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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. 10th Second Sunday of Advent 8:00 am – Mass at St. Gregory's + Herve Le Bretton , req. Florence & Carole & Family
SUN.	9:30 am – Mass at St. Gregory's - For the People
SUN.	12:00 pm Mass at Holy Cross
TUES.	Dec. 12th – Our Lady of Guadalupe 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's – Adoration after Mass* + Deceased Members of the Desousa Family , req. Manuel Gloria Desousa
WED.	Dec. 13th Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross
THUR	Dec. 14th Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross
FRI.	Dec. 15th 6:00 pm-6:45 pm-- St. Gregory's Confessions and Adoration 7:00 pm Mass at St. Gregory's + Natale Presta , req. his Children + Alex Dobos , The Ganobsik Cousins + Stephen Toutant , req. his Wife Heather + Exeferencia Mina , req. The Donkers Family
SAT.	Dec. 16th 3:30 pm- 4:15 pm-- Holy Cross Confession - 4:30 pm Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	Dec. 17th Third Sunday of Advent 8:00 am - Mass at St. Gregory's - For the People
SUN.	9:30 am - Mass at St. Gregory's + Denise McNeely , req. Maggie McNeely
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

DONATIONS FOR 2023

Donations must be received in the Parish Office by December 31st, 2023 to be receipted for the 2023 taxation year. Any donations received after December 31st will be recorded in the 2024 taxation year.

A Prayer For Faith on the Second Sunday of Advent

Father, prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth joyfully! We thank you for faithfully doing what you promised long ago when you sent your Son to earth so that we might have the chance to become part of your family. Let the promise of your second coming inspire us to live with hope and purpose.

As we **wait** for your plan to unfold, give us the patience we need. Remind us of the peace we can access when we take time to still ourselves before you and remember that you are God. We thank you that you are both sovereign and gracious.

Help us to find rest in the midst of what feels like chaos in our world. Amen.



Congratulations to Claudette and Brian Hess on their wedding in the Church!

May God bless you!

Would you like to have your marriage blessed by God in His Church? Come and talk to your Parish Priest about that.

Pope Francis's Intentions for December For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

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

2024 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. Consider signing up for preauthorised giving.

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.

Christmas & New Years' Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Vigil: December 24

4:30pm -Holy Cross

7:00pm – St. Gregory the Great

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

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](mailto:stgregorythegreat@archtoronto.org)

SSVP Christmas Outreach:

On behalf of all our neighbours in need, we thank everyone who participated in any of our Christmas outreach efforts for their incredible generosity. Whether it was hygiene kits, angel tree or general family help, you have helped to make Christmas a much more joyful occasion for a lot of our neighbours. We are busy sorting and organizing everything and will be doing our distribution on December 14th in the hall. We will have a full report for the parish in January. God Bless you and Merry Christmas to all.

Natural Family Planning:

Are you a married couple struggling to have children? See these resources to live out the teachings of the Catholic Church (<https://bit.ly/NFP-Brochure-OFD-SMI>).

CWL NEWS

The next CWL meeting will be held today December 10th following the 9:30 am Mass over in or Parish Hall. All Ladies are welcome.

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