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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 31- 12:10 pm - <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 1 - 7:00 p.m. <i>St. Justin</i>
THURSDAY	JUNE 2- 12:10 - <i>St. Marcellinus and St. Peter</i> + Robert Martin, req. her Daughter
FRIDAY	JUNE 3- 7:00 p.m. - <i>St. Charles Lwanga & comp.</i> + Donato Giuseppe, req. Angela Guarini + Antanuzza Macri, req. Angela Guarini + Giuseppe Guarini, req. Angela Guarini
SATURDAY	JUNE 4 -5:00 pm <i>Vigil of Pentecost</i> For the parishioners (<i>pro populo</i>)
SUNDAY	JUNE 5 - <i>Pentecost Sunday - season of Easter ends</i>
8:00 A.M.	
9:30 A.M.	
12:00 P.M.	



The Church reflects upon the Glorious Mystery of the Ascension through her Sacred Liturgy. She does this first through the Scriptures, prayers and antiphons of today's Mass. These include the Preface that the priest chants or recites right before the *Sanctus*. There are two prefaces for the Ascension. In the first, the priest professes our belief—that is to say, the belief of the entire Communion of Saints—that “the Lord Jesus, the

King of glory, / conqueror of sin and death, / ascended today to the highest heavens” “not to distance Himself from our lowly state / but that we, His members, might be confident of following / where He, our Head and Founder, has gone before.”

That preface makes it clear to us that the Church's celebration of Jesus' Ascension is about the virtue of hope. It's about you and me and every other member of the Church on earth living the virtue of hope in our daily lives: at home, at work, and among our family and friends.

Hoping for Heaven is challenging because for most of us, Heaven is still a long ways down the road. After all, on the practical level, for most of you, your “tomorrow” is going to look pretty much like your “today”. Regarding your hopes for “tomorrow”, you likely hope for sunny skies and 72°. You likely hope for your investments to show at least a modest gain, or your boss to give you a raise, or your grown child to call to see how you're doing, or your husband to take you by the hand, look into your eyes and say, “I love you. Thank you for being such a wonderful mother to our children.” All of these are perfectly natural things to hope for.

But we tend not to hope for Heaven tomorrow. That is to say, unless you are in the last years of life upon this green earth, there are probably a whole lot of tomorrows left to you between “today” and the end of your road. So practically, we put our hope in things that lay closer to hand. As a result, Heaven becomes not so much an object of hope, as a vague and fuzzy ideal far, far off on the horizon.

But our Blessed Mother Mary can help us to hope more realistically. We have honored her throughout the month of May because she, more than any other disciple of Jesus, can show us and help us to place our hope each day in her Son: her Son Jesus, who is the Way of true hope for your daily life.

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. 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.



Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions for June:

For families

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-monthly-intentions-2022

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>).

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.

Please pray for the children who are being initiated to receive the First Holy Communion on the Corpus Christi Sunday, and those that will be confirmed on the Pentecost Sunday.



ShareLife Goal Update

Thus far our Parish has raised \$ 18,303.20 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 June 5th third 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!

Download your copy of the **St. Augustine's Seminary Spring 2022 Newsletter In Deum**. Simply scan this code with your camera app or go to <https://adobe.ly/3lJh5hT>

On Sunday June 12 at 4 PM in General Sikorski Hall, 1551 Stevenson Rd N, Oshawa, there will be **Brahms' A German Requiem concert**. For tickets contact resoundbizmanager@gmail.com or visit <https://resoundchoir.ca/>

Volunteers Are Needed

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

Mass at Hillsdale Estates 3rd Tuesday of each month

Mass at Hillsdale 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.



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 Jacque 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.

Pre-Authorized Giving

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving Plan to assist you in your support of the work of St. Gregory The Great through your regular parish offerings. (This does not include ShareLife, Easter, Christmas or other special collections.) The work of our parish is made possible through the giving hearts of our parishioners. When you participate in Pre-Authorized Giving, your offering will be withdrawn from your account on the 20th day of the month and deposited to the Parish account.

Advantages for the donor:

Convenience. Your offering is received automatically every month. Continual support of your parish when you are away. Direct debit amount can be changed or cancelled at any time.

Advantages for the Parish:

Regular, dependable flow of contributions to the parish. Reduction of paperwork and bookkeeping.

The Office of the Stewardship and Development of the Archdiocese of Toronto administers the Pre-Authorized Giving Plan for the parish. Please note that our parish office will issue tax receipt for all offertory gifts.

Owner of envelope number 142 please call the office.

Prayer Corner

This week, please remember in your prayers:

For the sick: Robert Normoyle, Teri Normoyle,

For the recently departed: Theresa Mary Timmons

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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