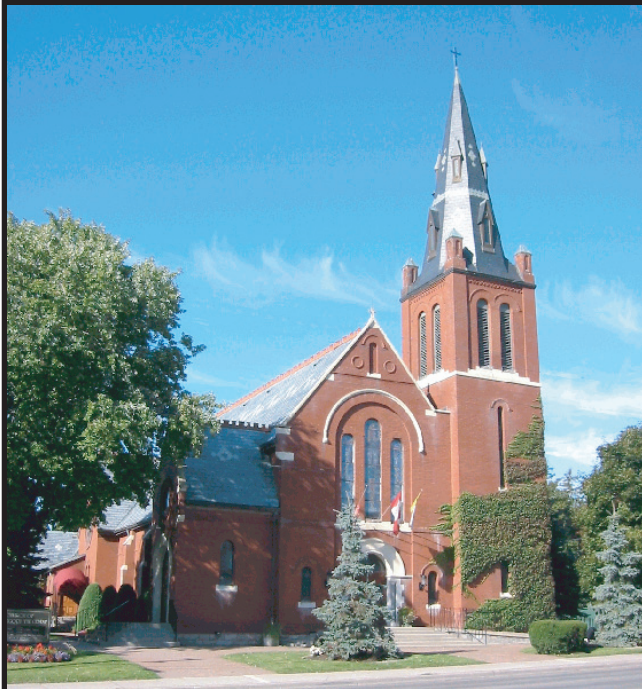


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Weekend Mass

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
of the Catholic Church
bit.ly/NFP-Brochure-OFD-SMI

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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.

Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time – February 18th, 2024 – Year B

Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions

SUN.	February 18 th 8:00 am ~ Mass at St. Gregory's + 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
TUES.	February 20 th 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's – Adoration after Mass* ~ Intentions of Donna Martin, req. Jacqui Martin
WED.	February 21 th 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross Parish
THUR	February 22 st 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross
FRI.	February 23 rd 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 + Raymond Martin, req. Dave & Pat Mitchell + Shirley Le Fleur, req. Ann White
SAT.	February 24 th 3:30 pm- 4:15 pm - Holy Cross Confession - 4:30 pm Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	February 25 th 8:00 am Mass at St. Gregory + Robert Martin, req. Jacqui Martin
SUN.	9:30 am - Mass at St. Gregory's For the People
SUN	12:00 pm - Mass at Holy Cross

Lent is a time to reconsider the path we are taking, to find the route that leads us home and to rediscover our profound relationship with God. It is a time to take a long, loving look at our lives to see if our **values and priorities are in line with God's desires for us**. Lent is an opportunity to change what we ought to change, but have not. It is a time to purge ourselves of the earthly things that prevent us from full communion with our Lord. Lent is not [merely] about penance, but about becoming, doing and changing whatever it is that is blocking the fullness of life in us right now. <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/lent/perspectives-on-lent/articles/reflecting-on-the-lent-season/>

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** or at Holy Cross every Thursday at 5:00 p.m.

Income Tax Receipts

The Archdiocese has started to mail income tax receipts for 2023. If you do not receive one by the end of March, please contact the parish office and we will look into it for you.



We wish to extend a warm welcome to all visitors who attend Mass with us at **St. Gregory's**. We are happy to have you with us and invite you to introduce yourself to Fr. Marijan Sisko at the end of Mass and ask for a registration form.

Each member of our parish is an important part of our Catholic Family, sharing in gifts of faith from the Lord which are strengthened and deepened by our Communion in Jesus. If you are already a registered parishioner we would like to thank you for all your support. If you wish to use Offertory envelopes, please call the office and a box will be assigned to you.



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>

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.

NEXT First Communion Prep Class #6 @ 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.



The sick:

Donna Martin, Teri Normoyle

For the recently departed:

Alicia Downie (Sister of Audrey MacNeil)



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

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



Please pray for the children of our parish who will receive their First Reconciliation next Saturday February 24th 2024



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. For more information (<https://bit.ly/workasYMatHCSTG>) OR, (<https://bit.ly/3vg6lQ4>)

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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.

Lenten Retreat

Plan for a retreat at St. Augustine's Seminary! You are invited to join us on Monday February 26th 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>.



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>)

Sharelife

Support our vulnerable youth through ShareLife
In this time of Lent, we ask you to think of our brothers and sisters in need – especially our vulnerable youth who call the streets their home. **"Your gift ensures youth experiencing or at risk of homelessness have access to individualized support and variety of programs and services to meet their complex and diverse needs,"** says Mark Aston of Covenant House Toronto. **"With your caring support, youth have a safe space to turn to and a supportive team to help them plan their own path."**

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

DAY OF REFLECTION

Monday, February 26, 2024: 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering
Topic: "To forgive is Divine."

"Father forgive them for they know not what they do" Luke 22:43
Psalm 51: Have mercy on me O God, according to your steadfast love. Facilitator: Fr. Michael Coutts, S.J.
A suggested offering of \$65 per person. Includes break, lunch and mass along with the program.
REGISTER: <http://manresa-canada.ca>
CONTACT: registration@manresa.ca
PHONE: 905-839-2864

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.
<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/message/s/lent/documents/20231203-messaggio-quaresima2024.html>



Come & See — Discernment
Weekend Retreat March 15–17, 2024
at St. Augustine's Seminary

Friday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. until
Sunday, March 17 at 2 p.m.

This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary.


To register www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee.
For more information, vocations@archtoronto.org

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