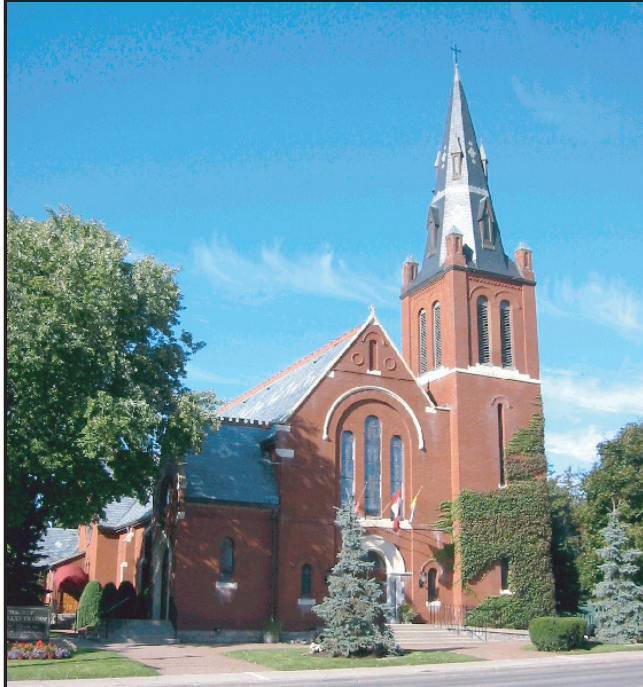


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Office Hours

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

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905-576-6150

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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.	December 15 th 3 rd Sunday of Advent Mass at St. Gregory's 8:00 am For the People of the Parish 9:30 am + Germaine MacKinnon, req. her Family
SUN.	12:00 pm Mass at Holy Cross
TUES.	December 17 th 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's – Adoration after Mass
WED.	December 18 th 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross Parish
THUR.	December 19 th 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross Parish
FRI.	December 20 th 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm Confessions and Adoration Those who are dying & holy souls
SAT.	December 21 st 3:30 pm - 4:15 pm - Holy Cross Confessions 4:30 pm Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	December 22 nd 4 th Sunday of Advent 8:00 am For the People 9:30 am + Rick Pulice 12:00 pm Mass at Holy Cross

Third Sunday of Advent

We light the rose candle to proclaim the coming of the light of God into our darkness. With the coming of this light there is joy, because Christ came to bring life and salvation to a people in darkness and sin. God wants to turn our despair into hope, our sorrow into joy through faith in Christ.



Vocations Corner

“Rejoice in the Lord always.” (Phil 4:4)
Are you filled with joy at the Lord's invitation to serve Him in priesthood or consecrated life? This deep sense of joy is a sign that God may be calling you to share His love with others in a special way. The Director of Vocations, **Fr. Matthew McCarthy**, will walk with you on your path of discernment. He works with a team of priests from around the Archdiocese, who provide personal accompaniment & the resources you need to discern God's calling. *Let us help you. For more information go to vocations@archtoronto.org*

Advent Confessions

In preparation for Christmas, and especially for worthy reception of the Eucharist, two priests will at Holy Cross Parish on

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.

Christmas & New Years' Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Vigil:

December 24 - 4:30pm - Holy Cross

7:00pm - St Gregory

Christmas Day: December 25

8:00am – St. Gregory the Great

9:30am – St. Gregory the Great

12noon – Holy Cross

New Year's Eve: December 31

4:30 pm – Holy Cross

New Year's Day: January 1, 2024

8:00am – St. Gregory the Great

9:30am – St. Gregory the Great

12:00 noon – Holy Cross



Office Hours Over the Holidays

The Parish Office will be closed from December 20th at 4:30 p.m. We will re-open on Thursday, January 2nd, 2025. If there is an emergency that you need a priest right away, please call the office and leave a message as messages will be checked daily.

High School Come & See

Day Retreat for Young Men in Grades 11 & 12 will be at St. Augustine's Seminary on Saturday January 18, 2025 8:30 am – 4:00 pm.

Register at www.vocationstoronto.ca/hscomesee



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

Joe Pezzarello requested by The Pezzarello Family

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

Information for 2025

Mass Intentions - We are now booking Mass Intentions and the Sanctuary Lamp for 2025. Please call or come to the Office during Office hours. Please note: only one Sunday Mass will be available as the other Mass will be for the Parish.

Envelopes 2025 - Envelopes are available in the foyer of the Church and are in alphabetical order. If your box is not there or you are new to the parish and would like a box, please take a blank box and write your name, address and phone number on the first 6 envelopes. Thank you.

Mass Books - 2025 Missals are now available and have been graciously donated by **St. Gregory's Knights of Columbus**, however if you would like to still make a donation, please place it in the box provided.

Calendars 2025 calendars will be available soon for a minimum donation of \$2.00 each.

Sacramental Preparation

First Holy Communion:

You can still register at the parish office. Parents you must bring: a copy of your Child's Birth Certificate and a copy of their Baptismal Certificate to the Registration. The next class will be **JANUARY 12TH, 2025** at 10:45 in St. Gregory's Parish Hall.

Confirmation: You can still *register at the parish office.* Parents you must bring: a copy of your Child's Birth Certificate and a copy of their Baptismal Certificate to the Registration. The next class will be **JANUARY 19TH, 2025** at 10:45 am at Holy Cross Parish Hall.

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*.

Thank You

The CWL would like to thank the parishioners for their support and generosity during our Christmas raffle. We are able to support families in need in our parish as well as other charities with the money we raised. The winners of our Early Bird prizes were-Anita Kuiack, Anne McDonnell and Jayne Sharko. The winners of our raffle baskets were: Charlie Morison, Ted Monchesky and Bill Kornylu. Again we thank you for your continued support. God bless.

"Journey through Advent," at www.archtoronto.org

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/ymstgbc> or scan QR code. For more information or to register, please contact our youth minister Kim Carson at: ymstgbc@archtoronto.org



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

Next Social: Saturday January 18th, 2025 at 6:30pm in our Parish Hall – 190 Simcoe St. N.

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 in our Parish 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>



JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - PILGRIMS OF HOPE



The Catholic Church worldwide will be celebrating a special Jubilee Year in 2025. This has been a tradition dating back to the year



1300 when Pope Boniface VIII announced the first Jubilee, which is also referred to as a "Holy Year". The frequency has changed over time, with a Jubilee year originally celebrated every 100 years, later every 50 years and, more recently, every 25 years or at the request of the Holy Father. **Archbishop Francis Leo has chosen St. Gregory's to serve as a pilgrimage church in the Eastern Region for the upcoming Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025!** In honor of St. Gregory's being chosen Bishop Vincent Nguyen will be here to celebrate Mass on February 27th at 7:00 p.m. More programmed activities for the Jubilee will be announced in our weekly bulletins.

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