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## Pastor

Fr. Marijan Sisko

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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>May 21<sup>st</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> <u>Sunday of Easter- The Ascension of the Lord</u></b> 8:00 am Mass at St. Gregory's - For the People
SUN.	9:30 am Mass at St. Gregory's + Annie McLaughlin and Anastasia Beaudette requested by Pat and Dave Mitchell
SUN.	12:00 pm Mass at Holy Cross
TUES.	<b>May 23<sup>rd</sup> 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's</b> - For Mr. John Nicholls requested by Katren Darling
WED.	<b>May 24<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross</b>
THUR	<b>May 25<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross</b>
FRI.	<b>May 26<sup>th</sup> <u>Saint Philip Neri</u></b> 6:00 pm-6:45 pm-- St. Gregory's Confessions and adoration 7:00 pm Mass at St. Gregory's + Veronica McGarry and James DeMille requested by Kathryn DeMille
SAT.	<b>May 27<sup>th</sup> <u>Saint Augustine of Canterbury</u></b> 3:30 pm-4:15 pm-- Holy Cross Confession and adoration 4:30 pm Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	<b>May 28<sup>th</sup> <u>Pentecost Sunday</u></b>
SUN.	8:00 am- Mass at St. Gregory's + Margo Kinsman requested by Pat Wynne
SUN.	9:30 am- Mass at St. Gregory's - For the People
SUN.	12:00 pm- Mass at Holy Cross

### **UKRAINIAN FAMILIES IN NEED**

When hearing reports of the war in Ukraine, and the millions of Ukrainians that have been forced to flee their homeland, many have asked what they can do to help. If you would like to learn more about hosting a Ukrainian family, please go to [Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis \(archtoronto.org\)](http://www.archtoronto.org) and register for a virtual information session.

**Reminder that the office will be closed Monday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 for Victoria Day!**

### **CONFIRMATION ANNOUNCEMENT**

We ask that **ALL** Confirmation Candidates to please join us at the Holy Cross Parish Hall on May 28th at 10:35 am & a **FINAL Confirmation Preparation** session and confessions on Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:30 am-12:30 pm at Holy Cross Church. Parents and sponsors are welcome to attend. **Confirmation Day** will be June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the 9:30 am Mass at St. Gregory's & 3:00 pm at Holy Cross.

### **TOTUS TUUS IS COMING!**



**REGISTRATION IS OPEN!** 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 in St. Gregory's Hall.

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: <http://bit.ly/TT2023promo> - 905-723-8141 or [stgregorythegreat@archtoronto.org](mailto:stgregorythegreat@archtoronto.org).

More information about the program is also available at [www.totustuutoronto.ca](http://www.totustuutoronto.ca)

**TOTUS TUUS** is looking for families to host our Missionaries (Camp Leaders) for the week of August 13<sup>th</sup>-August 18th. If you would like to volunteer for any days or evenings with the children or if you are a Secondary School student looking for volunteer hours we can use your help! Please call the office at (905)723-8141 for more details.

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL –**  
**ST. GREGORY’S CONFERENCE**  
**Activity Report for April 2023**

**In the month of April 2023 your donations have:**

**Families Assisted** 57  
**# of Adults** 75  
**# of Children** 24

**In the first 4 months of 2023 we have provided assistance to the following:**

**254 Families**  
**363 Adults**  
**120 Children**

We would like to give out **Personal Hygiene Kits to our Neighbours in Need** next Christmas.

**Kits should include:** Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, Toothpaste and Tooth Brushes, Dish-Washing Liquid, Sanitary Napkins. Feel free to make up a kit, or donate individual items. Please leave the items in the wooden box in the vestibule of the Simcoe St. entrance to the Church. We will gather them weekly and prepare kits for distribution at Christmas. We extend our deepest appreciation to everyone at St. Gregory’s whose generosity continues to help us to help our **Neighbours in Need**. If you are interested in joining our Conference – and we always need new members!! - **Call the Help-Line at 905-720-0003, leave your name and phone number and WE WILL return you call.**

**SHARELIFE**

On this **World Communications Day**, your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of Deaf people in our community. More than 60% of families with a Deaf child do not know or use a signing language. **Silent Voice, a ShareLife** agency, is able to provide an array of accessible programs and services, responding to the needs of Deaf adults, youth, children, infants, and their families in American Sign Language (ASL). This is because of you. The help and support you give brings hope and changes many lives. Thank you for your generosity. Together we have raised **\$19,106.00** toward our goal of **\$34,200**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or <https://sharelife.org/donate>

**E-LEARNING**

Registration is now open for online courses and seminars offered by the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation at the University of Dayton. Courses and certificate programs are on a variety of topics related to our Catholic faith.

DATES: May 22 – June 25 (Cycle 4) Download a list of courses and seminars at

<https://bit.ly/VLCFF-Cycle4-2023-EN>

REGISTRATION CLOSES: May 17

\$50 USD per 5-week course; \$40 USD per 3-week seminar. For more information, contact [formation@archtoronto.org](mailto:formation@archtoronto.org) or Call 416-934-3400 ext. 523.

**“Concrete Ways to Renew Practices of Family Holiness.”** A FREE Webinar organized by **The Office for Family and Life of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops** on June 3, 2023 from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm.

This reflection is dedicated to those in dioceses, eparchies, parishes, or to family groups that accompany couples and families in faith. The webinar will be presented by Msgr. Philippe Bordeyne, President of the John Paul II Pontifical Theological Institute for the Science of Marriage and the Family, Rome, Italy. The Webinar will be recorded for later broadcast and accompanied by simultaneous English translation. Register: <https://bit.ly/CCCB-WebinarRegistration-June2023>

**EARLY CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE**

The Early Catholic Family Life (ECFL) program has scheduled an online training from Monday, May 22 to Thursday, May 25. ECFL is an 8-session, 2-hour program to engage and connect young families to foster a culture of faith in the home. Go to: <https://www.archtoronto.org/ecfl>

**ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO**

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Archbishop Leo ordained Priests. We ask that you please pray for the Archdiocese of Toronto's newest priests—more info: ([bit.ly/3IfIcNg](https://bit.ly/3IfIcNg)).

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





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