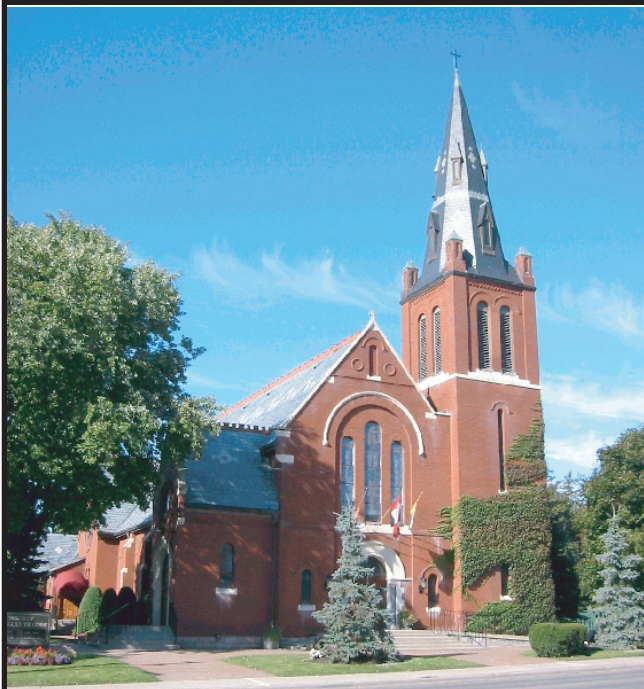


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## Pastor

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.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUN.	Nov. 19 8:00 am ~ <b>Mass at St. Gregory's</b> For the People
SUN.	9:30 am +Patrick & Ann Marie Egan, req. Brian & Linda Egan
SUN.	12:00 pm Mass at Holy Cross
TUES.	Nov. 21 <sup>st</sup> ~ 12:10 pm Mass at <b>St. Gregory's</b> – <b>Adoration after Mass*</b> + Marcel & Theresa Bray
WED.	Nov. 22 <sup>nd</sup> 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross
THUR	Nov. 23 <sup>rd</sup> 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross
FRI.	Nov. 24 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm-6:45 pm-- <b>St. Gregory's</b> <b>Confessions and Adoration</b> 7:00 pm <b>Mass at St. Gregory's</b> Intentions of Sean Ruest, req. Tom & Family + Mario Rocchetta, req. George & Bianca Cervoni
SAT.	Nov. 25 <sup>th</sup> - 3:30 pm- 4:15 pm-- Holy Cross Confession - 4:30 pm Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 am - <b>Mass at St. Gregory's</b> For the People
SUN.	9:30 am - Mass at <b>St. Gregory's</b> + Bruno Piccoli
SUN	12:00 pm - Mass at Holy Cross

### 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.



*Please take a moment to pray for the sick especially Anita Osso and for the recently departed especially, Joseph Johnson. Please pray for peace in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine and around the world.*

### ADVENT CONFESSIONS

In preparation for Christmas, and especially for worthy reception of the Eucharist, Fr. Marijan along with some help, will hear confessions:

#### **December 15 – Holy Cross Parish**

9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

#### **December 16 – St. Gregory the Great Parish**

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

### 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.



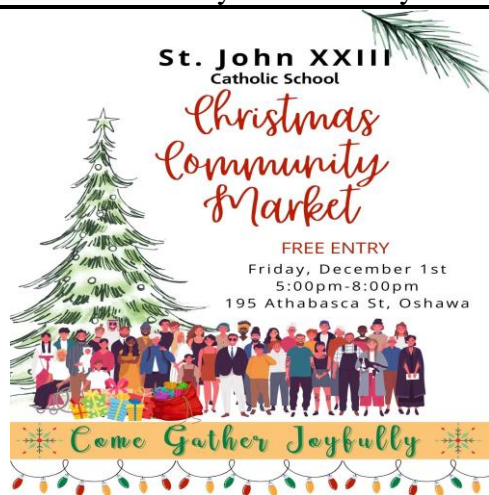
### Join Us at Faith Study: Theology of the Body – Part 1

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)

### Natural Family Planning:

Helping married couples live out the teachings of the Catholic Church (<https://bit.ly/NFP-Brochure-OFD-SMI>).

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



### † St. Vincent de Paul



Neighbors helping neighbors.

#### 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.

**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.



From now until year end, your gift will be matched by an anonymous donor up to \$500,000. That means your compassionate generosity helps even more families in need, including those nourished through

ShareLife’s recent announced food programs.

To date, our Parish has currently raised \$31,762.00 towards our goal of \$34,200.00. Double the impact of your kindness by giving at the parish with ShareLife envelope of anytime at: [www.sharelife.org/donate](http://www.sharelife.org/donate)

### Book of Remembrance

During the month of November, you are invited to write in the names of loved ones who have died. They will be prayerfully remembered during the month.

### Advent Retreat 2023

By Brother Stephen Van Massenhoven OFM Cap.  
Incarnation: Re-Discover Christmas Anew  
When: Saturday, December 2, 2023 - 10am-3:30pm  
Where: Holy Cross Parish Hall  
Register here (<https://bit.ly/HCAAdvent23>)  
or call the office.



### Shepherd’s Trust Collection

There will be a second collection today, for The Shepherds’ Trust. The mission of The Shepherds’ Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

### **Sacramental Preparation**

Did you miss Registration for 1st Holy Communion or Confirmation? **It’s not too late. Please attend a Prep Class** before or after participating at Mass.  
First Communion Prep Class #2 at 10:45 a.m.  
- Sunday November 26, 2023 at St. Gregory the Great Parish Hall (190 Simcoe St. N.)  
Confirmation Prep Class #1 at 10:45 a.m.  
- Sunday November 19 in Holy Cross Parish Hall (373 Simcoe St S).

### World Day of the Poor November 19, 2023

#### **Theme is: “Do Not Turn Away”**

#### **Pope Francis’ Message:**

“The World Day of the Poor, a fruitful sign of the Father's mercy, comes for the seventh time to support the journey of our communities. It is an appointment that the Church is progressively rooting in her pastoral, in order to discover more and more the central content of the Gospel. Every day we are committed to welcoming the poor, yet this is not enough. A river of poverty flows through our cities and gets bigger and bigger until it overflows; that river seems to overwhelm us, so much so that the cry of the brothers and sisters asking for help, support, and solidarity is growing louder and louder. For this, on the Sunday before the feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we gather round his Canteen to receive again from him the gift and the commitment to live **poverty and to serve the poor.**”

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



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