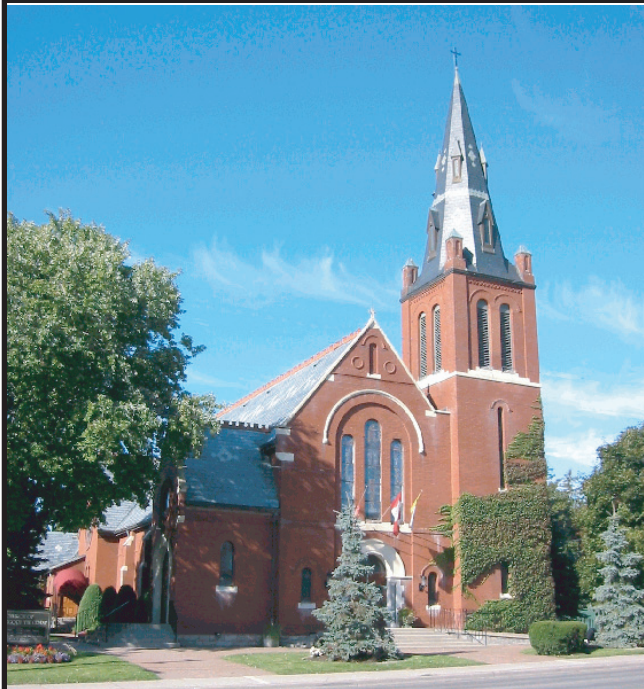


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Please approach the Priest after you have participated at Sunday Mass.

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Marriage Preparation required
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Please contact the parish office for more information.

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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.	June 11th <u>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ- Corpus Christi</u> 8:00 am Mass at St. Gregory's
SUN.	9:30 am Mass at St. Gregory's - For the People Corpus Christi procession after the Mass
SUN.	12:00 pm Mass at Holy Cross
TUES.	June 13th 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's NEW *Adoration to follow Mass* +Deceased Members of the DeSousa Family requested by Manuel and Gloria DeSousa
WED.	June 14th 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross
THUR	June 15th 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross
FRI.	June 16th <u>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</u> 6:00 pm-6:45 pm-- St. Gregory's Confessions and adoration 7:00 pm Mass at St. Gregory's + Guiseppe Guarini requested by his wife Angela Guarini
SAT.	June 17th <u>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u> 3:30 pm-4:15 pm-- Holy Cross Confession 4:30 pm Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	June 18th <u>Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time</u>
SUN.	8:00 am- Mass at St. Gregory's - For the People
SUN.	9:30 am- Mass at St. Gregory's + Bruno Piccioli requested by the Piccioli Family
SUN.	12:00 pm- Mass at Holy Cross

A special thank you to Fr. John Boos this week!



SACRED HEART ACADEMY is looking to start a private Catholic school. Do you have children or grandchildren that might be interested in attending? To show interest, request additional information, or

support with your prayers please visit <http://bit.ly/SacredHeartA> or email SacredHeartA@gmail.com. Sacred Heart of Jesus, Thy Kingdom Come!

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



This is the Feast of Corpus Christi -- the Body of Christ. St. Paul continually reminds us that *we are* the Body of Christ. The

Eucharist is not a private devotion; it is a great act of common worship. Here we become conscious of our unity. Here the Body of Christ becomes visible. The one thing, which above all others would make us unfit to be part of the Eucharist, is if we were not reconciled with God and one another. Are we?

We ask God's forgiveness for our sins in confession and for the grace to be reconciled with one another.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

We will have a Corpus Christi procession on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi, today following the 9:30 am Mass. All parishioners and friends are invited to join us. At the end of the Mass, we will go from the church to the parking lot and back bringing Jesus to bless us, our families and neighborhood, town and province, country, and whole world.



SCAN ME

FREE WEBINAR!!! ESTATE PLANNING FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE

Saturday June 17, 2023 at 9am.

The estate planning team from the Archdiocese of Toronto and Catholic Cemeteries will share:

- How to protect your loved ones with a proper Will.
- How to ensure that your wishes are legally protected.
- Powers of Attorney, Estate Trustee selection
- Finding lawyers & estate planning advisors

To register: Use the QR Code above, or <https://qrco.de/june17> or email: development@archtoronto.org. Include: "Estate Planning Seminar" in the subject line and provide the names of attendees in the body of the message.

BUILDING FUND: THERE WILL BE A 2ND COLLECTION ON SUNDAY JUNE 18TH FOR THE BUILDING FUND!

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

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Mother Mary, the month of June is dedicated to our strong devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Of all devotions, this particular devotion to the Sacred Heart has historically been, and continues to be, one of the most popular and widespread devotions here in the Archdiocese of Toronto, and for all Catholics worldwide.

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are encouraged to read again, Cardinal Collins' Pastoral Letter from 2021, "Heart Speaks to Heart", a deep reflection on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. As well as the letter from Archbishop Francis Leo inserted in the bulletin. Visit www.archtoronto.org/sacredheart to read the letter, The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is observed in 2023 on Friday, June 16.

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.

More information about the program is also available at www.totustuustoronto.ca

New- Adoration – a holy hour – will now follow the 12:10 pm Mass on Tuesdays beginning June 13th graciously organized by The Franciscan Fraternity of St. Angela Merici- St. Gregory's.

YAD (YOUNG ADULTS DURHAM) EVENT!

We will have a regional event, Young Adults Durham night (ages 18-39), **Seeking the Sacred Heart** followed by a social at **St. Gregory's Hall on June 16 from 7:45 pm**. Adoration and confession are from 6 pm, and Mass at 7 pm at St. Gregory's church. Come and bring a friend.



NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

His Excellency Francis Archbishop Leo will celebrate Mass at the Native Peoples' Mission in observance of National Indigenous Peoples Day. The day honours and celebrates the culture and heritage First Nations, Inuit, and Metis People.

Date: Wednesday June 21st, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Native Peoples' Mission, St. Ann's Church
120 First Avenue, Toronto, ON

A reception will be held in the Parish Hall following the Mass **ALL** are welcome!

SHARELIFE: Palliative Care Journey

Join us on Tuesday, June 20 at 7 p.m. for our ShareLife Speaker Series event "The Palliative Care Journey: For you, your loved ones, and the most vulnerable" with Father Matthew Durham from Journey Home Hospice. Please register at <https://www.bit.ly/palliative-care-journey>

Thank you to all who have donated for ShareLife. Our goal is \$34,200, and we have raised \$25,730.

MARYGROVE CAMP

TODAY IS THE SPECIAL COLLECTION for **Marygrove Girls Camp!** This camp run by the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul provides financial assistance to 1000 young girls, ages 5-13, who may not otherwise be able to experience a true camping event get to have a joyful 8 days making wonderful friendships and memories. With your help we can make this happen!

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



The Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Crucifix: THE Christian symbols of love, welcoming and compassion

June 1, 2023

My dear Brothers & Sisters in Jesus' Sacred Heart,

It is a well-known and well-founded tradition that in our Catholic devotional life, each month of the calendar year focuses on a special devotion. For instance, the month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Mother, July to the Most Precious Blood, October to the Holy Rosary and November to the holy Souls of Purgatory.

June is dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and as we begin the month, I wish to encourage parishes, homes and schools and all other social & health care institutions throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto to welcome the opportunity to reflect on the profound and consoling meaning of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in our lives and walk of faith. Our Blessed Lord himself told us to learn from him **for he is "meek and humble of heart."** (Mt. 11:29)

It is a visual image, a sign and symbol, that helps us dive more deeply into the personal love that Jesus has for each one of us. The heart is often considered the universal sign of love and there is no greater love than that which Jesus has given to each one of us. How can we imitate that love not only in the month of June but every day throughout the year?

The Sacred Heart of Jesus reminds us of our call to sacrificial, unconditional and generous love for others, for each member of the Body of Christ and the call for us to be the heart, the hands and the face of Christ to all those we encounter each day.

Pope Benedict XVI spoke beautiful words during an Angelus audience on June 1, 2008: **"Every person needs a 'centre' for his own life, a source of truth and goodness to draw from in the daily events, in the different situations and in the toil of daily life. Every one of us, when he or she pauses in silence, needs to feel not only his or her own heartbeat, but deeper still, the beating of a trustworthy presence, perceptible with faith's senses and yet much more real: the presence of Christ, the heart of the world."**

Images of the Sacred Heart of Jesus include a wounded heart, where we are reminded of the suffering experienced by Our Lord and his violent death. We see the crown of thorns, another sign of **Jesus' painful** sacrifice and the knowledge that authentic love often includes wounds along the journey. The Cross of Christ is a symbol of both suffering and hope through the resurrection. We see the cross in churches, homes, schools, hospitals and social care institutions – it is a sign of welcome, love, acceptance and Christian outreach to our neighbour and those in need. Finally, the flames surrounding the Sacred Heart of Jesus



represent the Holy Spirit, bringing light through the darkness, igniting us to spread the Good News and share the love of Jesus, just as the first disciples experienced at Pentecost.

Saint John Paul II taught that: “From the Heart of Christ, man’s heart learns to know the genuine and unique meaning of his life and of his destiny, to understand the value of an authentically Christian life, to keep himself from certain perversions of the human heart, and to unite the filial love of God with love of neighbour.” (Letter of Pope John Paul II on the 100th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Human Race to the Divine Heart of Jesus – June 11, 1999)

These time-honoured symbols provide important opportunities for reflection devotion yet we are also called to live an authentic faith that acts in our daily Christian journey and is incarnate in the choices we make and the lifestyle we choose to embrace. This month, in a special way, let us remember the virtues of faith, hope and love in our interactions with all those we encounter. That our witnessing be prophetic and engaging.

In a moving passage on June 9, 2013, during an Angelus audience, our Holy Father Pope **Francis, said: “And what is the fruit of this love? It is life! The mercy of God gives life to man, it raises him from the dead. The Lord is always watching us with mercy, always awaits us with mercy. Let us be not afraid to approach Him! He has a merciful heart! If we show our inner wounds, our sins, He always forgives us. He is pure mercy! Let us never forget this! He is pure mercy! Let us go to Jesus!”**

Symbols carry meaning and are powerful in conveying truths and inspiring to action. For Catholic Christians the Crucifix and the Sacred Heart of Jesus are the authentic and unsurpassed symbols of love, welcoming and compassion.

I encourage our Catholic community to access the resources available at: www.archtoronto.org/sacredheart - these include prayers, reflections and activities appropriate for parishes, schools and families. We also draw on the beautiful pastoral letter, **“Heart to Heart”**, written in 2021 by Archbishop Emeritus Cardinal Thomas Collins.

I pray that this month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be one of particular grace and divine consolations for you and your loved ones. *Cor Jesu sacratissimum, miserere nobis.*

Sincerely Yours in the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Most Rev. Francis Leo
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