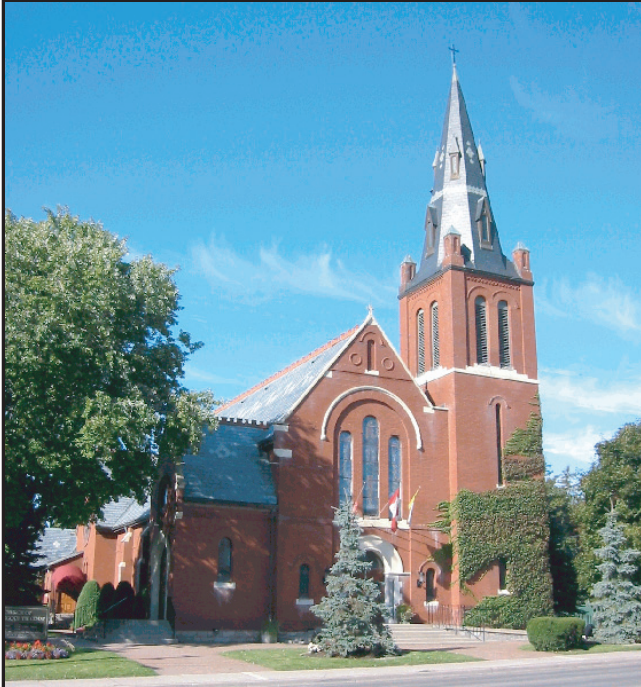


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Office Hours

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

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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.	December 1 st - 1st Sunday of Advent Mass at St. Gregory's 8:00 am For the People of the Parish 9:30 am + Bruno Piccioli, req. his Wife Josie
SUN.	12:00 pm Mass at Holy Cross
TUES.	December 3 rd - Saint Francis Xavier 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's – Adoration after Mass + Joe Pezzarello, req. his Wife Kathleen ~ Peter Bremner req. by his Family
WED.	December 4 th - Saint John Damascene 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross Parish
THUR.	December 5 th 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross Parish
FRI.	December 6 th - Saint Nicholas 6:00 pm-6:45 pm Confessions and Adoration 7:00 pm Mass at St. Gregory's + Americo & Angela Coscarella, req. Their Children + Tim & Mary Lou Silver req. by a friend
SAT.	December 7 th - Saint Ambrose 3:30 pm- 4:15 pm - Holy Cross Confessions 4:30 pm Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	December 8 th 2 nd Sunday of Advent 8:00 am For the People 9:30 am + Sabino Papparella, req. His Wife, Antonia 12:00 pm Mass at Holy Cross

Sacramental Preparation

First Holy Communion: You can still register at the parish office.

Today, Sunday December 1st, 2025 10:45 am at St. Gregory's Church not the Parish Hall.

Parents you must bring: a copy of your Child's Birth Certificate and a copy of their Baptismal Certificate to the Registration.

Confirmation: You can still register at the parish office before the next class which will be next **Sunday December 8th at 10:45 am at Holy Cross Parish Hall.** Parents you must bring: a copy of your Child's Birth Certificate and a copy of their Baptismal Certificate to the Registration

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults –

RCIA:

Would you like to become a Catholic, or are you a Catholic who has not been confirmed? Join us on Tuesdays at 7 pm in **St. Gregory's Hall.**

The Youth Corner



St Gregory the Great and Holy



Cross have started a group for our youth in grades 6-8. Our **Christmas Social** will be held on **Wednesday December 18th from 6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in St. Gregory's Hall.** EDGE usually runs every other Wednesday.

Download [registration form](#):

<https://linktr.ee/vmstghc> or scan QR code. For more information or to register, please contact our youth minister Kim Carson at:

vmstghc@archtoronto.org

Young Adults 18-39 St. Gregory's Socials and Faith Formation

Next Social: December 7th at 6:30pm

Faith Formation: Wisdom, a nine-part faith formation program, every 3rd Saturday of the month.

The next meeting will be Saturday February 15th, 2025 at 6:30pm

Where: St. Gregory's Hall, 190 Simcoe St. N.
Connect and Register at:

stgregsandholycrossya@gmail.com

Instagram: @stgregsandholycrossya

<https://linktr.ee/stgregsandholycrossya>



Jubilee of Youth 2025



Calling all young adults (ages 19 - 39), join Fr. Paul Magyar, Fr. Marijan, and the OCY team for a pilgrimage of a life time in Rome, Italy, July 23rd – August 5th, 2025. Interest

Form: <https://bit.ly/YA25Jubilee>



Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.




Please pray for the intentions of Joanne Boicey (Sister of Paul Coates)

Offertory Envelopes for 2025

If you used Sunday envelopes this year, your boxed set for NEXT year are at the back of the church to be picked up. They are in alphabetical order. We ask that you PLEASE take yours home today as we have limited space and begin using them only after January 1, 2025. Thank you.

If you are new to the Parish and would like to have a box issued to you, please call the office during the week and a box will be assigned to you and placed at the back of the church the following weekend.

The work of our Parish is made possible through the giving hearts of our Parishioners. The Parish operates its programs and maintains its buildings (Church, Hall and Rectory) only through the regular donations of you, the Parishioners, to pay for expenses and capital costs. We thank you for your support!

 Did you know no one is turned away from ShareLife-funded agencies due to inability to pay? This is all thanks to your compassionate and generous heart. Through your support, ShareLife agencies are helping the most vulnerable in our community and around the world. **From November 1st until December 31st, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000.** Thank you for living the Gospel! Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at www.sharelife.org/donate.

~~St. Vincent de Paul Update~~

“Angel Tree Program” Gifts are due back today! If you forgot please remember to bring them next Sunday.

Personal Hygiene Kits:

Kits should include: Toiletries, Dish-Washing Liquid, Sanitary Napkins. Make up a kit, or donate individual items. Please leave the items in the wooden box in the vestibule of the Simcoe St. entrance to the Church. We will gather them weekly and prepare kits for distribution at Christmas. ***If you are interested in joining our Conference, we always need new members!! Call our Help Line 905-720-0003, leave your name and phone number and we will call you.***



We light the first **PURPLE** Candle, which symbolizes hope. For many years the faithful looked forward to the coming of the Messiah.

We look forward with the eyes of faith and hope.

ADVENT designates the present day coming or final coming of Christ. The English term advent comes from the Latin word **adventus**, which means “coming” and is primarily to designate a period before Christmas during which Christians prepare for the Christmas season and reflect on the meaning of the coming of Christ.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for December For Pilgrims of Hope:

Pope Francis requests this month's prayers “so that this Jubilee strengthens us in faith, helps us recognize Christ risen in our lives, and transforms us into pilgrims of Christian hope.”

Advent Confessions

In preparation for Christmas, and especially for worthy reception of the Eucharist, two priests will be here to hear confessions at the churches:

Thurs. Dec. 12th – **Holy Cross** 3:00pm-7:00pm
Fri. Dec. 13th – **St. Gregory's** 10:30am-12:30pm
Fri. Dec. 13th – **St. Gregory's** 3:00pm-6:45 pm
Thur. Dec. 19th – **Holy Cross** 9:00am-11:00am

The Holy Catholic Church wants us to have confession minimally once a year. Thus, in *Catechism of the Catholic Church* number 2042, we read, “The second precept [of the Church] (“You shall confess your sins at least once a year.”) ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation, which continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness”. Refusing to have confession at least once a year, we prevent ourselves from reception of the Eucharist.



The Sanctuary lamp burns for the month of December in memory of

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