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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.

Natural Family Planning:

Helping married couples live out the teachings
of the Catholic Church
bit.ly/NFP-Brochure-OFD-SMI

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.	Dec. 3 First Sunday of Advent 8:00 am – Mass at St. Gregory's - For the People
SUN.	9:30 am – Mass at St. Gregory's † Joe Pezzarello, req. his wife Kathleen
SUN.	12:00 pm Mass at Holy Cross
TUES.	Dec. 5 ~ 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's – Adoration after Mass* † Alberto Iezzi , req. his Wife Ida
WED.	Dec. 6 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross
THUR	Dec. 7 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross
FRI.	Dec. 8 6:00 pm-6:45 pm-- St. Gregory's Confessions and Adoration 7:00 pm Mass at St. Gregory's † Pat Sheldon , req. Jan Howe
SAT.	Dec. 9 3:30 pm- 4:15 pm-- Holy Cross Confession - 4:30 pm Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	Dec. 10 First Sunday of Advent 8:00 am - Mass at St. Gregory's † Herve LeBretton, req. Florence & Carole and Family
SUN.	9:30 am - Mass at St. Gregory's † For the People
SUN	12:00 pm - Mass at Holy Cross

Sacramental Preparation

Did you miss Registration for 1st Holy Communion or Confirmation? It's not too late. Please contact the office.

First Communion Prep Class #3 at 10:45 a.m.

- Sunday January 14, 2024 at St. Gregory the Great Parish Hall (190 Simcoe St. N.)

Confirmation Prep Class #3 at 10:45 a.m.

-Sunday January 21st, 2024 in Holy Cross Parish Hall (373 Simcoe St

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 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.

First Sunday of Advent

For Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences with the **First Sunday of Advent**, opening the Advent season. In this new Liturgical Year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense, endeavors to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. In fact, the entire Liturgy of the Advent season, will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a 'vigilant' disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming:

'Awaken! remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob," is not a God who is there in heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes.'

(<https://www.stpeterscathedral.org/post/celebrating-the-first-sunday-of-advent-1>)

Christmas & New Years' Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Vigil: December 24
4:30pm -Holy Cross

Christmas Day: December 25
8:00am – St. Gregory the Great
9:30am – St. Gregory the Great
12noon – Holy Cross

New Year's Eve: December 31
4:30 pm – Holy Cross

New Year's Day: January 1, 2024
8:00am – St. Gregory the Great
9:30am – St. Gregory the Great

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

12noon – Holy Cross



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>

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SSVP Annual Appeal:

Saint Vincent de Paul – Christmas outreach

Angel Trees: The Angel Trees, for the children of our neighbours in need, are up; one on the right side of the Altar and one in the vestibule. Please **take a tag with a child's age on it and return the tag** with a gift card from a local retailer by Sunday, December 3rd at the latest. If your preference is cash or cheque SSVP will use it to purchase gift cards on your behalf.

Families: Should you wish to help the family of one of our neighbours in need, we are accepting donations of cash, cheques or gift cards in the specially marked boxes at the entrance to the church.

Hygiene Kits: Items are still being collected and may be left in the wooden box at the Simcoe Street entrance to the church.

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.

2024 Donation Envelopes

The 2024 envelopes are now available at the back of the church in alphabetical order. If you used envelopes last year you have been assigned a number. If you are new to the Parish and wish to use Offertory Envelopes please contact the office so one can be assigned to you. Please do not use the 2024 envelopes until January 2024.



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.

Bereavement Retreat

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre invites both women and men to a bereavement retreat Saturday December 16, 2023 Mississauga, On. L5N 2C3 Cash, Cheque, Visa Phone: 905 278 5229 or MasterCard Fax: 905 278 7513 Email: office@qoa.ca COME

Visit www.bit.ly/ArchTOcareers for the latest employment opportunities.

Thank You

The CWL would like to thank everyone for their generous support of our Christmas Raffle. The money raised will go to help families in our parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will help to put smiles on many faces this Christmas.

Our December meeting will be held on December 10th following the 9:30 am Mass.

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

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