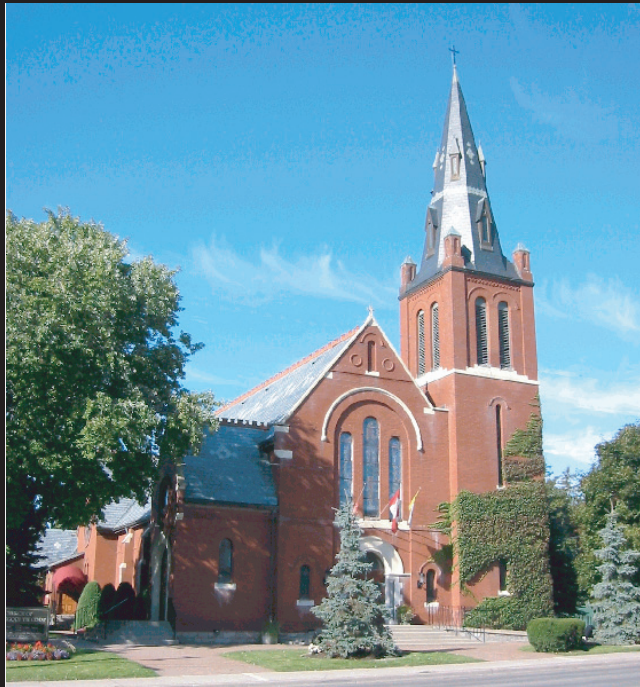


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Weekend Mass

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.

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.

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905-720-0003

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.

(<http://bit.ly/PracticingCath>). Teachers who are finishing teachers' college will need a pastoral letter from their own parish priest where they attend Sunday Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE 20 th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	
TUESDAY	AUG. 16- St. Gregory's 12:10 pm. St. Stephen of Hunary
WEDNESDAY	AUG. 17 – Holy Cross – 8:30 a.m.
THURSDAY	AUG. 18 - Holy Cross – 8:30 a.m.
FRIDAY	Confessions at St Gregory from 6:00 pm– 6:45 pm
	AUG. 19 St. Gregory's 7:00 p.m. ✠ Gilles Brisebois, req. his Family Desousa
SATURDAY	AUG. 20- Confessions at Holy Cross from 3:30 – 4:15 pm – St. Bernard
SATURDAY	AUG. 20 th Holy Cross - 4:30 p.m.
SUNDAY	AUG. 21– 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time -
8:00 A.M.	St. Gregory's –For the Parishioners
9:30 A.M.	St. Gregory's - ✠ Souls in Purgatory req. A Parishioner
12:00 P.M.	Holy Cross

Praying The Rosary in our Schools

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
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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: **Jack Bathe**
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.**



Having reminded the apostles and the crowd that facing the coming judgment takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to wait. He tells them that he has come to set the earth on fire. Recall that in chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by the coming judgment. It is also the fire of the Spirit that Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending on the disciples on Pentecost. That fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the good news of Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus will be the first to experience the distress of the coming judgment. His baptism will be the conflict into which he will be immersed as he approaches Jerusalem and his death on the cross. His followers will not be spared that distress. The angels at Jesus' birth proclaimed peace on earth, and Simeon, holding the baby Jesus in the Temple, said to God: "Master, now you may let your servant go in peace." Here Jesus tells the crowd not to think he has come to bring peace; he has come to bring division. Simeon said as much when he turned to Mary and said that the child was destined for the rise and fall of many and to be a sign that will be contradicted. Peace is the ultimate end of the Kingdom of God, but peace has a price. Jesus is warning the crowd that wherever the Word of God is heard and acted upon, division occurs. Fathers will be divided against sons and mothers against daughters.

The coming judgment forces us to look at the implications of our commitments. As Jesus warned in

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last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith requires us to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Here he reminds the crowd that those who commit to him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members. The angel who announced the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah said John would go before Jesus to turn the hearts of fathers toward their children. But a commitment to Jesus forces us to change the way we live our lives, and this can put strains on relationships.

We don't expect to hear such difficult words from Jesus in the Gospel. But it is good to be reminded once in a while that the decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy and without conflict. Jesus himself did not make easy decisions and avoid conflict. In today's reading, he reminds his followers to be prepared for difficult decisions and conflict as well.

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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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.



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.

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.

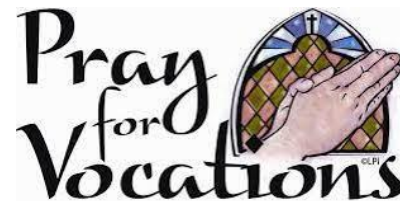
Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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.

Thought for the week

It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving.

Mother Teresa



As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations—and teaching young people how to discern God's call—is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. During this week, please encourage the young people in your life—children, grandchildren, students, and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life.

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