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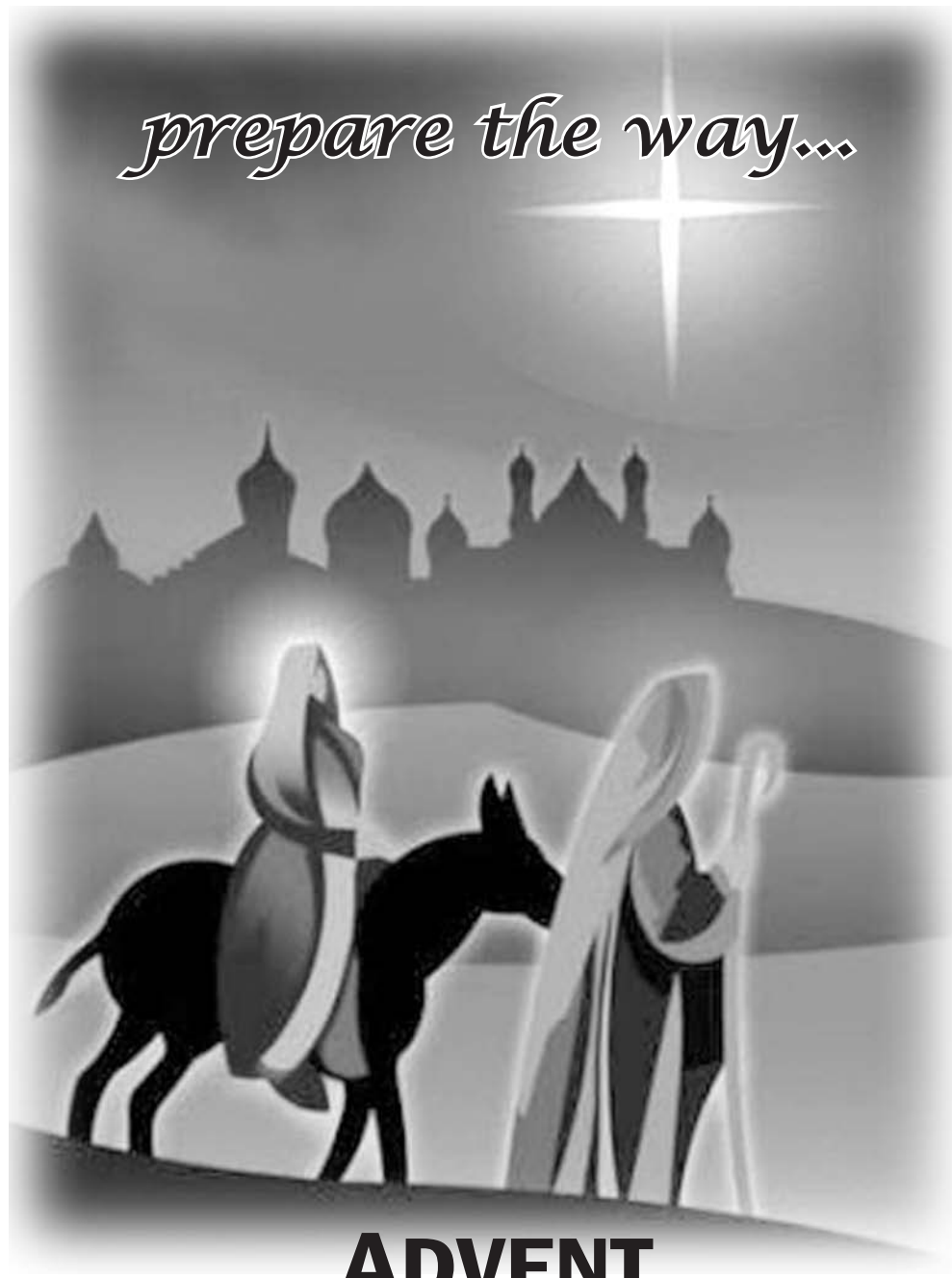
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ADVENT

Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions	
SUN.	December 22 nd 4th Sunday of Advent Mass at St. Gregory's 8:00 am For the People of the Parish 9:30 am +Rick Pulice, req. his Sandy & Frank Coscarella
SUN.	12:00 pm Mass at Holy Cross
TUES.	December 24 th Christmas Eve Vigil 4:30 Holy Cross 7:00 pm St. Gregory
WED.	December 25 th Christmas Day Mass~ St. Gregory's 8:00 am & 9:30 am Mass~ Holy Cross 12:00 noon
THUR.	December 26 th St. Stephen 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross Parish
FRI.	December 27 th ~ St. John the Apostle 6:00 pm-6:45 pm Confessions and Adoration 7:00 pm Mass at St. Gregory's + Joe Pezzarello, req. his Wife Kathleen + John Browne req. by his Wife Thelma Browne
SAT.	December 28 th The Holy Innocents 3:30 pm- 4:15 pm - Holy Cross Confessions 4:30 pm Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	December 29 th Holy Family 8:00 am For the People 9:30 am + Joe Pezzarello, req. his Wife Kathleen 12:00 pm Mass at Holy Cross

Sacramental Preparation

First Holy Communion: You can still register at the parish office. The next class will be on **Sunday January 12th 2025 10:45 am** at St. Gregory's Parish Hall- 190 Simcoe Street North. 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. The next class which will be **Sunday January 19th at 10:45 am** at Holy Cross Parish Hall. – 373 Simcoe Street South. 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**.



Jubilee Year 2025

Fr. Marijan invites you all to join him on a Pilgrimage to St. Michael's Cathedral for the opening of the Jubilee Year on **December 29th for Mass at 5 pm. Please meet at the Oshawa GO Train station by 2:45 pm to leave together on the 3:07 pm train.**



Warming hearts with your support for ShareLife

ACT FAST! Your gift will double in value! Until December 31st, 2024 your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000. As we shelter from the winter storm, we're thankful for your ShareLife support, keeping many off cold streets and igniting hope for a brighter future. Wishing you a warm and safe Christmas season, and thanking you for your enduring compassion that extends the same to others.

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 call the office.

----- 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.

The Sanctuary lamp burns for the month of January for the intentions of **Audrey MacNeil** requested by the Collection Counters.



Christmas Greetings!

We celebrate the Birth of Christ
Born long ago, He's born to us.
In celebration of the Church
We present are at Jesus' Birth.



He's born to us; He's born in us,
When like Mother Mary we become:
Welcoming Word in Sacraments,
In power of Christ, we do God's will. (Matt 6:10)

We celebrate Christmas in us,
When we give space to Christ in hearts:
He gives us grace, we welcome it,
Working with Him we do God's will.

Grace teaches us to do God's will,
Rejecting evil, death, and sin,
Indifference and rebellion,
By Sacraments, we live in grace.

Commandments, precepts of the Church,
Her teachings help us to be healed,
Confession and then Eucharist,
Make Jesus grow in our hearts, lives.

We pray always to help us all,
Observe His will in daily life,
We seek to do it by His grace,
Conceiving, Birthing Christ in us.

The purpose of Christ's Birth on Earth,
Is that we are God's children now,
In name, in truth, reality,
Heavenly Father's joy of heart.

May God help us to do His will,
So be His children born of Him,
Witnesses of love and the truth,
Such Merry Christmas be to you.

Heavenly Father Lord of us,
Son born in Heaven and on earth,
O, Holy Spirit gift of both,
Be born in our hearts and the world. Amen.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, family,
and friends, Merry Christmas and every
God's blessing to you in the New Year!

Your Pastor in Christ, Fr. Marijan Sisko

Holiday Office Hours



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.



The Youth Corner

St Gregory the Great and
Holy Cross have started a group for our youth in
grades 6-8. . EDGE usually runs every other
Wednesday. Download registration form:

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



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



**December 31st the Young Adults
are invited to a special Mass at
St. Gregory's Church at
10:30 pm followed by
Adoration at 11:30-12:15; Social**

to follow.

Where: St. Gregory's Church & 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.

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



High School Come & See

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

Please register at:

www.vocationstoronto.ca/hscomesee



Jubilee Year 2025

During the Jubilee Year 2025,
Pope Francis is calling on all
the faithful to become Pilgrims of Hope.

<https://bit.ly/indulgence25>

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.



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



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