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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. 31st Feast Of The Holy Family 8:00 am – Mass at St. Gregory's
SUN.	9:30 am – Mass at St. Gregory's
SUN.	12:00 pm Mass at Holy Cross
TUES.	January 2, 2024 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's – Adoration after Mass* + Alberto Iezzi , req. his Wife Ida
WED.	January 3rd 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross
THUR	January 4th 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross
FRI.	January 5th 6:00 pm-6:45 pm-- St. Gregory's Confessions and Adoration 7:00 pm Mass at St. Gregory's + Denise McNeely , req. Maggie McNeely
SAT.	January 6th 3:30 pm- 4:15 pm-- Holy Cross Confession - 4:30 pm Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	January 7th The Epiphany Of The Lord 8:00 am - Mass at St. Gregory's + Valadmico Busuttil , req. his Wife Mary
SUN.	9:30 am - Mass at St. Gregory's - For The People
SUN	12:00 pm - Mass at Holy Cross

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism: If you are interested in having your child Baptized, please request a Registration Form from Fr. Marijan after attending the Sunday Mass.

Please contact the office to **register your child for First Holy Communion or Confirmation.**

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

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

-Tuesdays from 7pm-9pm in the Sacristy of the church for Catholics who wish to receive the Sacraments, and for non-Catholics who would like to become Catholics.

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

December 31 evening-January 1 is Mary Mother of God, day of obligation in Canada.

Observing the Feast of The Holy Family

The Feast of The Holy Family is celebrated in several ways—both in the Catholic Church and among individual parishioners. There are usually services and prayers held on this day, and many Christians write notes to Jesus, Mary and Joseph to appeal to them for a blessing from their family to their family. Some Christians also work through various charitable organizations to help families in need.



This is a day for people to reflect on their own family life as well. It's a day on which people can think about how they can strengthen communication between all family members and how to heal past wounds. It's also a day on which people can reflect on the virtue of their family in comparison with the Holy Family.

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 Envelops please contact the office so one can be assigned to you. Please do not use the 2024 envelopes until January 2024. Also, consider signing up for preauthorized giving (PAG).

Pope Francis' 2024 Monthly Intentions

January: for the Gift of Diversity in The Church. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

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



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Join Us at Faith Formation Study:

Theology of the Body – Part 2 – Redemption of the Body

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.). In Part II we will reflect on the mystery of Redemption of our bodies by our Lord Jesus Christ. Join us at St. Gregory's Parish Hall (190 Simcoe St. N., Oshawa), for eight Thursdays beginning January 25 to March 21, 2024, except March 14, from 7 pm to 9 pm. The cost is \$40 per person, students may make a donation, and everyone is welcome!

REGISTER: bit.ly/TOBSTGTWO

or, <https://bit.ly/TOBSTGTWO>

Friars Student Writing Contest 2024 **(Deadline for entries is January 15)**

Theme: "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27).

High school students (ages 13-19yrs) in the Catholic School Boards are invited to participate in this annual event. Write a 500-word essay that explores the 2024 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions. Students are to consult the resources at <https://rb.gy/wajo9> to understand the meaning and purpose of the theme and address the focus question found on the poster at <https://bit.ly/3G0I4zT> and submit their entries at:

<https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>.

Heart To Heart Gala

The Catholic Family Services of Durham is hosting their 19th annual Heart to Heart Gala on Saturday February 24th 7:00 p.m. at Deer Creek Golf & Banquet Facility, Ajax. Over half of the clients served are adult and child victims of domestic violence, and the other half are people needing family, couple and individual therapy in response to a wide variety of presenting problems, including grief, trauma, mental health challenges, relationship problems, abuse and many others. It is for these vulnerable clients that they ask you to support the Heart to Heart Gala. For more information please contact Tania McClean 905-725-3513 ext. 121 or t.mcclean@cfsdurham.com

Retreat For Men

Silent Ignatian Retreat For Men – On January 26 - 28, 2024 Manresa. "Be rejuvenated by the Canadian Martyrs". Suggested Offering: \$ 250.00 per person. This includes your two night's accommodation, meals, retreat program and spiritual direction. Register online at: manresa-canada.ca; registration@manresa.ca Fr. Bert was born in Montreal, entered the Jesuits in 1962 and was ordained a priest in 1973. He was the pastor of numerous parishes – St. Ignatius Parish in Winnipeg, Our Lady of Lourdes Church in downtown Toronto and among the Indigenous people of Manitoulin Island. He was the Rector of Regis College in Toronto and Director of the National Jesuit Development Office. He served as the Superior of the Pickering Jesuits and the director of the Jesuit Infirmary. He joined the staff at the Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, Ontario in September 2021. From there he serves as the Roman Catholic priest at the Beausoleil First Nation on Christian Island.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION (DCDSB)

Kindergarten registration for the 2024-2025 school year in Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB) is scheduled to open on **January 10, 2024**. You can register your child for Kindergarten (Year One) here, (<https://www.dcdsb.ca/en/programs-services/kindergarten.aspx>). If you meet the age requirements, you can register your child for the 2023-2024 Kindergarten program by following the steps provided on the Durham District School Board (DDSB) website. <https://www.ddsb.ca/en/our-schools/register-for-school-registering-for-kindergarten.aspx> You can also enrol a new student online by submitting an application request on the Durham Catholic District School Board website.

*Wishing you all Merry Christmas and
wonderful, blessed, & Happy New Year!*



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