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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 Schedule & Mass Intentions	
SUN.	March 17 th 8:00 am ~ Mass at St. Gregory's ~ For the People
SUN.	9:30 am~ Mass at St. Gregory's + Alcides Jeronimo, req. his Family
SUN.	12:00 pm Mass at Holy Cross
TUES.	March 19 th St. Joseph – Patron Saint of Canada 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's – <i>Adoration after Mass*</i> + Deceased members of the Desousa Family ~ Intentions of John Bruno, req. St. Gregory's Knights of Columbus
WED.	March 20 th 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross Parish
THUR	March 21 st 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross
FRI.	March 22 nd 6:00 pm-6:45 pm- St. Gregory's Confessions and Adoration before Mass* 7:00 pm Mass at St. Gregory's + Members of the Taylor Family, req. Brian Small +Anthony Obuagbaka, req. his Parents
SAT.	March 23 rd Palm Sunday 3:30 pm- 4:15 pm - Holy Cross Confession - 4:30 pm Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	March 24 th Palm Sunday 8:00 am Mass at St. Gregory ~ For the People
SUN.	9:30 am - Mass at St. Gregory's + Steve Smith, req. his Family
SUN	12:00 pm - Mass at Holy Cross

Thought for the week 5th Sunday of Lent

In the Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Jesus proposes a parable to help us understand how to live out our fundamental vocation to give of ourselves to others. **Today's parable is the image of a grain of wheat being buried in the ground to die so it can bear much fruit.** We can relate to this image even if we are not farmers because **we don't have to travel far in our diocese to see lush wheat fields.** These fields of wheat did not just become lush magically. A farmer buried these seeds into the ground, resulting in new life. Our Lord uses this image first for his disciples to foreshadow his paschal mystery, and second, **this parable helps us understand that Christ's paschal mystery must be incorporated into our lives if we want communion with God.**

Please Pray

For The sick: Donna Martin, Teri Normoyle, Elizabeth Gilchrist
For the recently departed: Kent Fee



The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the month of March in Memory of Jo Taylor at the request of Marg Roesch & Brian Coughlin

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday March 28th
Mass at 5:00pm- Holy Cross
Mass at 7:00pm - St. Gregory's

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Good Friday Services March 29<sup>th</sup>

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion:**

St. Gregory's – 12:00 noon  
followed by Stations of the Cross  
Holy Cross - 3:00pm  
followed by Stations of the Cross

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Easter Vigil Saturday March 30th Mass

6:00pm – Holy Cross
8:30pm – St. Gregory's

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Easter Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup> Mass

St. Gregory's 8:00 am & 9:30 am  
Holy Cross – 12:00 noon

### Pontifical Collection for the Church in the Holy Land

The annual Good Friday Collection was first taken at Pope Paul VI's request fifty years ago. It is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world to assist the Church in the Holy Land. The monies collected support its' pastoral, educational, and social works and help to maintain the Holy Places so important for the faith of Christians everywhere. For more information about the work of the Holy See visit <https://commissariat.ca/>

### Sacramental Preparation

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

First Holy Communion Prep Class #6  
Lesson #6 – April 7<sup>th</sup> @ 10:45 in our Parish Hall

Confirmation Prep Class #5  
Lesson #6 – April 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 a.m.  
in Holy Cross Parish Hall (373 Simcoe Street South)

### LENTEN CONFESSIONS

**Holy Cross - March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**  
9:00am to 12:30pm and from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
**St. Gregory's - March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm – 6:45 pm  
**Both Parishes will have two priests**  
<https://bit.ly/ConfessionsTO>

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

### Totus Tuus Summer Camp 2024

The Totus Tuus summer camp will be taking place here at St. Gregory's from July 8<sup>th</sup> to July 12<sup>th</sup> for students in grades 1-12. An announcement will be coming soon as to when registration will begin and how you can help volunteer. Please see the following link for more information about the camp:

<https://www.totustuutoronto.ca/>

### Marriage Preparation

Attention engaged couples!

Marriage Preparation Course available

St. John The Evangelist

903 Giffard Street, Whitby

Monday evenings April 8 to May 13, 2024 @7pm - 9pm

Register in person or call 905-668-3676

cost \$300 per couple, includes materials.

### Bursary For Students

The Knights of Columbus in Ontario recognizes the importance of Post-Secondary School education so the Ontario State Chaplains Bursary program was established to award to 5 successful applicants each year a Bursary of \$1,000.00 each. This program is available for YOUTH and ADULTS. It provides a bursary to assist Knights and members of their families entering the first year of post-secondary education into a full-time program at a University or College in Ontario. The deadline for applications is June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. For more information on how to apply please use this link.

<https://ontariokofc.ca/programs/faith-in-action/community/bursary/>

### MINISTRY OF MATURING ADULTS 60 +

April 18 - End of Life Issues – Moira McQueen from Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute U of T  
9:30 coffee / 10:00 session / concludes with free luncheon. Registration is not required. You are most welcome. Immaculate Conception Parish, 1710 Scugog St Port Perry.

### The Cross Of Christ

Friday, March 22, 2024, 7pm St. John The Evangelist Church- 903 Giffard Street, Whitby. An original oratorio based on the last 7 words of Christ on the Cross *presented* on the threshold of Holy Week. This Lenten concert is a catechetical musical presentation of **Christ's** suffering and His tremendous love for us. Tickets \$75/pp Hard tickets available in the Parish Office of St. John the Evangelist. 905-668-3676

<https://mission.archtoronto.org/Event/TheCrossOfChrist-StJohntheEvangelistParish/#/>

### 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Durham Catholic Children's Foundation Gala

Durham Catholic Children's Foundation is pleased to announce the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Durham Catholic Children's Foundation Gala, where 100% of the proceeds will go towards supporting DCDSB students and families. We invite you to join us on Thursday, May 16, 2024, for the Gala Honouring Bishop Vincent Nguyen and our Distinguished Catholic Alumni. To purchase tickets, and to learn more about sponsorship opportunities, please visit [DurhamCatholicFoundation.ca/Gala/](https://DurhamCatholicFoundation.ca/Gala/)

### Sharelife

#### This weekend is ShareLife Sunday

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our **parish's annual campaign**. Every day, young people in our community need a helping hand due to homelessness, trafficking, or violence. ShareLife agencies ensure the safety of youth fleeing violent homes and provide them a supportive place to stay. This is all made possible thanks to amazing people like you who choose to support ShareLife. We thank you for your kindness and generosity. Our parish goal this year is \$34,000.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at <https://sharelife.org/donate/>.

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR

St. Gertrude's Parish - April 7th at 2:30 – 3:30pm  
Benediction, Chaplet Sister Faustina wrote in her Diary: **"The Lord told me to recite this chaplet for the nine days before the Feast of Mercy. It is to begin on Good Friday. Then he told me: By this novena I will grant every possible grace to souls" (II, 197)**

### Welcome Newly Baptized!

*The following children were recently baptized:*

*Immanuel John Fernandes  
Anastasia Cecilia Fernandes  
Isaiah Cecil Fernandes  
Trace Ethereal Immel  
Ada Jane Immel  
Llyewyn May Immel  
Megan Morche Pedroso*

*May those children and their families come to know God's love in our community of faith.*


**Have a wonderful and blessed week**

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

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