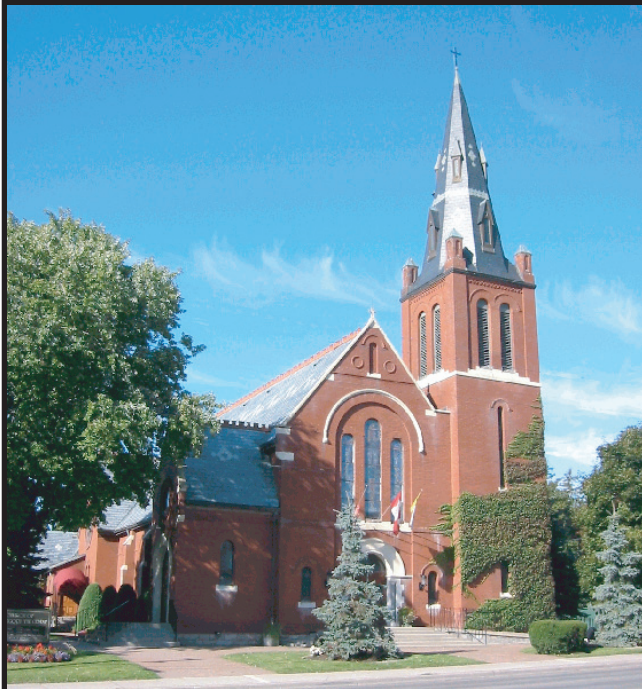


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Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon &
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Weekend Mass

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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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 & Mass Intentions	
SUN.	February 11th 8:00 am – Mass at St. Gregory's + Joseph Gaburie , req. Lea Gabourie
SUN.	9:30 am – Mass at St. Gregory's - For the People
SUN.	12:00 pm Mass at Holy Cross
TUES.	February 13th - Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's – Adoration after Mass* + Elaine Vanderbruggen , req. The Golding Family
WED.	February 14th - ASH WEDNESDAY 8:30 am Mass & distribution of Ashes at Holy Cross Parish 7:00 pm Mass & distribution of Ashes at St. Gregory's Parish
THUR	February 15th 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross
FRI.	February 16th 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 + Franciso Casas Del Rio , req. his Sister Lillie + Pam White , req. her Mother Ann and Sisters + Shirley Le Fleur , req. Ann White
SAT.	February 17th 3:30 pm- 4:15 pm - Holy Cross Confession - 4:30 pm Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	February 18th 8:00 am Mass at St. Gregory + Alicia Downie , req. Audrey MacNeil
SUN.	9:30 am - Mass at St. Gregory's For the People
SUN	12:00 pm - Mass at Holy Cross

Pope Francis Lenten Message 2024: 'Lent is a Season of Conversion, a Time of Freedom'

Pope Francis has centered his Lenten message for 2024 on the Book of Exodus, choosing ***"Through the Desert God Leads Us to Freedom"*** as its main theme to encourage the faithful that the season is a journey from bondage to spiritual renewal and freedom.

"We realize how true this is at those moments when we feel hopeless, wandering through life like a desert and lacking a promised land as our destination. Lent is the season of grace in which the desert can become once more — in the words of the prophet Hosea — the place of our first love."

DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

Ash Wednesday Feb. 14th, 2024

8:30 A.M. Holy Cross

7:00 P.M. St. Gregory's

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us for the Stations of the Cross every Friday after the 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Gregory's During Lent.

REMINDER!

Please do not use envelopes from previous years or other people's envelopes as this causes confusion for our records. If you are a visitor to our parish, "WELCOME", but please only use the pink visitor envelopes available in the pews or the exits of the Church. Thank you

Parish Coffee Social

Please join us today in the Church Hall after the **8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses** for tea, coffee and refreshments sponsored by St. Gregory's K of C and CWL. We hope you will take a few minutes after Mass to join your fellow parishioners for a brief social.

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 #5 at 10:45 a.m.

Sunday **February 24th** at St. Gregory the Great Parish Hall (190 Simcoe St. N.) **FIRST RECONCILIATION**

Confirmation Prep Class #4 at 10:45 a.m.

TODAY Sunday **February 11th** 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.



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

Have a blessed week!

Keep your love for you parish alive. Please remember St. Gregory's Parish in your will.

DCDSB Professional Activity Day Rescheduled

The Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB) trustees have voted in favour of moving the Professional Activity (PA) Day previously scheduled for Friday, April 19, 2024, to Monday, April 8, 2024. The new PA Day of Monday, April 8, 2024, is in effect for elementary and secondary schools across the board. This change is due to a total solar eclipse taking place on Monday, April 8. In Durham Region, the eclipse is expected to begin at 2:05 p.m. and end at 4:32 p.m., which coincides with student dismissal at the end of the school day.



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>

Heart To Heart Gala

Saturday, February 24, 2024 at Deer Creek Golf & Banquet Facility.

Join us for an elegant evening including 3-course dinner with wine, DJ-Dance, silent/live auction, raffles and games. The funds raised allow our highly-trained staff to provide quality counselling services to over 2300 community members each year. Tickets are just \$120 each. To purchase tickets or to participate in the online silent auction, visit <https://trellis.org/heart-to-heart-gala-2024>.

Lenten Retreat

Plan for a retreat at St. Augustine's Seminary! You are invited to join us on February 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for our Spirit & Life Series Lenten Retreat with Fr. Eric Rodrigues. This event will be held at St. Augustine's Seminary, 2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough. The theme of the retreat will be 'The Holy of Holies,' in which Fr. Eric will explain the various rituals and prayers of the Mass. Please register early, as space is limited for in-person events: <https://staugustines.on.ca/events-listing/st-augustinesspirit-life-series-lenten-retreat>.

Sharelife

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 11, 2024

As we approach our first ShareLife Sunday collection on March 17, it is essential that we come together in compassion to meet our Parish Campaign goal of \$14 million, addressing the growing needs in our communities. By reaching this goal, our agencies will continue to:

- ❖ offer walk-in counselling to those facing mental health issues
- ❖ help victims of domestic violence
- ❖ ensure isolated seniors are not forgotten
- ❖ deliver food to children in developing countries
- ❖ form priests and deacons who will minister in our parishes

Your support of ShareLife makes these programs possible, among many others. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



Free Catholic Estate Planning Webinar

**Saturday, February 24, 2024,
at 9:00 a.m.**

Learn: how to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection and how to create your own legacy. You will also be informed about our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals. Scan the QR code: <https://ORCO.de/WebFeb24>.

Pastoral letter on Social Media

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has released a Pastoral Letter titled "Let Your Speech Always Be Gracious" that examines the use of social media through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching (<https://bit.ly/plsmcccb>)







*The Sanctuary Lamp burns this month for:
The Intentions of the Mitchell Family*




The sick:
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For the recently departed:
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