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Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon &
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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.	April 2nd <u>PALM SUNDAY</u> 8:00 am Mass at St. Gregory's -For the People
SUN.	9:30 am Mass at St. Gregory's + Francesca Likon requested by Mimi Zicarelli and Family
SUN.	12:00 pm Mass at Holy Cross
TUES.	April 4th 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's + Alberto Iezzi requested by Ada Iezzi
WED.	April 5th 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross
THUR	April 6th <u>Holy Thursday: Thursday of the Lord's Supper</u> 5:00 pm at Holy Cross 7:00 pm at St. Gregory's
FRI.	April 7th <u>GOOD FRIDAY-Friday of the Passion of the Lord services</u> 12:00 pm at St. Gregory's followed by Stations of the Cross 3:00 pm at Holy Cross followed by Stations of the Cross
SAT.	April 8th <u>Easter Vigil</u> 6:00 pm at Holy Cross 8:30 pm at St. Gregory's
SUN.	April 9th <u>EASTER SUNDAY</u>
SUN.	8:00 am- Mass at St. Gregory's + Bruno Piccioli requested by the Piccioli Family
SUN.	9:30 am- Mass at St. Gregory's - For the People
SUN.	12:00 pm- Mass at Holy Cross

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults- R.C.I.A.

RCIA will meet in the Church for Confessions and prepare for the Easter Vigil at 10 am on April 8th.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

*First Holy Communion session #7 will return April 16th, 2023 at 10:30 am in St. Gregory's Parish Hall.
Confirmation session #7 will return April 23rd at 10:30 am in Holy Cross Parish Hall.*

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

This collection is also known as Needs of the Holy Land. Pope Francis has asked Parishes to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. Let us give generously to respond to the needs of the Church in the land of Jesus.

Low-gluten hosts

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.

Regional Mass of Welcome

As most of you are aware, we now have a new archbishop. Recognizing that the cathedral did not have the capacity for all of the faithful who wished to attend the Mass of Installation, a regional Mass of Welcome is now scheduled to take place in each region of the archdiocese. So, for our Eastern Region it will be on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at St. Isaac Jogues Parish, Pickering at 7 p.m.



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>)

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 Lent.

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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Thursday April 6th Holy Thursday: Thursday of the Lord's Supper

5:00 PM AT Holy Cross

7:00 pm at St. Gregory's

April 7th Good Friday- Friday of the Passion of the Lord services

12:00 pm at St. Gregory's followed by Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm at Holy Cross followed by Stations of the Cross

Saturday April 8th Easter Vigil

6:00 pm at Holy Cross

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 on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

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>).

SL ShareLife

Today is Palm Sunday. In our Lenten observance, we have been called to welcome Jesus into our hearts. Let us follow His example of sacrifice by sharing with those who need our help the most. One way we can do so is by giving generously to ShareLife. Thank you for your support and for living the Gospel by providing for those in need.

PLEASE NOTE

Due to ancient customs, funeral Masses are NOT allowed on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Only a funeral service without Mass is allowed.

Totus Tuus is coming!

The children and youth of the parish are invited to join us for Totus Tuus (Latin for Totally Yours) this summer from **August 14 to 18, 2023**. Totus Tuus is an Archdiocesan program whereby seminarians and young adults travel to different parishes, spreading the Good News of our Lord through catechesis, Mass, confession, songs and games! The grade school program, for children entering grades 1-6, runs Monday-Friday from 9am – 2:30pm.

The Intermediate/High School program for Grades 7-12 runs Sunday-Thursday from 7-9pm. The cost is: \$30 for Gr. 7-12 & \$70 for Gr. 1-6 for the entire week. If not possible, freewill offering will be accepted. To register or for more information, please contact: 905-723-8141 or stgregorythegreat@archtoronto.org. More information about the program is also available at www.totustuustoronto.ca

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. We fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. 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. 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. 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

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