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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.	March 12th 8:00 am Mass at St. Gregory's + Deceased Members of the DeSousa Family requested by Miguel and Gloria DeSousa
SUN.	9:30- am Mass at St. Gregory's -For the People
SUN.	12:00- pm Mass at Holy Cross
TUES.	March 14th 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's +Alberto Iezzi requested by his wife Ida Iezzi
WED.	March 15th 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross
THUR	March 16th 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross 5:00 pm- <u>Way of the Cross--Holy Cross</u>
FRI.	March 17th 5:30 pm-- <u>Stations of the Cross-- St. Gregory's. Saint Patrick</u> 6:00 pm- 6:45 pm Confession and adoration with 7:00 pm Mass at St. Gregory's
SAT.	March 18th- <u>Saint Cyril of Jerusalem</u> 3:30 pm-4:15 pm Confession and adoration with 4:30 pm Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	March 19th - <u>Fourth Sunday of Lent</u>
SUN.	8:00 am- Mass at St. Gregory's - For the People
SUN.	9:30 am- Mass at St. Gregory's + Andres, Theresa and Steve Videki requested by Elizabeth and Family
SUN.	12:00 pm- Mass at Holy Cross

Elderly and Housebound

If you have an elderly, frail or ill family member who is housebound, please call the office, give your contact information and the priest will make a point of visiting to administer their yearly Sacraments during this Lent.

Sacramental Preparation

1st Reconciliation will be held April 1st, 2023 at 10:30 am at St. Gregory the Great Church.

PARISH RETREAT

St. Gregory and Holy Cross Parishioners and friends are invited to a Parish Retreat on March 22nd, 2023 at St. Gregory the Great Church at 7:00 pm lead by Fr. Henk van Meijel S.J.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND CWL

The Knights of Columbus and CWL will be hosting a Lenten Parish Breakfast on Sunday, **March 26th** in the parish hall following the **8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses**. Tickets will be available at the door: \$8.00 per person and \$20.00 for a family – 2 adults and children under 12. This event will feature an Easter activity for the kids as well as a 50/50 draw for the adults! We hope you and your family will come out to enjoy a great family/parish breakfast! See you then.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The C.W.L. will be hosting their March meeting on March 19th at St. Gregory's Parish Hall following the 9:30 am Mass.

Low-Gluten hosts for People with Celiac Disease

Do you have celiac disease, that is, an allergy to gluten? You may ask the priest or the sacristan before the Mass to receive a low-gluten host during communion.



Hospice & Palliative Care Help Line

'HopeLine' - 416-619-5700

Call Hope Line, which is an information resource tool made by the Archdiocese, to help you establish connections with hospice palliative care options within your home community (<https://bit.ly/HopeLineTO>).

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!

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

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Holy Cross – March 23rd, 2023

9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

St. Gregory's---March 30th, 2023

9:30 am to 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

"HOW TO GO TO CONFESSION" GUIDE

Download this resource in English (and seven other languages) at: <https://bit.ly/ConfessionGuides>

AN INSPIRATION FOR LENT

As announced at Sunday Masses, access this link (<http://bit.ly/Catholicbooks>) to get inspired, especially at this time of Lent and beyond, with an excellent and copyright-free e-book, audiobook, or a quality article. There are various resources for children and youth, adults, and the elderly, for faith formation, or a quality distraction.

Stations of the Cross during Lent



All are welcome to join us at the Way of the Cross every Friday in Lent at 5:30pm at St Gregory. Adoration and confessions will be as usual at 6pm, and Mass at 7pm. The Way of the Cross at Holy Cross is every Thursday at 5pm.

About Fasting and Abstinence

Fasting is 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!). We fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. We fast because it helps us to pray better. An empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer. Catholics aged 18-59 are bound to fast. Those with impaired health should not fast in any way.

Abstinence is avoiding certain kinds of food or drink, typically meat or other desirable foods. Catholics are obliged to abstain from meat every Friday throughout the year (except solemn feast days). Instead of abstaining, you may substitute special acts of charity or piety on Fridays. We abstain on Fridays because it's the day of Christ's saving death on the Cross; we abstain to share in His work of saving the world. Catholics aged 14 and older are obliged to abstain.

(<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/lent/home/lent/>)

Archdiocese News

The installation of Bishop Francis (Frank) Leo as Archbishop of Toronto will take place on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 10 a.m. Given capacity restrictions at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, this will be an invitation-only event. The Mass of Installation will be livestreamed through www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live and broadcast on Salt & Light Catholic TV and through their website: www.slmedia.org Parishioners are invited to attend a regional Mass of Welcome taking place in the Eastern Region on Wednesday April 26th at St. Isaac Jogues Parish in Pickering. A reception will follow Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome. Please continue to keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.

Come & See - Discernment Weekend Retreat



Is Jesus calling you to be His priest? If yes, *come and see* at a Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, March 17 (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, March 19 (2:30 p.m.). This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee More info: vocations@archtoronto.org

True Devotion to Mary

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:

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