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Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 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 approach the Priest after you have participated at Sunday Mass.

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.

Letters of Reference for Catholic Teacher Applicants

If you are a teacher, or one of your children is 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 for six months 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 (<https://bit.ly/PracticingCath>). So, 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 teachers – present and future – in your prayers!

A question for self-reflection: am I a practicing Catholic in good standing (<https://bit.ly/PracticingCath>)?

Parish Organizations & Ministries

Please contact the Parish Office

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	MAY 24– 12:10 pm <i>World Day of Prayer for the Church in China, Bl. Louis-Zephirin Moreau</i>
WEDNESDAY	MAY 25 - 7:00 <i>St. Bede the Venerable, St Gregory VII, St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi + Rosa Presta, req. her Children & Family</i>
THURSDAY	MAY 26 - 12:10 pm <i>St. Philip Neri + Robert Martin, req. her Daughter</i>
FRIDAY	MAY 27 – 7:00 pm <i>St. Augustine of Canterbury; up to 5 Mass intentions</i> Intentions of Teri Normoyle, req. a Parishioner Intentions of the Moffatt Family
SATURDAY	MAY 28– 5:00 pm For the parishioners (<i>pro populo</i>)
SUNDAY	MAY 29 – The Ascension of The Lord; <i>World Communications Day</i>
8:00 A.M.	
9:30 A.M.	
12:00 P.M.	+ Deceased members in the Brian Small Family



This Sunday's Gospel Reading is set at the Last Supper. Yet Jesus speaks in veiled terms about His Ascension to the Father, which of course took place less than seven weeks after the Last Supper. In Sunday's Gospel Reading, we hear Jesus proclaim: "If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father". But how could we expect the apostles to rejoice over Jesus leaving them?

After His Resurrection, Jesus could have remained in Jerusalem instead of ascending to Heaven. Through His divine power, Jesus could have kept His resurrected, glorified body from ever aging, so that even today, He would still be just 33 years old. From Jerusalem He would be still ruling the earth, settling disputes, and working miracles to dispel hunger and disease.

"The modern world is not evil; in some ways the modern world is far too good. It is full of wild and wasted virtues. ... The modern world is full of the old Christian virtues gone mad. The virtues have gone mad because they have been isolated from each other and are wandering alone. [And so, for example,] some scientists care for truth; [but] their truth is [without pity]. [Also,] some humanitarians only care for pity; [but] their pity (I am sorry to say) is often untruthful" (G.K. Chesterton, *Orthodoxy*).

In the 21st century also, we see the virtues isolated from each other. For example, there are scientists who would like to clone human beings. This search for truth is divorced from the need for ethics: specifically, from the need to respect the unique dignity of human nature. Also, there are strict federal laws in our nation protecting the eggs of certain birds that are endangered species. Yet this desire to have compassion for an innocent unborn bird is divorced by many from the need to have compassion for an innocent unborn human being.

In each such example, a desire to pursue a good is divorced from the larger picture. This leaves another, also needed virtue out in the cold. Looking to God—the Maker of all creatures and the origin of all Truth—focuses human efforts to do good, and helps us neither to do bad, nor to do good inconsistently. In our efforts to do good, we can grow in all the virtues, and open our selves more fully to the life of God the Most Holy Trinity.

Stuebville Conference in Whitby, ON has been cancelled for this year.

We invite our parishioners, especially the seniors, to **be aware of online or phone scammers** (<https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm>; <https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/protect-protegez-eng.htm>).

The Annual Day of Reflection for Women - June 4

All women (14 +) are invited to The Annual Day of Reflection for Women on Saturday, June 4, 2022. The Sisters of Life will lead us on a journey into the Heart of Woman to uncover and recover the Feminine Genius so desperately needed in our day. Using the inspired insights of St. Pope John Paul II, they will accompany us as we reflect on the gifts women bring to the Church and beyond. The seminary community is excited to welcome participants for fellowship and worship. This retreat will be offered in person and virtually. For those participants attending in person, brunch and Mass will be available (please bring a Bible and rosary). Please register soon as limited spots are available for in person participation (<https://staugustines.on.ca/events-listing/annual-day-of-reflection-for-women>). Virtual attendance is unlimited. Visit our website event page for more information regarding cost and registration details. Josephine Lombardi, Ph.D.

Second Collection Today - The Pope's Pastoral Works

A disastrous flood or earthquake strikes a nation at the other end of the world. Immediately many countries rush in food, medicine, blankets, money, and trained people. Prominent among such aid is the financial help offered by the Holy Father to people in need. The annual Pope's Pastoral Works collection makes these funds available for distribution. In the name of Catholics everywhere, he displays Christ's love and compassion for those who suffer.

Are you looking for a job?

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

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



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ORDINATION CLASS OF 2022



"LORD, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?
YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE"
- JOHN 6:68

Congratulations to our newly ordained priests, Fr. Alexander D'Silva, Fr. Eduardo Lopez Lopez, Fr. Fraser McLaren, and Fr. Adam Pantaleo! They were ordained on May 14 at St. Michael's Cathedral. May the Lord bless them, all priests, and give many holy vocations to the Priesthood and religious life.

Volunteers Are Needed

Fr. Marijan is looking for people who would like to volunteer with the following:

Mass at Hillside Estates 3rd Tuesday of each month
Mass at Hillside Terraces 1st Tuesday of each month
To count Weekly Collection – Tuesday in the Office

For all volunteer positions, a police check is required. If you are interested please speak to Fr. Marijan after Mass.



5th Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022

ShareLife Goal Update

Thus far our Parish has raised **\$18,203.20 toward our goal of \$36,000**. "Our goal can be met, but only with your help. I invite you to join today's generation of heroes by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability." – Cardinal Thomas Collins Please give generously during the ShareLife Sunday collection or at <https://sharelife.org/>. If you haven't yet contributed, please make your sacrificial gift through the parish office or at sharelife.org. Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

Owner of envelope number 142 please call the office.



Totus Tuus Summer Camp is Coming to St. Gregory!

Youth of St Gregory the Great and Holy Cross Parishes are invited to join us for Totus Tuus this summer from July 17-22, 2022. Totus Tuus is an Archdiocesan camp program. The day camp, for children entering grades 1-6 costs only

\$100, runs Monday-Friday from 9am – 2:30pm. The evening program for Grades 7-12 costs only \$50 and runs Sunday-Thursday from 7-9pm. There is a discount for siblings. Register here (<https://bit.ly/TotusTuus22>). For more information, please contact Jacquie or Fr. Marijan at stgregorythegreat@archtoronto.org. More information about camp at <https://www.totustuustoronto.ca/>

Join the Legacy Society – Support the Church Beyond Your Lifetime

A gift through your will can make a lasting impact on the work of Christ through the Church, it will sustain the charities you value most for generations to come. You can direct your gift to any area of the Archdiocese of Toronto, especially our St. Gregory the Great Parish, ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary, The Shepherds' Trust, St. Michael's Choir School and many others.

If you have included St. Gregory the Great Parish or favourite archdiocesan charity in your will or estate plan, please let us know. Through the Legacy Society of the Archdiocese of Toronto, we would like to welcome you.

All Legacy Society members receive: • A hand-crafted cross, blessed by the Archbishop of Toronto. • A personal letter and certificate acknowledging your intention. • Invitations to Legacy Society functions and other special events.

May is "Leave a Legacy" month in Canada. What better time to start thinking about your lasting impact? To learn more about the Legacy Society, please contact the Development Office at: 416-934-3400 ext. 561/519 or development@archtoronto.org.

Prayer Corner

This week, please remember in your prayers:

For the sick: Robert Normoyle, Teri Normoyle,

For the recently departed: Elvira Naccarato

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, we believe that You are our Lord and Saviour. We pray that You rekindle our faith and trust in You so that we may continue with the work that You have commanded us to do. **Amen.**

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



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