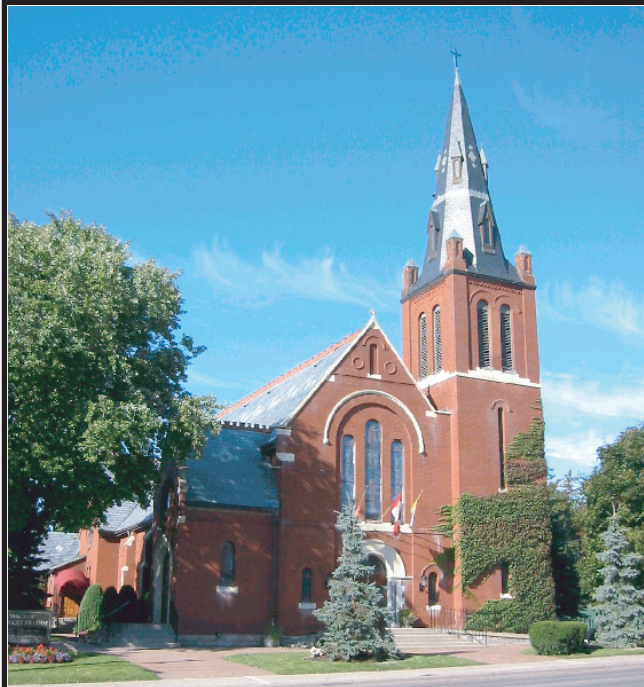


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Weekend Mass

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.	Feb 19th 8:00 am Mass at St. Gregory's - For the People
SUN.	9:30 am Mass +Bruno Piccioli requested by Nancy Busciglio and Family
SUN.	12:00 pm Mass at Holy Cross
TUES.	Feb 21st 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's +Andra, Theresa and Steve Videki requested by the Family
WED.	Feb 22nd <u>Ash Wednesday</u> 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross 7:00 pm Mass at St. Gregory's
THUR	Feb 23rd 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross 5:00 pm <u>Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross</u>
FRI.	Feb 24th Confession and adoration 5:30 pm <u>Stations of the Cross at St. Gregory's</u> 6:00 pm- 6:45 pm with 7:00 pm Mass at St. Gregory's
SAT.	Feb 25th- Confession and adoration 3:30 pm-4:15 pm with 4:30 pm Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	Feb 26th- <u>First Sunday of Lent</u>
SUN.	8:00 am Mass at St. Gregory's + Ann-Marie Egan requested by Brian and Linda Egan
SUN.	9:30 am Mass at St. Gregory's - For the People
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Office Hours

Closed February 20th Family Day
Open 9:30 am-4:30 pm Ash Wednesday
Open 8:30 am-3:30 pm February 23rd, 2023

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>).

What is FASTING?
The **limitation** of food and drink – typically to one main meal and two smaller meals, with no solid foods in between. But remember to drink enough fluids!

What is ABSTINENCE?
Avoiding certain kinds of food or drink, typically meat or other desirable foods

When do we fast?
Ash Wednesday and Good Friday*

When do we abstain?
Catholics are obliged to abstain from **meat every Friday** throughout the year (except solemn feast days)

***Paschal Fast:** Good Friday and Holy Saturday are days of prayer and quiet reflection. We honour the suffering and death of Jesus and prepare to share in the joy of his resurrection at Easter.

TIP: Instead of abstaining, you may substitute special acts of charity or piety on Fridays

ALL ABOUT Fasting & Abstinence

Why fast?
It helps us to **pray better**: an empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer

Why abstain on Fridays?
It's the **day of Christ's saving death** on the cross; we abstain to share in His work of saving the world

Who has to fast?
Catholics aged 18 to 59
Those with impaired health should not fast in any way.

Who has to abstain?
Catholics aged 14 and older

During Lent, the money we save on food while fasting and abstaining should be given to others in alms

SOURCE: "Keeping Friday" and "Living Lent" from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops www.cccb.ca



Hospice & Palliative Care Help Line 'HopeLine' – 416-619-5700

Hope Line is "an information resource tool [made by the Archdiocese] to help callers establish connections with hospice palliative care options within their home community" (<https://bit.ly/HopeLineTO>).

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Confirmation Preparation Class #5 will be February 26th at Holy Cross Parish Hall after the 9:30 am Mass. **First Reconciliation will be in the church on Saturday, March 4th, 2023 at 10:30 am.**

TOTUS TUUS

Totus Tuus is looking for young adults between the ages of 18-39 who would be interested in serving as a Totus Tuus missionary. Please apply at, www.totutuustoronto.ca/missionary-program

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY: STAND SAT. MARCH 4TH, 2023

Lift Jesus Higher Rally will be at Metro Toronto Convention Centre. For Tickets, details and registration please visit <https://www.ljhr.ca/>, email: contact@LJHR.ca or by phone: 647-243-9441

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

Stations of the Cross **during Lent**

All are welcome to join us at the Way of the Cross every Friday in Lent (begin February 24th) at 5:30pm. Adoration and confessions will be as usual at 6pm, and Mass at 7pm.



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Two devastating earthquakes and hundreds of violent aftershocks in Turkey and Syria have caused great destruction in both countries. As search and rescue operations continue, the latest reports indicate that there are more than 40,000 people injured and the rising death toll has now surpassed 11,000 people.

The disaster began with a 7.8-magnitude earthquake early Monday morning, one of the strongest to hit the region in 100 years, toppled thousands of buildings throughout Turkey and Syria, creating even worse conditions for millions of Syrians already displaced by the ongoing civil war.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations and channel funds through Catholic partners (including Caritas Canada, Aid to the Church in Need, CNEWA, and Jesuits International) to support relief efforts underway.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/donate-pages/donate-to-turkiye-and-syria-relief/>

- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:
Name of Parish – Turkey and Syria
Earthquake – Humanitarian Relief

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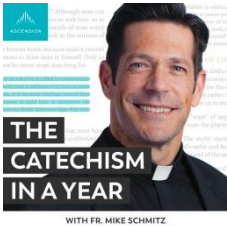
Hosted by the Legion of Mary. Learn in this 9-week course the De Montfort way of consecrating yourself to Jesus through Mary.

Every Saturday morning after the 9am Mass at St. Gertrude's Parish, Oshawa (690 King St. E.) March 4th – April 29th except April 8th. Each class will be 1.5 hrs.

Consecration Day and Mass will be on Saturday, May 13th, 2023. Course is free - \$20 per book.

Register: <http://truedevotioncourse.eventbrite.com>, phone: 905-433-0828 (The Parish Office), or email: durhamcuria@gmail.com

Catechism in a Year- Podcast



Join Fr. Mike Schmitz on a journey through 365 days of the reading of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, where he provides listeners with explanation, insight,

and encouragement along the way. Go to:

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear>

14TH ANNUAL - DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

Saturday, March 25, 2023 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Old Mill Toronto Event Venue, 21 Old Mill Road Toronto. Register: www.dynamicwomenfaith.com, <https://dwf2023.eventbrite.ca/> or (416) 907-1042

Building Fund

There will be a 2nd Collection on Sunday February 19th for the Building Fund.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING - PAG

If you wish to use the Pre-Authorized Giving Method for your Offertory envelopes, please pick up a form available at the back of the Church. Thank you!

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Please contact the Parish office if you have not yet received your income tax receipt.

Father Ron Rolheiser Retreat

Friday March 3 - Sunday March 5.

Theme - *Wrestling with God and with Love – Resistance and Surrender Within Our Spiritual Journey*

For more information, contact:

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre
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