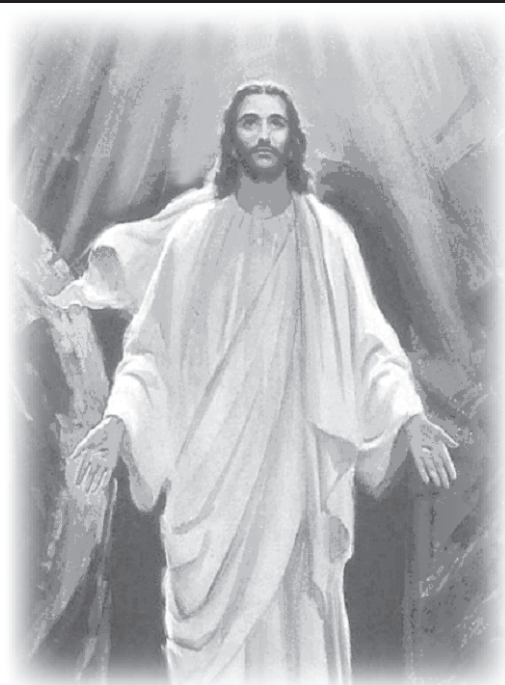


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## Pastor

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.

*Christ is Risen!*

## 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.

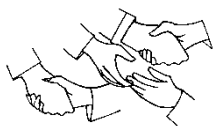
(<http://bit.ly/PracticingCath>). Teachers who are  
finishing teachers' college will need a pastoral  
letter from their own parish priest where they  
attend Sunday Mass.

### Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions

SUN.	March 31 <sup>st</sup> <b>8:00 am ~ Mass at St. Gregory's</b> ~ For the People
SUN.	<b>9:30 am~ Mass at St. Gregory's</b> + Steve Smith, req. his Family
SUN.	12:00 pm Mass at Holy Cross
TUES.	April 2 <sup>nd</sup> 12:10 pm Mass at <b>St. Gregory's –Adoration</b> <i>after Mass*</i> + Helene Murdoch, req. a parishioner
WED.	April 3 <sup>rd</sup> 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross Parish
THUR	April 4 <sup>th</sup> 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross Parish
FRI.	April 5 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm-6:45 pm- <b>St. Gregory's Confessions and Adoration</b> <b>7:00 pm Mass at St. Gregory's</b> +Souls in Purgatory
SAT.	April 6 <sup>th</sup> 3:30 pm- 4:15 pm - Holy Cross Confessions 4:30 pm Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	April 7 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 am Mass at St. Gregory ~ For the People
SUN.	9:30 am - Mass at <b>St. Gregory's</b> + Deceased member of the DeSousa Family
SUN.	12:00 pm - Mass at Holy Cross



*Please pray for the R.C.I.A. candidates who received the Sacraments during the Easter Vigil. They have been preparing for this day for months and need your friendly support and prayers. We joyfully welcome them as they reach this important moment in their journey of faith. May God continue to bless them.*



### Welcome To St. Gregory's

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all visitors who are celebrating Mass today **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. If you are new to the Parish and have not registered please ask Fr. Marijan 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, or preauthorized giving, please call the office.



### Father's Easter Message

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
Happy Easter! On Holy Thursday we celebrated Jesus instituting the Eucharist and the ordained Priesthood, on Good Friday we contemplated **Jesus' death**, and today we celebrate His Resurrection.

**But why do we celebrate Jesus' 'Paschal Mystery' (His Death**

**and Resurrection) every year?** It is as if to ask, why do we breathe? We breathe so that we may live here **on earth; we celebrate the mystery of Jesus' death** and resurrection so that living here on earth we may live in Heaven and breathe its fresh air.

Thus, our Christian life is similar to swimming in the ocean. You want to keep your head up, breathe, and swim to the shore. The difficult events, interactions, and crosses of life appear to us as if they might drown us. Christ entered our suffering through His painful and sorrowful Passion to help us be faithful in the struggle to overcome spiritual death when tempted to sin, by the power of His resurrection. Our Lord Jesus conquered death to help us conquer our death, so that even if we swim in **'the waters of death' (Ps 69:1), by His grace we may** keep our heads up and breathe the fresh air of Jesus' resurrection.

So that our souls may live, our God gives Himself to us in His Church, the Priesthood, and the Eucharist. For that reason, every year on Easter, and every Sunday on 'small **Easter**' **at Mass we receive Jesus'** love for us in His Passion and Resurrection. There we bring our struggles and joys and elevate them to Christ so that we may swim confidently towards the shores of the Heavenly Promised Land.

May the Lord help us all to swim well to the shores of the Heavenly Kingdom, and may He bless and strengthen you and your family in His Church.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Marijan Sisko

**Sacrament of Baptism: If you are interested in having your child Baptized, please request a registration form from the priest after attending Sunday Mass. We ask that couples be registered with the Parish and that the Catholic parent(s) be in regular attendance at Sunday Mass.**

The office will be closed on Monday April 1<sup>st</sup>

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

### 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)

### Totus Tuus Summer Camp 2024

Totus Tuus is a Catholic summer youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through catechesis, evangelization, Christian witness and Eucharistic worship. The goal of Totus Tuus is to help young people grow in the understanding of, and strengthen their faith in Jesus Christ.

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/>

### 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/>

### Marriage Rediscovery

Retrouvaille, a French word meaning rediscovery, is a life-changing program designed to help couples reconnect, rebuild, and rejuvenate their marriages.

Retrouvaille Toronto is hosting a weekend at Queen of Apostles in Mississauga April 5-7 to help you rekindle your love. Open to ALL married couples. Visit the website

<https://helpourmarriage.org>

### 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.

### Annunciation Walk with Sacred Heart Academy

Celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation on Mon Apr 8 at the Sacred Heart Academy Annunciation Walk (perfect PA Day family activity!) The event will begin with 8:30 am **Mass at St Gertrude's Catholic Church in Oshawa, where the school choir will be singing.** After Mass, children and families will walk a 2K (up to Grade 2) or 5K (Grades 3-8+) loop, starting at St Gertrude's and ending with a pizza lunch at Sacred Heart Academy (Harmony and King, Oshawa). And consider generously supporting the students and families as they raise funds for this new K-8 Catholic independent school serving the Durham region. To walk, RSVP at [www.sacredheartdurham.com/events](http://www.sacredheartdurham.com/events).

### Sharelife

**ShareLife: Embrace Jesus' love and compassion through giving Jesus' love and example** inspire us to extend a helping hand to others, especially those facing the greatest challenges. ShareLife agencies continue to reach out to the most vulnerable members of our community, offering essential services made possible by your compassion and generous contributions.

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)**



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

### Prayer Corner

*For The sick: John Bruno Donna Martin, Teri Normoyle, Elizabeth Gilchrist*


*For the recently departed: Tracey Newell.*

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