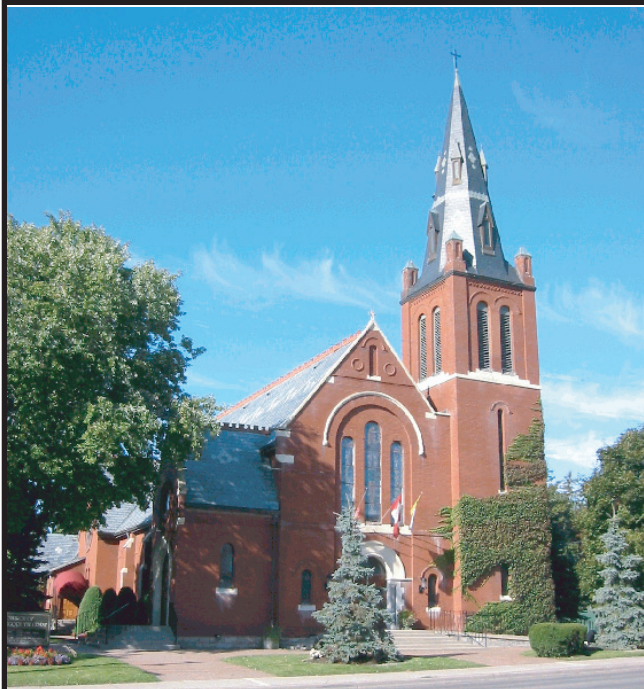


St. Gregory The Great

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
FOUNDED 1843
THE MOTHER CHURCH OF DURHAM



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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
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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. 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
TUES.	Dec. 19th 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's – Adoration after Mass* + Percy & Marie Beaudette , req. Dave & Pat Mitchell
WED.	Dec. 20th 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross
THUR	Dec. 21th 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross
FRI.	Dec. 22nd 6:00 pm-6:45 pm-- St. Gregory's Confessions and Adoration 7:00 pm Mass at St. Gregory's + Giuseppe Guarini , req. his Wife Angela + Linda & Aileen Formosa , req. Jacqui Martin
SAT.	Dec. 23rd 3:30 pm- 4:15 pm-- Holy Cross Confession - 4:30 pm Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	Dec. 24th Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:00 am - Mass at St. Gregory's
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)

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.

Archbishop Francis' Message for the Parishioners and Fr. Marijan

"You also are blessed because you have heard and believed. A soul that believes both conceives and brings forth the Word of God and acknowledges his works.

Let Mary's soul be in each of you to proclaim the greatness of the Lord. Let her spirit be in each to rejoice in the Lord. Christ has only one mother in the flesh, but we all bring forth Christ in faith. Every soul receives the Word of God if only it keeps chaste, remaining pure and free from sin, its modesty undefiled. The soul that succeeds in this proclaims the greatness of the Lord, just as Mary's soul magnified the Lord and her spirit rejoiced in God her Savior".

Excerpt from St. Ambrose's commentary on Luke (Lib. 2, 19:22-23, 26-27; CCL 14, 39-42).

Francis Leo

Most Reverend Francis Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

Third Sunday of Advent

The word 'Advent' comes from the Latin word ADVENTUS, which means "coming." We celebrate Advent over the four weeks leading up to Christmas each year. Advent season is an invitation to set your mind off the stresses of the year. We can take our focus off of the crazy hustle of the season and the sadness that could accompany the different ways some of us may be choosing to observe the holiday season this year. Even when things feel chaotic, we can find peace in Jesus. Advent is a chance to focus our thoughts on the gift God has given us in his son Jesus who stepped down from heaven and took the form of a man **SO THAT WE MIGHT BELIEVE.**

The Sanctuary Candle is burning bright this month is in memory of Lucy Tillaart Manson. This has been requested by Mike & Lavinia Gallagher.

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



Sundays at the 9:30 a.m. Mass for children ages 3 to 6 years old. A parent is welcome to accompany a child who is too shy to participate on their own. Volunteers are needed to celebrate Liturgy of the Word with Children! Kindly send an e-mail with your name and contact info to stgregorythegreat@archtoronto.org We will contact you to answer any questions you may have and provide training. Volunteer screening with a police background check is mandatory for this ministry.

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.

Baptism

If you are interested in having your child Baptized please request a registration form from the priest after attending the Sunday Mass.

Joining our Parish Family

Welcome to all new parishioners! We thank God for guiding you to our community. If you have not registered yet, simply ask Fr. Marijan for a Registration Form after Mass or visit the office during the week. Office hours are 8:30 am -12:00 noon and from 1:00pm – 4:30pm.

Christmas & New Years' Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Vigil: December 24

4:30pm -Holy Cross

7:00 – 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

Volunteers Needed

- Mass at Hillside Terraces: 1st Tuesday of each month
- Mass at Hillside Estates: 3rd Tuesday of each month
- Counting money

For all volunteer positions, a police check is required (free of charge via the Archdiocese). If you are interested, please email stgregorythegreat@archtoronto.org or call 905-723-8141


Congratulations!

Congratulations to Jacques (Jim) Gerard Vandersanden who was Ordained as a **Permanent Diaconate from St. Peter's Seminary** on November 19, 2022 at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica in London Ontario by Bishop Ronald P. Fabbro. Deacon Jim was baptized at our Parish. **May God's love and blessing be upon you & your family, and may He give you continued grace, peace and wisdom.**



Today there is a second collection for the Building Fund!

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

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