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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](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.	<b>March 19<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am Mass at St. Gregory's</b> - For the People
SUN.	9:30 am <b>Mass at St. Gregory's</b> + Andres, Theresa and Steve Videki requested by Elizabeth and Family
SUN.	12:00 pm <b>Mass at Holy Cross</b>
TUES.	<b>March 21<sup>st</sup> 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's</b>
WED.	<b>March 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross</b>
THUR	<b>March 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross</b> 9:00 am-12:00 pm Confessions at Holy Cross 5:00 pm- <u>Way of the Cross--Holy Cross</u> 6:00 pm-8:00 pm Confession at Holy Cross
FRI.	<b>March 24<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm-- <u>Stations of the Cross-- St. Gregory's.</u></b> 6:00 pm- 6:45 pm Confession and adoration with 7:00 pm <b>Mass at St. Gregory's</b> + Joseph Portelli requested by Isabella Portelli + Antonio Bruni requested by Saletta Bruni and Family + Hilda Dyas requested by her Family
SAT.	<b>March 25<sup>th</sup> <u>The Annunciation of the Lord</u></b> 3:30 pm-4:15 pm Confession and adoration with 4:30 pm <b>Mass at Holy Cross</b>
SUN.	<b>March 26<sup>th</sup> – <u>Fifth Sunday of Lent</u></b>
SUN.	8:00 am- <b>Mass at St. Gregory's</b> + Antonio Petrangelo requested by Milena and Family
SUN.	9:30 am- <b>Mass at St. Gregory's</b> - For the People
SUN.	12:00 pm- <b>Mass at Holy Cross</b>



**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>)

**The office will be CLOSED on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

**PARISH RETREAT**

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

**LENTEN CONFESSIONS**

Roman Catholics are required to confess their sins at least once per year in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (CCC, 1457). Not coming to confession willingly is also a sin that should be forgiven in the Sacrament of Penance before receiving Holy Communion. To prepare ourselves for Easter, and so to live a good Christian life, we will hear confessions, face to face or behind the screen, this Thursday,

***Holy Cross—March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023***

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

***St. Gregory's---March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023***

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

**“HOW TO GO TO CONFESSION” GUIDE**

Confession Resources:

<https://bit.ly/ConfessionGuides>

[www.archtoronto.org/confessions](http://www.archtoronto.org/confessions)

**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](http://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live) and broadcast on Salt & Light Catholic TV and through their website: [www.slmedia.org](http://www.slmedia.org)

Parishioners are invited to attend a regional Mass of Welcome taking place in the Eastern Region on Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Sacramental Preparation**

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

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

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND CWL

The K of C and CWL are hosting a Lenten Breakfast in the Parish Hall on Sunday, **March 26<sup>th</sup>** following both **Masses**. Tickets will be available at the door: \$8/person and \$20/family- 2 adults and children under 12. Children's Easter activity and a 50/50 draw for the adults! We look forward to seeing you and your family at a great Parish breakfast!

### 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.

### 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!

### 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

### HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup>- **Palm Sunday**

Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup>- **Holy Thursday: Thursday of the Lord's Supper-5:00 pm at Holy Cross**

**7:00 pm at St. Gregory's**

April 7<sup>th</sup> Good Friday- **Friday of the Passion of the Lord** services at **12:00 pm at St. Gregory's and 3:00 pm at Holy Cross** **Paschal Fast:** universal day of fasting (for those 18-59) and abstinence from meat (14 years and older). Fridays are days of abstinence of meat, but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day.

Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> **Easter Vigil- 6:00 pm at Holy Cross and 8:30 pm at St. Gregory's**

**Easter Sunday Masses- 8:00 am, 9:30 am at St. Gregory's and 12:00 pm at Holy Cross**

**The Office will be closed Good Friday and Easter Monday**

## ShareLife

Show your love on the Feast of St. Joseph through ShareLife

Today we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph and reflect on his holy life and the way he loved and cared for Jesus and Mary.

Next week is ShareLife Sunday. May we emulate St. Joseph's example and share our blessings with the least of our brothers and sisters.

Our parish goal this year is **\$34,200**. Please give at the parish by using a ShareLife envelope or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

### AN INSPIRATION FOR LENT

This Lent (and beyond) get inspired, with an excellent and copyright-free e-book, audiobook, or a quality article, for everyone (<http://bit.ly/Catholicebooks>).

### 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/>)

### True Devotion to Mary

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

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

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