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## Pastor

Fr. Marijan Sisko

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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	
TUES.	OCT. 25 Mass- <b>St. Gregory's</b> 12:10 pm Intentions of Justin Gormley req. his wife Amber
WED.	OCT. 26 Mass- <b>Holy Cross</b> - 8:30 am
THUR.	OCT. 27 Mass <b>Holy Cross</b> - 8:30 am
FRI.	OCT. 28 Confessions <b>St. Gregory's</b> 6:00-6:45pm Mass- <b>St. Gregory's</b> 7:00 pm - ✠ <b>Garry Cotnam</b> , req. Ted Marks
SAT.	OCT. 29 Confessions- <b>Holy Cross</b> 3:30 – 4:15 pm Mass- <b>Holy Cross</b> 4:30 pm
SUNDAY	OCT.30 <sup>th</sup> <b>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00 am.	<b>Mass- St. Gregory's – for the Parishioners</b>
9:30 am	<b>Mass- St. Gregory's – Intentions of a Parishioner</b> , req. Pat Mitchell
12:00 pm	<b>Mass- Holy Cross</b>

### First Holy Communion Meeting

We invite the parents of the children in grades 2 and in higher grades that seek to receive their first Holy Communion to bring their children to the first meeting to our Parish Hall (190 Simcoe St N) on **Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup> following the 9:30 Mass**. The parents are invited to pre-register their children ahead of time. I encourage you to make time for this important meeting and to help us make First Communion a meaningful and spiritual celebration for all the children in the Parish.

### Confirmation Meeting

We invite the parents of the children in grades 7 and possibly 8 that seek to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation to bring their children to the first meeting on **Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 am at Holy Cross Parish Hall**. Please pre-register for the Sacrament ahead of time.



**Deacons  
Called  
To Serve**

Jacques (Jim) Gerard Vandersanden has petitioned to be ordained as a deacon. Bishop Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB has accepted his petition and intends to ordain Jacques (Jim) Gerard Vandersanden to the diaconate on November 19, 2022, at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica, London, Ontario. If you are aware of anything which would prevent this Candidate from proceeding toward ordination on November 19, 2022 you are obligated to make this known to the appropriate authorities. Please continue to pray for Jacques (Jim) Gerard Vandersanden as he prepares for ordination.

### ALL SAINTS' DAY MASSES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST, 2022  
12:10 pm – St. Gregory the Great Parish  
7:00 pm – Holy Cross Parish

### ALL SOULS' DAY MASSES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 2022  
8:30 am - Holy Cross Parish  
7:00 pm – St. Gregory the Great Parish

### MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES are in your box of envelopes, in the pews and at the back of the Church. The envelopes, with the list of names you wish remembered, will be placed before the altar and remembered at all Masses during November.

### Young Adult Conference



RENEW  
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**Saturday, November 05, 2022 10:00 AM  
to 09:30 PM at Canada Christian College,  
300 Water St., Whitby**

We are very excited to be bringing young adults together again for RENEW Toronto. RENEW Toronto is a conference for all young adults aged 19-39 with keynotes, workshops, worship music, Confessions, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and fellowship. This conference will offer unique opportunities for students, young adult professionals, and young couples. We invite young adults to unite with one another to collectively renew their hearts, renew their call and renew their community. Conference pass: \$125.

**Website:** [www.renewtoronto.org](http://www.renewtoronto.org)

**Contact:** [youngadult@ocytoronto.org](mailto:youngadult@ocytoronto.org)

**Register:** <https://RenewTO.eventbrite.com>

### Horizons Of Hope

When confronted with a life-limiting diagnosis, we can find ourselves in an unfamiliar and even frightening situation. These moments are usually marked by having to make numerous practical decisions surrounding care and support for loved ones and ourselves. More often than not, such decisions require moral discernment through the lens of our faith. We believe in the dignity and sacredness of human life at all stages, from conception to natural death. At the same time, our faith does not demand that life is to be sustained at all costs. As Catholics, our faith in Jesus Christ has much to teach us about living and dying well so to live with God forever. There will be a free of charge program starting Thursday Nov. 3, 2022 at 7pm-9pm at St Gregory's Parish Hall/Auditorium and will run for 4 weeks. Register at <https://HOHStGO.eventbrite.ca> or call the office.

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

### Book of Life

Remembering our loved ones and recalling fond stories of them is a great way to honor their memories. For the month of November there will be a binder on a table in front of the Altar. You may write the names of the deceased on the sheet or, you may want to create a page (8 ½ x11) for any deceased members of your family. Place your page in the binder and then **join us on Friday November 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. for a Mass of Remembrance.** The Book of Life will be placed close to the Altar every November so that parishioners may add to it.

### World Mission Sunday Special Collection – October 23

Since 1922, the Pontifical Missions Societies through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith has supported the temporal needs of missions as well as created awareness of the work of the missions throughout the world. Some examples of projects include: building churches, pastoral centers, cathedrals damaged by tsunamis and earthquakes, religious houses of formation, homes for the clergy, formation programs for lay missionaries, radio and television production, audio-visual materials for remote mission areas as well as support of pastoral work in various rural dioceses. For more information, please visit the Society for the Propagation of the Faith: [www.missionsocieties.ca](http://www.missionsocieties.ca)

### Volunteers Needed

Fr. Marijan is looking for volunteer with the following:  
-Sacramental Preparation for First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA  
-Mass at Hillsdale Terraces: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month  
-Mass at Hillsdale Estates: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month  
-Counting money  
For all volunteer positions, a police check is required (free of charge via the Archdiocese). If you are interested, please email [stgregorythegreat@archtoronto.org](mailto:stgregorythegreat@archtoronto.org) or call 905-723-8141.

### Municipal Elections 2022 – Cast Your Vote!

Exercise your democratic right to vote on Monday, October 24. In anticipation of this month's Catholic school board elections, the St. Monica Institute has worked with the Catholic Conscience civic evangelization initiative to assemble a database of relevant information provided by school trustee candidates. All candidates in the province who provided an email address at the time of registration were invited to complete a questionnaire regarding their reasons for running. <https://catholicconscience.org/canada/ontario/trustees-election-2022/#>

### Come & See - Weekend Retreat

Retreat for men 18 years and older at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, November 18 (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, November 20 (2 p.m.). This retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Registration must be done online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee). For more information, please email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).  
Poster: <https://bit.ly/ComeAndSeeRetreatPoster>

Sanctuary Lamp



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Patrick Murdock, request of his wife Carol.

### Estate Planning for the Caribbean Community

Are you Caribbean or of Caribbean descent? If so, join us for this free special event at the historic St. Paul's Basilica in Toronto, on Saturday, October 29. Come and learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic teachings and traditions around burials and cremation. To register or receive further information, send us an email at: [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org) or call us at 416-934-3400 ext. 561/519. Space is limited so please register early!

### Day of Reflection and Prayer for the Bereaved

Saturday, November 5th, 2022 9:30 am—5:00 pm  
Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre 2325 Liverpool Road, Mary Hyland has been walking with those who are grieving for many years as a volunteer. After retiring from her pediatric practice 7 years ago, she has honed her skills as a listener and caregiver for the bereaved, while training with the Archdiocese of Toronto and with the Victorian Order of Nurses. Suggested Offering: \$ 50.00 pp Includes break and lunch. For more information or to register: Mary Hyland at 905-441-0957 "Where is God in my pain? How is God working in my grief?" Grieving a loved one can shake or give a new shape to our faith. At this gathering, you will have the opportunity to share your grief story in a community of faith and to reflect in a prayerful way on your experience, to draw renewed strength and hope to continue the journey.

### Are you able to host a Ukrainian family?

When hearing reports of the war in Ukraine, and the millions of Ukrainians that have been forced to flee their homeland, many have asked what they can do to help. Over 80,000 Ukrainians have already arrived to Canada through a special visa program created by Immigration Canada. An additional 500,000 have applied to the program and are expected to arrive in the coming months. Many are arriving to Toronto and are without family here in Canada to help them. Among those will be some who are vulnerable to human trafficking, particularly seniors, single women, and women with children. There is an immediate need for families to host for a period of between one and six months some of those who have arrived. If you would like to learn more about hosting a Ukrainian family, please go to (<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/social-justice--outreach/office-for-refugees-orat/home/ukrainian-crisis/>) and register for a virtual information session.

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