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## Pastor

Fr. Marijan Sisko

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David MacInnis

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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

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 WEEK	
TUESDAY	SEPT 6 Mass- <b>St. Gregory's</b> 12:10 pm + Saarthak Rathee req. Paul Cloutier
WEDNESDAY	SEPT 7 Mass- <b>Holy Cross</b> - 8:30 am
THURSDAY	SEPT 8 Mass <b>Holy Cross</b> - 8:30 am – <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
FRIDAY	SEPT 9 - St. Gregory's Confessions 6:00-6:45pm Mass- <b>St. Gregory's</b> 7:00 pm - <i>St Peter Claver</i> + Alberto Iezzi, req. his wife Ida
SATURDAY	SEPT 10 Confessions- <b>Holy Cross</b> 3:30 – 4:15 pm Mass- <b>Holy Cross</b> 4:30 pm
	Sept 10 Mass- <b>Holy Cross</b> - 4:30 p.m.
SUNDAY	SEPT 11 <b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00 am.	<b>St. Gregory's</b> + Deceased members of the Desousa Family, req. Manual & Gloria Desousa
9:30 am	<b>St. Gregory's</b> + Rev. T.P. McLaughlin req. Dave & Pat Mitchell
12:00 pm	<b>Mass- Holy Cross</b>

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

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The readings for 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C help us think about what we truly desire. In the first reading tells us we cannot understand the mind of God. The psalm declares that God is our only hope. In the second reading tells us that even in the worst of situations we can find hope in God. In the gospel Jesus tells us we must be willing to give up all we love to follow him. Today's gospel is challenging. This is not peaceful, hopeful Jesus. This is "reality check" Jesus speaking to us. Crucifixion was a horrible, humiliating way to die. The image of willingly taking up a cross would have been shocking to the people of the time. With this shocking message, Jesus is telling us that following him is not just going to mean going about our lives as we have been doing. We are going to have to make sacrifices. And we need to think about the cost. If we start thinking "I can't give up (\_\_\_\_) to follow Jesus", then we don't understand what it will take. So Jesus really isn't telling us to hate people. But he is telling us that nothing can get in the way of following him. I cannot love my family more than Jesus. I can't love wealth and esteem more than Jesus. I can't love material goods more than Jesus. We need to be committed to the path of discipleship. Otherwise we are starting something which we can't finish.

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS FOR THE 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

- Is there something I am unwilling to give up in order to be a disciple of Jesus?
- What have I already had to let go of to follow Jesus?
- How can I loosen my grasp on the things of this world?

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

### **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>**

### **Retreat**

Retreat for Cancer patients and their caregivers Wednesday, September 28th 9:00 am – 3:00pm A relic of St. Peregrine will be in our Chapel during the retreat. Come, let Jesus hold you lovingly in His gentle arms and fill you with strength. **Where: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga Cost: \$45.00** hot lunch included Contact: Jean – office@qoa.ca or 905-278-5229.

### **Anointing Of The Sick**

Hillsdale Terrace and Estates Family Members During Lent, Fr. Marijan offers the Sacraments to all Catholics at the Hillsdale Terraces and Estates. Parishioners who have relatives or loved ones who have recently arrived in either Hillsdale Terraces or Estates, could you please let the Parish Office know as we would like to be able to administer the Sacrament of the Sick.

### **Updating our Database**

We are asking all parishioners who have an email address to send us an email along with any other changes they would like to have made, such as address or cell/phone number. We would like to be able to update our records and to also be able to communicate better in the future. Please be assured that these emails address will be kept in the parish office and will not be given out. Please email us at [stgregorythegreat@archtoronto.org](mailto:stgregorythegreat@archtoronto.org)

### **Vocations**

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 of 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:

- faith love for Jesus Christ, His Church, and all people
- commitment to hand on faithfully the Tradition, teachings, and history of the Church
- commitment for 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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

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