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## Office Hours

Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon &  
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 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.

## 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.

## Catholic Cemeteries

St. Gregory's & Resurrection  
905-668-8912

or [www.catholic-cemeteries.com](http://www.catholic-cemeteries.com)

## Durham Catholic District School Board

905-576-6150

or [www.dcdsb.ca](http://www.dcdsb.ca)

## Society of St. Vincent De Paul- Help Line

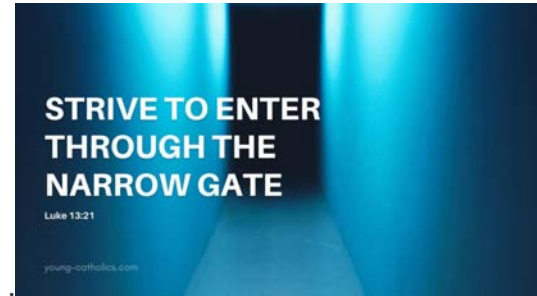
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## Letters of Reference for Catholic Teacher Applicants

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 21 <sup>st</sup> WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	
TUESDAY	AUG. 23 - <b>St. Gregory's</b> 12:10 pm. <i>St. Rose of Lima</i>
WEDNESDAY	AUG. 24 – <b>Holy Cross</b> – 8:30 a.m. <i>St. Bartholomew</i>
THURSDAY	AUG. 25 - <b>Holy Cross</b> – 8:30 a.m.
FRIDAY	Confessions at <b>St Gregory</b> from 6:00 pm– 6:45 pm
	AUG. 26 <b>St. Gregory's</b> 7:00 p.m. ✠Marino Osso, req. his Family
SATURDAY	AUG. 27- Confessions at <b>Holy Cross</b> from 3:30 – 4:15 pm – <i>St. Monica</i>
SATURDAY	AUG. 27 <sup>th</sup> <b>Holy Cross</b> - 4:30 p.m.
SUNDAY	AUG. 28 <sup>th</sup> – <b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> -
8:00 A.M.	<b>St. Gregory's</b> –✠ Eamon Doyle – First Anniversary of his passing – req. by his Wife Cora & Children
9:30 A.M.	<b>St. Gregory's</b> – ✠ Souls in Purgatory req. A Parishioner
12:00 P.M.	<b>Holy Cross</b>



Following Jesus is not easy. We will struggle. We must train ourselves to grow strong for the task. But why is it so difficult?

Look at the people who followed Jesus in his time. They were attracted to his message of love. He healed people and promised a better world. Who wouldn't want to be a part of that? But then he started talking about taking up a cross. When he indicated that discipleship was also going to be hard, then some people turned away. Only those who really knew and loved him stayed around.

The people who left, or even ended up opposing Jesus, did not want to really be his disciples. Jesus preached doing the Father's will as his mission and the mission of his disciples. But some people had their own agendas. They wanted to be healed. Or they wanted to be rid of the Romans. Or they wanted to be freed from some of the oppressive religious practices of the day. They didn't want the whole package, which included the cross.

We can also have our own agendas in our faith life. Maybe we see Christianity as a platform for changing laws for the better. Or perhaps we just want to belong to a community. Or we just love the Church and all it stands for. These are not bad things, but there is more to discipleship than that. We must really know and follow Jesus. There are going to be rough spots along the way. We must be willing to make some sacrifices. And that will require effort.

### Reflection Questions

How am I making a conscious effort in my faith life?

What are some difficulties I have encountered in following Jesus?

Is there someone in my life who needs some encouragement in their faith journey?

### 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  
 E-mail: [demello\\_rm@yahoo.ca](mailto:demello_rm@yahoo.ca) Text: 905-925-4041(C)  
 Josephine Gangemi Tel: 905-576-3386 (H)  
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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.**

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

**Congratulations**

Congratulations and Gods’ blessing on the following children who were recently baptized. May the love and grace of God be with you on the foundation of an incredible journey called life.

*Julianne Garcia Evangelista*

*Mia Scarlett Feeney*

*Abigail Nora Ruth Martineau*

*Kendrick Denzil Williams*

*Brady Arthur Reynolds*

**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.

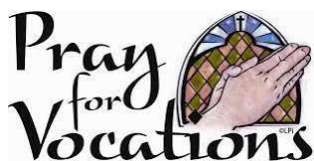
If you wish to have the Sanctuary Lamp burning in memory of a loved one, to honor a special occasion, or a special intention, make arrangements with the Parish Office. The cost of the candle is \$20.00. It will burn for one week. The memorial will be published in the Bulletin if you so wish.

**Bundle Sunday**

Over the next couple of weeks it would be a great time to go through your clothes and put aside any good used clothing and/or small household articles. We have arranged with the St. Vincent De Paul Society to have one of their trucks available, September 10 & 11<sup>th</sup>. The truck will be parked between the church and the school and you may bring good used clothing, small household articles and any other items that can be utilized at the St. Vincent Store. So please mark your calendars – **BUNDLE SUNDAY THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> & 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**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.



**TO DONATE TO OUR PARISH  
ST. GREGORY’S PRE-AUTHORIZED  
GIVING PLAN  
AUTHORIZATION FORM**

We have had a wonderful response to this program. Over 20 people have now signed up. If you submit your application after March 5<sup>th</sup> your first bank withdrawal will be April 20<sup>th</sup>. You can sign up at any time and stop payments at any time. If you wish to stop payment, there is a form in the parish office to be completed. For more information, please call the Office.

I hereby authorize the Pastor of St. Gregory’s Church to debit my/our account each month as my/our donation and to allocate it as noted below.

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