

# St. Gregory The Great

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### Pastor

Fr. Marijan Sisko

### Deacon

David MacInnis

### Administrative Assistant

Jacqueline Martin

### 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.

<b>MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK</b>	
SUN.	Dec. 18 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 am Mass at St. Gregory's- For the Parishioners
SUN.	9:30 am Mass at St. Gregory's + Ed and Anastasia Boudette requested by Pat and Dave Mitchell
SUN.	12:00 pm Mass at Holy Cross
TUES.	Dec. 20 <sup>th</sup> Mass at St. Gregory's 12:10 pm: + Anita and Gilles Brisebois requested by Family
WED.	Dec. 21 <sup>st</sup> 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross
THUR	Dec 22 <sup>nd</sup> 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross
FRI.	Dec. 23 <sup>rd</sup> 7:00 pm Mass at St. Gregory's + Helen and Jack Richardson requested by Joan Richardson + Ivan Sabljic requested by Mary and John Bruno
	<b><u>Christmas Masses – Nativity of Our Lord</u></b>
SAT	Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup> -4:30 pm-Mass at Holy Cross
SAT.	Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup> -7:00 pm-Mass- St. Gregory's
SUN.	Dec 25 <sup>th</sup>
SUN.	8:00 am Mass at St. Gregory's - For the Parishioners
SUN.	9:30 am Mass at St. Gregory's + Herve LeBreton requested by her Daughters and Family
SUN.	12:00 pm Mass- at Holy Cross

### **A Message from Jacqui**

“As some of you may know, our Parish Secretary Jacqui Martin had a horrific fall almost a month ago and will be off for quite some time. She asked to publish an announcement in our bulletin to thank all the parishioners of St. Gregory's for the many cards, flowers, text messages and emails. She is very grateful and appreciates all the love and support.”

**A big 'thank you' to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the Missals for the people.**

### **Christmas and New Years' Mass Schedule**

#### **Christmas Eve – December 24, 2022:**

\*There will be no Confessions on December 24<sup>th</sup> 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

#### **Christmas Office Hours**

Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> CLOSED at noon

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>-Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> CLOSED

#### **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>).

**Missals for 2023 are here! Suggested donation \$5**

**Calendars** are at the back of the church. Suggested donation \$2.

**Help homeless youth through**



**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](http://www.sharelife.org/donate).

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

## Volunteers Needed

-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

## Christmas Pageant at Holy Cross

Sacred Heart Academy is pleased to present our annual Christmas Pageant program on Sunday December 18 following the 12-noon Mass in Holy Cross Parish Hall. Sacred Heart Academy is a nursery-to-grade-8 for and by Catholic homeschool families in Durham Region and the Eastern GTA

(<https://www.facebook.com/SHAcademyCoop/>).

We meet weekly for prayer, learning, fellowship, and formation as a complement to our at-home-schooling.

## Baptism

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

### 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.

## The Last Minute

Christmas of 2022 is almost here. Are we ready to welcome Jesus? As into Bethlehem, He wants to come into our hearts, even if it is poor as the stable or manger. Are we ready to welcome Him? He wants to come to us. Do we want Him? He wants to come into our hearts. Do we care to bring Him into our personal stable, the poverty of our manger?

But perhaps we don't feel worthy to welcome such a great guest into our hearts. We can do something about it. We may welcome Him or allow the divine Doctor to heal us, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This Friday you will have the opportunity to meet Him at St. Gregory's from 6pm-6:45 pm at the church. If you reject your sin and desire to sin no more, come and show Him your poverty of heart, and He will grant you His salvation.

If we cannot welcome Him into our hearts, particularly in the Eucharist, we are invited to welcome Him by crossing our arms in blessing as we come to the Communion blessing, or by desiring Him to come into our hearts. If we can't receive Him now, let us ask Him to help us receive Him soon, so that He who desires us so much, may find a place, in the manger of our hearts.

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

## ENVELOPES

Envelopes 2023 are available to be picked up at the back of the church. Please pick up the envelope with your name and address since the numbers change every year. If you are recently new to our parish, please contact the parish office to receive a blank box of envelopes. Please don't use these envelopes until 2023.

## DONATIONS FOR 2022

Donations must be received in the Parish Office by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 to be receipted for the 2022 taxation year. Any donations received after December 31<sup>st</sup> will be recorded in the 2023 taxation year.



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