief; it is currently working in Eastern Europe, providing Ukrainians with food, shelter, medicine and transportation to safe locations. ORAT is Canada's largest private Sponsorship Agreement Holder, which helps bring hundreds of newcomers to our country each year; it will use donations to bring Ukrainian refugees to Canada as soon as possible.

Your donation will help Ukrainians who are beset by violence in Eastern Europe and it will help some of them find a new home in Canada.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:
Name of Parish – Ukrainian Relief – Humanitarian Relief

Please continue to pray for the Ukrainian people and all those who suffer under the human tragedy of war. Thank you for your continued assistance.

CWL Meetings are back!

The CWL will be having their March meeting on March 20th in the parish hall following the 9:30 am mass. We will be following all required protocols. We will not be offering refreshments however you are welcome to bring your own. All ladies of the parish are welcome to join us.

Prayer Corner

This week, please remember in your prayers:

For the sick:

Mary Martin
&

For the recently departed:
Claire Finnigan

The Office of Vocations invites single Catholic men 18 years and older, to attend a **Come & See - Day Retreat on Saturday, March 19 (9:00am - 3:30pm) at St. Augustine's Seminary**. The Retreat offers time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming a Catholic priest. You must register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee. For more information, please contact Fr Marijan or the Office of Vocations via email: vocations@archtoronto.org.
Poster: <https://bit.ly/ComeandSeeMarch2022>



Totus Tuus Summer Camp is Coming to St. Gregory!

Youth of our Parish are invited to join us for Totus Tuus this summer from July 17-22, 2022. Totus Tuus - Latin for Totally Yours - is an Archdiocesan camp program whereby seminarians and college students travel to different parishes, spreading the Good News of our Lord through catechetical instruction, Mass, confession, songs and games! The day camp, for children entering grades 1-6, runs Monday-Friday from 9am – 2:30pm. The evening program for Grades 7-12 runs Sunday-Thursday from 7–9pm. The cost is only \$100 per person for the entire week. To register or for more information, please contact Jacquie at stgregorythegreat@archtoronto.org. More information about camp is also available online at <https://www.totustuustoronto.ca/>.

Steubenville Youth Conference 2022

Steubenville Toronto will take place July 15-17, 2022 at Canada Christian College (300 Water St., Whitby). Steubenville Youth Conferences bring together some of the best Catholic speakers and musicians in North America and provide opportunities for our high school teens to encounter Christ and experience the Church in a whole new way! Contact Jacquie if you wish to go in an organized way to the Steubenville Conference with the high school youth of our Parish.

Let us know if you would like to be a chaperone. For more information and to register, visit: www.steubenvilletoronto.com.

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