

# St. Gregory The Great

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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations  
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to  
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

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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.

## Natural Family Planning:

Helping married couples live out the teachings  
of the Catholic Church  
[bit.ly/NFP-Brochure-OFD-SMI](http://bit.ly/NFP-Brochure-OFD-SMI)

## 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 SCHEDULE

SUN.	January 7, 2024 The Epiphany Of The Lord 8:00 am ~ <b>Mass at St. Gregory's</b> + Valadmico Busuttil req. his Wife Mary
SUN.	9:30 am~ <b>Mass at St. Gregory's</b> - For the People
SUN.	12:00 pm Mass at Holy Cross
TUES.	January 9, 2024 12:10 pm Mass at <b>St. Gregory's</b> – <i>Adoration after Mass*</i> + Elaine Vanderbruggen req. David & Krista Golding & Family
WED.	January 10 <sup>th</sup> 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross
THUR	January 11 <sup>th</sup> 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross
FRI.	January 12 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm-6:45 pm-- <b>St. Gregory's</b> <i>Confessions and Adoration</i> 7:00 pm <b>Mass at St. Gregory's</b> + Deceased Members of the Desousa Family, req. Manuel & Gloria Desousa - Intentions of the T.J. Small Family
SAT.	January 13 <sup>th</sup> 3:30 pm- 4:15 pm-- Holy Cross Confession - 4:30 pm Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	January 14 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 am Mass at St. Gregory For the People
SUN.	9:30 am - Mass at <b>St. Gregory's</b> + Sabino Paparella, req. his Wife Antonia
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 Street South)

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.



*Please pray for peace in the world.*

Epiphany: Manifestation of Jesus to the Gentiles

The Magi ask: "Where is the infant King of the Jews?" We hear that question echoed in our hearts and minds too.



These wise people set off on a star-guided journey in search of the Messiah, and they find Him.

Today's Psalm invites us to "Lift up our eyes and look around." It is an invitation to reflect on all the stars in our lives who have led us to Jesus, and to give thanks for these gifts and for the gift of the Messiah, whose birth changed the history of the world!

### 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. *Also, consider signing up for preauthorized giving (PAG).*



### Job opportunity in Youth Ministry:

St. Gregory the Great and Holy Cross Parishes in Oshawa are looking to hire a full-time youth minister. The deadline for application is February 16, 2024. More information

at, (<https://bit.ly/workasYMatHCSTG>) OR, (<https://bit.ly/3vg6lQ4>)

Marriage Sunday Mass with the Archbishop  
Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3pm on Sunday **February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica.**

All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage).

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



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](https://bit.ly/TOBSTGTWO)

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### Heart To Heart Gala

The Catholic Family Services of Durham is hosting their 19<sup>th</sup> annual Heart to Heart Gala on Saturday February 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:t.mcclean@cfsdurham.com)

### Warm Clothing is Needed

The St. Vincent De Paul store is in need of warm clothing. Especially needed items are coats, boots, hats & gloves. Please remember the less fortunate. Drop off boxes are located at St. Mary of the People Church on Stevenson Road.

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18-25, marks the annual celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This **year's** message of Luke 10:27, **"You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself"** inspires us to pray and work together for the unity willed by Christ for the Church.

Join Archbishop Francis on Sunday, January 21, 2024, 4 p.m. at St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral.

### Guest Speaker from The Chalice

THIS weekend, we welcome Deacon Thomas Aquino from the Archdiocese of Toronto who will speak to us on behalf of Chalice. Chalice is a Catholic international aid charity focused on child, family and community development. He will be here to talk to you about sponsoring a boy or a girl, or an adult.

### Mass At Hillsdale

Our Next Mass at Hillsdale Estates Nursing Home is Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. If you can spare a couple of hours please join Fr. Marijan and other volunteers in the Chapel at 9:30 a.m. The more volunteers we have the more residents we can bring down to the Chapel for Mass. If you can push a wheelchair, you can do the job!! With your help we can meet the spiritual needs of many residents who are unable to make it to the Chapel on their own. Please call Jacqui in the office if you would like to join us.

### 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](https://manresa-canada.ca/registration@manresa.ca)

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.

### Prayer Corner


Almighty God, we ask salvation for those who believe in you. Hear us on behalf of your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, that they may be restored to health. We pray especially for:

*The sick: Teri Normoyle*

*For the recently departed: James Breen, Joseph Gabourie, Paul Loder & Rosemary Azzopardi*



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