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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.

| MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| SUN.                         | <b>Nov. 12</b><br>8:00 am – <b>Mass at St. Gregory's</b><br>+ <b>Denise McNeely</b> , req. Maggie McNeely   |
| SUN.                         | 9:30 am – <b>For the People</b>   |
| SUN.                         | 12:00 pm <b>Mass at Holy Cross</b>  |
| TUES.                        | <b>Nov. 14<sup>th</sup></b> ~ 12:10 pm <b>Mass at St. Gregory's</b><br>– <b>Adoration after Mass*</b><br>+ <b>Deceased member of the DeSousa Family</b> req. his Manuel & Gloria DeSousa  |
| WED.                         | <b>Nov. 15<sup>th</sup></b><br>8:30 am <b>Mass at Holy Cross</b>  |
| THUR                         | <b>Nov. 16<sup>th</sup></b><br>8:30 am <b>Mass at Holy Cross</b>  |
| FRI.                         | <b>Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> – St. Elizabeth of Hungary</b><br>6:00 pm-6:45 pm-- <b>St. Gregory's</b><br><b>Confessions and Adoration</b><br>7:00 pm <b>Mass at St. Gregory's</b><br>+ Giuseppe Guarini, req. Anglea Guarini<br>+ Mario Rocchetta, req. his Family<br>+ Antonio Petrangelo, req. his Wife & Family |
| SAT.                         | <b>Nov. 18<sup>th</sup></b> - 3:30 pm- 4:15 pm-- Holy Cross<br>Confession - 4:30 pm <b>Mass at Holy Cross</b>   |
| SUN.                         | <b>Nov. 19<sup>th</sup></b><br>8:00 am - <b>Mass at St. Gregory's</b><br>For the People   |
| SUN.                         | 9:30 am - <b>Mass at St. Gregory's</b><br>+ Patrick & Anne Marie Egan, req. Brian & Linda Eagan   |
| SUN                          | <b>12:00 pm - Mass at Holy Cross</b>  |

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) provides instruction and spiritual formation to anyone 16 years of age and older who are not baptized, or baptized in another Christian community, who would like to become a member of the Catholic Church. Catholic adults who have not yet celebrated their First Eucharist or the Sacrament of Confirmation may also take part. **Join us on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Sacristy, south-west entrance to the church.**



*Prayer Corner ~ Please take a moment to pray for the sick and for the recently departed especially Deacon Dominic Pullano who worked for DCDSB. Condolences to his family and friends.*

*Please pray for peace in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine and around the world.*

### Archdiocesan Consultation Underway – your assistance is requested!

Our Archbishop, the Most Rev. Francis Leo, is inviting Catholics throughout the archdiocese to share their key priorities to help inform and guide an updated Pastoral Plan. To participate in the consultation, visit: [www.archtoronto.org/consultation](http://www.archtoronto.org/consultation) to complete a brief survey by December 15, 2023, where you can offer your suggestions and insights. Thank you in advance for sharing your insights, ideas and discernment.



### CWL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

In an effort to support our charities at Christmas time, the CWL will be having a Christmas raffle each Sunday after both Masses beginning November 5th until November 26th. We will be raffling 3 prizes each, week and we will an early bird draw as well. More information will be provided later.

### Month Of the Holy Souls

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES are in the pews and at the back of the Church. The envelopes, with the list of names you wish remembered, will be placed before the altar and remembered at all Masses during November.



### Join Us at Faith Study: Theology of the Body – Part 1

You are invited to join us for a Faith Formation Study: Theology of the Body of St. John Paul II, presented by Paul Coates, (M.Div.). Discover the beautiful teaching and loving plan of God for love and marriage whether single or in a relationship. **Join us at St. Gregory's Parish Hall** (190 Simcoe St. N., Oshawa), on Thursdays from 7pm to 9pm. The cost is \$40 per person, students can make a donation, and everyone is welcome! Register: <https://bit.ly/TOBSTG1> or [https://stgregorythegreat@archtoronto.org](mailto:stgregorythegreat@archtoronto.org)

### **Come & See – Discernment Weekend Retreat November 17, 2023 – November 19, 2023 at St. Augustine's Seminary**

Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, Nov. 17 (6:30p.m.) until Sunday, Nov. 19 (2p.m.). Register [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee) More information at, [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

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

### **Rosary and Mass for Persecuted Christians**

The annual Red Wednesday event to pray for and raise awareness to the plight of persecuted Christians will take place once again this year. He will offer a Mass for the intentions of persecuted Christians at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on November 15 at 5 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Also, our Archbishop Francis Leo is asking everyone to earnestly pray Rosary for Christians around the world who are suffering many kinds of persecution. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of peace, intercede for us and bring the needs of these suffering people to the feet of her son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. <https://tinyurl.com/y8sjm7ej>

### **SSVP ~ St. Gregory's Conference News**

**Annual Appeal:** Thanks to all for the generous donations to our annual appeal. For those who have not yet had the opportunity to do so, you will find grey SSVP envelopes at the entrance to the Church.

**Christmas Outreach:** SSVP is bringing back the "Angel Tree" for children of our neighbours in need. Please take a tag with a child's age on it and return it with a gift card from a local retailer. If your preference is cash or cheque, SSVP will use it to purchase gift cards on your behalf. Please return the tags and gift cards or donations to the box under the trees by December 3, 2023 at the latest.

We are also accepting donations of gift cards, cash, or cheques to assist neighbours in need, of any age, at Christmas. Those donations can be placed in the identified boxes at the entrances to the Church.

**Personal Hygiene Kits:** Finally, items for personal hygiene kits are still being collected. Items may be left in the wooden box in the vestibule of the Simcoe Street entrance to the Church.

### **FREE ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR**

Saturday November 25, 2023 at 9:00 AM. Catholic Cemeteries and the Estate Planning Team will share information about how to avoid problems in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection. [info@cc-fs.ca](mailto:info@cc-fs.ca)

### **A Request for Feedback**

The City of Oshawa would like your feedback on the *Simcoe Street Transit Visioning Study*. 'Rapid (bus) transit' could mean losing one or two lanes for bus-dedicated lanes. It would slow down the traffic. Is that what you and I want? Have your say by November 15, 2023, at: [www.SimcoeStreetRapidTransit.ca](http://www.SimcoeStreetRapidTransit.ca).

### **Advent Retreat 2023**

By Brother Stephen Van Massenhoven O.Cap.

### **Incarnation: Re-Discover Christmas Anew**

When: Saturday, December 2, 2023 - 10am-3:30pm

Where: Holy Cross Parish Hall

Register here (<https://bit.ly/HCAvent23>)

or call the office.

### **Shepherd's Trust Collection**

The Shepherd's Trust ensures our priests can live their retirement years with dignity. The Shepherd's Trust collection will take place in all parishes in the Archdiocese the weekend of **November 18/19**. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church.



**CWL-Holy Cross** is hosting a Christmas Bazaar in support of local charities in Holy Cross Parish Hall (Basement of Church) on Sun. Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 am - 2 pm Come visit our Tea Room, White Elephant Table, Bake Table, Used Toys, Books Wool Crafts, Plants Table Penny Table and even a 50/50 Draw!

**First Holy Communion** Did you miss the Meeting & Registration for First Holy Communion last Sunday? There is still time for parents of the children in grades two and in higher grades that seek to receive their first Holy Communion to bring their children to the next session is on **Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup> following the 9:30 Mass in our Parish Hall**. The parents are invited to pre-register their children ahead of time.

### **Confirmation Registration and Class**

Grade 7 and up, you still may register for Confirmation at our first class that will be held on **Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 am at Holy Cross Parish Hall**. Parents are encouraged to register their child before that date. Please bring a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate. The suggested donation of \$40 for materials will be accepted.

### **ST. GERTRUDE'S CWL**

### **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR –BAKE SALE- 50/50**

Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup> 9:30am-2:00pm at St Gertrude's Parish Hall, 690 King St. E. Oshawa. Wheelchair Accessible

There will be: private vendors, Christmas Café - Silent Auction, Kids Crafts, Jewellery- Books- Puzzles, Christmas Table - 2<sup>nd</sup> Time around Table Turkey Draw (Saturday).

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