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

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

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	
SUN. DEC 4	8:00 am. Mass- St. Gregory's – For the Parishioners
SUN.	9:30 am Mass- St. Gregory's + Americo & Angela Coscarella req. by Frank Coscarella, Lisa Martorelli & Families
SUN.	12:00 pm Mass- Holy Cross
TUES.	DEC. 6 th - Mass- at St. Gregory's 12:10 pm + Alberto Iezzi requested by Ada Iezzi
WED.	DEC. 7 th - Mass- at Holy Cross- 8:30 am Saint Andrew, Apostle
THUR.	DEC. 8 th - Mass- at Holy Cross- 8:30 am
FRI.	DEC. 9 th — Confessions and adoration at St. Gregory's 6:00pm - 6:45pm MASS- at St. Gregory's- 7:00 pm +Deceased Members of the Desousa Family requested by Manuel and Gloria +Mervyn Shields and Frank Lallemande requested by Amber Gormley and family +Rinaldo Amorosa +Robert Normoyle requested by Teri Normoyle
SAT.	DEC. 10 th - Confessions- at Holy Cross 3:30pm – 4:15 pm Mass- at Holy Cross 4:30 pm
SUN.	DEC. 11th-3rd Sunday of Advent
8:00 am.	Mass- at St. Gregory's – For the Parishioners
9:30 am	Mass- at St. Gregory's For the People (<i>Pro Populo</i>)
12:00 pm	Mass- at Holy Cross

Volunteer's Meeting

If you have missed the volunteers' meeting at St. Gregory's, there will be a meeting for the current and new volunteers: Lectors (readers), Eucharistic Ministers for the Church, Eucharistic Ministers for Nursing Homes & Ushers (helpers in the church) **at Holy Cross on December 7 at 6:30 pm.**

Volunteers Needed

- Mass at Hillsdale Terraces: 1st Tuesday of each month
- Mass at Hillsdale Estates: 3rd 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 or call 905-723-8141.

2023 Envelopes

The envelopes for 2023 will be available soon! When they are available, they will be at the back of the Church. Please keep an eye out for them.

How to become a fully initiated Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)


Are you a non-Catholic or a non-Christian who would like to become a Catholic Christian? Are you a Roman-Catholic who didn't receive First Communion or Confirmation? If yes, we invite you to join us for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) in St Gregory's sacristy in the church on Tuesdays beginning November 29 from 7pm-9pm. This will be RCIA for Holy Cross and St. Gregory's.

First Holy Communion

Parents are invited to come with their children to our 2nd session for First Holy Communion after 9:30 Mass at St. Gregory's Parish Hall.

Baptism

If you are interested in having your child Baptized please request a registration form from the priest after attending the Sunday Mass.

Help homeless youth through  ShareLife
NEW: Your year-end gift to ShareLife will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$1 million.
www.sharelife.org/donate.

Christmas and New Years' Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve – December 24, 2022:

*There will be no Confessions on December 24th at Holy Cross
 4:30pm -Holy Cross
 7:00pm – St. Gregory the Great

Christmas Day – December 25, 2022:

8:00am – St. Gregory the Great
 9:30am – St. Gregory the Great
 12noon – Holy Cross

New Year's Eve – December 31, 2022:

4:30pm – Holy Cross

New Year's Day: January 1, 2022:

8:00am – St. Gregory the Great
 9:30am – St. Gregory the Great
 12noon – Holy Cross

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



Cardinal Collins recognizes the Gilchrists

On November 30, 2022, Cardinal Thomas Collins and Fr. Bob O'Brien visited William and Gillian Gilchrist to award them with *Benemerenti* medals for their service and fidelity to the Church and society on behalf of Pope Francis. Thus, Gillian participated in founding the first non-teaching Palliative Care in Canada and introduced it to Eastern Ontario. The Gilchrists also helped maintain our award-winning church gardens. Congratulations and may God bless you!

Masses on YouTube for Holy Cross and St. Gregory's

Those of us who are unable to join us at Sunday Masses may see our Sunday Masses here (<https://www.holycrossoshawa.ca/>), or here (<https://www.youtube.com/@holycrossparishoshawa1093>)

Advent Confessions

In preparation for Christmas and especially for worthy reception of the Eucharist, Fr. Marijan along with some help, will hear confessions:

December 15 – Holy Cross Parish

9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

December 16 – St. Gregory the Great Parish

2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. until 6:45 p.m.

Resources: <https://bit.ly/Confession2022>

Seniors Christmas Luncheon: Mark your calendar! St. Gregory the Great Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League invite all seniors to join them for a **complimentary Christmas Turkey Dinner at St. Gregory's Parish Hall on Sunday, December 11th, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Gregory's Church Hall** for an afternoon of fellowship with entertainment generously provided by the "Stringalongs." **Donations are accepted but not required.** Please register on sheets at the entrance of the church, or phone Janice at 905-431-5568. If you

Missals for 2023 are here! Suggested donation \$5

YOUNG ADULTS AT ST. GREGORY & HOLY CROSS!

There will be Young Adults Introductory meeting on Sunday December 4, 2022 in the St Gregory's Hall at 5pm for ages 18-39. Bring yourself, a friend or couple of friends, and ideas for our new Young Adult ministry for both Holy Cross and St. Gregory the Great Parishes.

Young Adults!

St. Elisabeth of Hungary R.C. Church is hosting a Christmas Dinner and Dance for young adults between the ages of 19-35 on December 17th at 432 Shepherd Ave. East in Toronto. Tickets are \$30 (<https://tinyurl.com/ydvyam4>). Cash bar.



Caroling at Hillsdale Estates and Terraces

Would you like to bring some Christmas joy to our seniors? Come join in **Christmas Caroling** with the residents of **Hillsdale Terraces** December 9th, 10:30 am-11:30 am and/or **Hillsdale Estates** December 17th, 10:00 am-11:00 am. Dates and times to be confirmed. In order to participate, please bring your joyous voices and instruments to the rehearsal on Dec. 8th at 7:00 pm at St. Gregory's Hall.

Message from our St. Vincent de Paul

This weekend is the final weekend for our "Virtual Angel Trees!" The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like our parishioners to consider donating gift cards of any value redeemable at various local stores such as: Giant Tiger, Walmart, Superstore, Old Navy to name a few. You can also make donation by cheque or cash (write your envelope number to receive a charitable tax receipt) that the St. Vincent de Paul will convert to gift cards. The gift cards will be distributed to our neighbours in need through the Christmas Outreach. There are two boxes clearly identified located in the vestibule entrance and one box at the south side of the church to place your donations in. We will be collecting them until on and including **December 5th**. Thank you for your support!

Pope's prayer intentions for December 2022:

We pray that **volunteer non-profit organizations** committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

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