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Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday 12:10 p.m., Friday 7:00 p.m.

Confession: Friday 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 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, from this Parish and require a reference letter, please note that you will have to be attending Mass here regularly for at least 6 months and if possible participating in a Parish ministry before such a recommendation will be given. (<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

PLEASE NOTE MASS CHANGES; CONTACT HOLY CROSS FOR THEIR MASS INTENTIONS MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE 18th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	
TUESDAY	AUG. 2 ND - St. Gregory's 12:10 pm. St Eusebius of Vercelli & St Julian Eymard
WEDNESDAY	AUG. 3 RD – Holy Cross – 8:30 a.m.
THURSDAY	AUG. 4 TH - Holy Cross – 8:30 a.m. St. Jean Marie Vianney
FRIDAY	Confessions at St Gregory from 6:00 pm– 6:45pm
	AUG. 5 TH St. Gregory's 7:00 p.m.- Blessed Frederic Janssoone; Dedication of St. Mary Major
SATURDAY	AUG. 6 TH Confessions at Holy Cross from 3:30 – 4:15 pm – Transfiguration of the Lord
SATURDAY	AUG. 6 TH Holy Cross - 4:30 p.m.
SUNDAY	AUG. 7 TH - 19TH Sunday in Ordinary Time -
8:00 A.M.	St. Gregory's - For the parishioners (<i>pro populo</i>)
9:30 A.M.	St. Gregory's
12:00 P.M.	Holy Cross

The Rosary Apostolate

The Rosary Apostolate in the Schools has been faithfully visiting our classrooms once a month to pray the Rosary with our students for the past 7 years.

They are a great inspiration to our students!

The Rosary Apostolate is seeking people who have a great love for the Rosary and are willing to visit our Schools to pray the Rosary with children once a month for a total of 8 days a year.

Training, screening, and materials will be provided.

If you are interested, please contact:

Rosa de Mello tel: 905-743-0758

E-mail: demello_rm@yahoo.ca Text: 905-925-4041(C)

Josephine Gangemi Tel: 905-576-3386 (H)

E-mail: joseg@rogers.com Text: 905-439-9047 (C)

Prayer Corner

This week, please remember in your prayers:

For the sick: **John H. Pratt, Paul Lachapelle, Robert Normoyle, Teri Normoyle, Noreen Finlay**

For the recently departed: **Donald Rutherford**

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.**

Sunday July 31st - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Chapter 12 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples and the crowd on how to be ready for the coming judgment. A crowd of many thousands has gathered to hear Jesus. At first he speaks only to the disciples, reminding them that it is not persecution they should fear but the judgment that is coming for all who do not acknowledge the Son of Man. Suddenly a man in the crowd shouts out to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." He seems to have grown tired of Jesus speaking only to the disciples. Jesus offers the man no help. Instead, he uses the question to teach what, in light of the coming judgment, life really consist of.

Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man's lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share all the extra food with others but to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he thinks is a brilliant idea: to tear down his present barns and build larger ones. Then he will have many things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry.

"You fool" is God's response to this man because that very night his life will be taken away. To whom everything will belong then, God asks. The rich man's world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now? Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God.

Centuries later St. Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.

Dedicate the Sanctuary Candle

The red Sanctuary Lamp by the tabernacle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ.

It is a mark of honor to remind the faithful of the presence of Christ, and is a profession of their love and affection.

If you wish to have the Sanctuary Lamp burning in memory of a loved one, to honor a special occasion, or a special intention, make arrangements with the Parish Office. The cost of the candle is \$20.00. It will burn for one week. The memorial will be published in the Bulletin if you so wish.

Attention Grade 12 students

If you're going to university or college in the fall, campus ministry is waiting for you! Connect with the Catholic community on your campus, visit:

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul

During the months of May and June the Society of St. Vincent de Paul distributed grocery help to 138 families (including 197 adults and 49 children), arranged for clothing vouchers for 7 people in need at the St. Vincent de Paul store, and gave out 148 meal tickets for St. Vincent's Kitchen. We would like to thank all parishioners for their continued support. We always welcome new members - if you are interested in learning more about our group please call our help line (905)720-0003.



We invite parishioners to consider getting involved in different parish ministries. We are currently seeking volunteers for: St Gregory's Helpers, Gardeners, Hillsdale Mass Ministry, Hospitality, Lectors, and Eucharistic Minister Ministers for the sick and shut-ins, Altar Servers, Collection counters, Screening Committee Coordinator. Workshops for the different ministries will be held at a later date. The parish depends on and is grateful for the support of our parishioners through their time and talents. Please consider volunteering for one or more ministries. If interested, please call the parish office 9054-7213-8141. All volunteer positions, a police check is required. If you are interested, please speak to Fr. Marijan after Mass.

Supporting St Gregory's

Many parishioners have been asking how they can continue to support our Parish family financially with the changes in the Mass schedule. If you choose to attend Holy Cross and you still prefer to donate to St. Gregory's, you may place your St. Gregory's envelope in their basket (arrangements will be made to have them picked up), or you may drop off your donations to our Parish Office during the week or sign up for the Pre-Authorized Giving Program. If you decide you wish to financially support Holy Cross Parish, please call their office (905) 723-5259 and request a box of Offertory envelopes from them.

Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed

Bishop Vincent Nguyen will celebrate the Mass on Wednesday August 17, 2022 at 7 p.m. at Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby.

Free Online Conferences

Law and Ethics: <https://www.globethics.net/events/law-and-ethics>

Cyber Ethics: <https://www.globethics.net/academy/cyber-ethics>

Responsible Leadership: <https://www.globethics.net/academy/responsible-leadership>

Free Online Training: Being With Volunteer Training: <https://bit.ly/BeingWithCCCVolunteerTraining>

Vocation Corner

St. Augustine's Seminary is the Major Seminary of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto. It also welcomes candidates from elsewhere. Its primary purpose is the preparation of candidates for ordained priesthood in the Catholic Church. This preparation for diocesan ministerial leadership embraces and promotes spiritual and human formation, theological education, and field training. The Seminary is also mandated to form men and women aspiring to other ministries in the Church.

The Seminary pursues its calling to form candidates as responsible and apostolic persons for the service of the Church and world by fostering:

- faithful love for Jesus Christ, His Church, and all people
- commitment to hand on faithfully the Tradition, teachings, and history of the Church
- commitment to the exploration of the mysteries of faith through sustained scriptural and theological inquiry
- communal life through sharing faith, prayer, and wisdom.

The Seminary's mission is undertaken in the context of committed ecumenical engagement as a founding member of the Toronto School of Theology, affiliated with the University of Toronto.

If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at: 1-416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca

A poster for "The Associates" Pre-Seminary Formation Program. At the top left is the logo of the Office of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, featuring a red heart and a white cross. The text "OFFICE OF VOCATIONS ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO" is in white. Below that, "THE ASSOCIATES" is written in large, bold, white letters, followed by "PRE-SEMINARY FORMATION PROGRAM" and "DISCERNING THE DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD" in smaller white letters. The background is a dark, textured image of a church interior with a white cross on the wall. At the bottom, there is a quote: "Jesus invited you. Are you ready to respond? To His disciples, He said 'Come, follow me....' Let us help you". At the very bottom, it says "For more information please contact Fr. Matt McCarthy vocations@archtoronto.org".

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



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