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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

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. 25 TH <u>Christmas Day--Nativity of Our Lord</u> 8:00 am Mass at St. Gregory's- For the Parishioners
SUN.	9:30 am Mass at St. Gregory's + Herve LeBreton requested by Daughters and Family
SUN.	12:00 pm Mass at Holy Cross
TUES.	Dec. 27 th (<u>St. John</u>) 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's + Saarthak Rathee requested by Paul and Michelle Cloutier
WED.	Dec. 28 th The Holy Innocents 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross
THU.	Dec 29 th 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross
FRI.	Dec. 30 th <u>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</u> 6:00 pm-6:45 pm Confession and adoration 7:00 pm Mass at St. Gregory's
SAT.	Dec. 31 st 3:30 pm-4:15 pm Confession and adoration 4:30 pm-Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	Jan. 1 ST <u>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord</u> 8:00 am Mass at St. Gregory's - For the Parishioners 9:30 am Mass at St. Gregory's 12:00 pm Mass at Holy Cross



The Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle is burning bright this week for Jacqui Martin as requested by Marg Roesch and Brian Coughlin.



Learn more about making good decisions when confronted with the end-of-life issues at a free of charge DAY RETREAT starting Saturday Jan. 28, 2023 from 9am-2:30pm in St. Gregory's Parish Hall. Register online or call the office, <https://HOHStGregoryOshawa.eventbrite.ca>

Unable to make it to Mass?

Sunday, as a day of obligation is in effect (that is, the Catholics are supposed to participate at every Sunday Mass). But those that are unable to go anywhere may join us at Sunday Masses online here (<https://www.holycrossoshawa.ca/>), or here (<https://www.youtube.com/@holycrossparishoshawa1093>).

Christmas Office Hours

Please note that the office will be CLOSED December 26th-December 30th and will reopen on January 2nd, 2022.

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.

On behalf of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul-St. Gregory's Council, we want to thank you all for your ongoing generosity and in particular for the Angel Tree donations which ensured 74 children will have a Christmas to remember this year. We are grateful that as a community we can spread such peace, love and joy to our neighbours in need this season. May God bless you all this Christmas season.

Baptism

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

Donations for 2022

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

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

Priests' Corner

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I hope that you and your family are well. As we come to the end of the calendar year, we celebrate the Birth of Jesus. We look with gratitude to God at the past year, and with hopeful prayers for the next.

Thus, in the little town of Bethlehem, Jesus was born some 2,000 years ago. Since Jesus was born as human and at the same time God, this mystery of Christ's birth can be given and applied to us, as if Jesus was born today, to us, and for us. In reality, that is what is happening through the Sacramental celebrations of the Church, especially of the Mass. Jesus then born in Bethlehem is born *to* us now in the mystery of the Church. His saving Birth brings God to our world, God who loves the world (Jn 3:16), and wants the salvation of all (1 Tim 2:4). Jesus Christ is also born *for* us because we are members of this world that God loves and wants to save from sin and for the Kingdom of God. Thus, this year Christ as a little boy knocks at the doors of our hearts looking to find a room where to dwell, where to live, and whom to save. Would you like to open the doors of your heart to Him so that He may save, heal, and even revive you, make you more beautiful in Him than you can imagine?

With Jesus and in Jesus our life, our past has meaning, and even the last year has its many blessings. In Christ, thank you to the staff, volunteers, individuals, the CWL, K of C, St. Vincent de Paul and other ministries for your continued support of Christ's Church, and each other. In serving Christ in His Church and brothers and sisters, we ultimately find fulfillment, joy, and peace, since 'Christ came not to be served but to serve and give His life for many' (Matt 20:28).

Thank you, to the Lord Jesus, for the past year of service, whereby His power we served in Him, to Him, in various ways, in our many brothers and sisters.

As Christ has been helping us in the past, we hope that He will continue to assist us in the future, in 2023. We hope that God will help us to respond well to Him to be His disciples within the Church, so that in following Him, we may share in His life, and share generously His life with others. May the Lord bless us all in the next year! May the Lord Jesus bless you, your family, your dear ones, and many through you. If only we would allow God to bring us all to His Kingdom! May God's good and gracious will be fulfilled in all of us.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Marijan Sisko



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.

A Celebration of Marriage

The Archdiocese of Toronto invites couples who are celebrating a milestone anniversary such as your 20th, 25th, 30th, 50th, or perhaps your 60th or 60+ to a Mass with Bishop Vincent Nguyen at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on Sunday February 12th, 2023 for a 2:30 pm Mass. Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage for more information and registration.

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