

St. Gregory The Great

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Feast of the Holy Family

Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions	
SUN.	December 29 th <u>Feast of the Holy Family</u> 8:00 am For the People 9:30 am + Joe Pezzarello, req. by his Wife Kathleen Pezzarello 12:00 pm Mass at Holy Cross
TUES.	December 31 st 12:10 Mass at St. Gregory's with Adoration to follow 4:30 pm Mass at Holy Cross 10:30 pm Mass St. Gregory's for all Parishioners 11:30 pm-12:15 am Adoration
WED.	January 1 st 2025 <u>Solemnity of Mary</u> 8:00 am & 9:30 am Mass at St. Gregory's 12:00 noon Mass at Holy Cross
THUR.	January 2 nd 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross Parish
FRI.	January 3 rd 6:00 pm-6:45 pm Confessions and Adoration 7:00 pm Mass at St. Gregory's + Joe Pezzarello, req. his Wife Kathleen
SAT.	January 4 th <u>St. Elizabeth</u> 3:30 pm- 4:15 pm - Holy Cross Confessions 4:30 pm Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	January 5 th , 2025 <u>Epiphany of the Lord</u> 8:00 am For the People 9:30 am + Natale Presta, req. his Children 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**.



Feast of the Holy Family

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son, who lives and reigns with you I the unit of Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

CHURCH SUPPORT

Pre-Authorized Giving:

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving plan (PAG) helping you to support the Parish's work through your regular offertory gift. Pre-Authorized Giving allows you to donate to our Parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account or credit card. These funds are then deposited directly into the Parish's account. The benefits of participating in the PAG, pre-authorized giving, both for you and for your parish.

- The convenience of having your offering automatically contributed to the Parish.
 - Knowing you continue to support the Parish even when you are away.
 - Continual support of ministries and programs funded through the parish.
- Advantages for the Parish:**
- Regular, dependable contributions to the Parish.
 - Reduction of cash on hand.
 - Reduction of paperwork. For information on how to enroll, please contact our Parish office or email development@archtoronto.org



ACT FAST! This is your last chance to double your gift donation!!! Tuesday Dec. 31st is your DEADLINE to **DOUBLE** your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign as it will be matched by an anonymous donor for up to a total of \$500,000. 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.

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



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 no later than 2:45 pm to leave together on the 3:07 pm train (it leaves early!).

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

January 29th at 7:00 p.m. More programmed activities for the Jubilee will be announced in our weekly bulletins.

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 are now available at the main entrance of the Church for a minimum donation of \$2.00 each.

The Youth Corner



St Gregory the Great and Holy Cross have



started a group for our youth in grades 6-8. Our next gathering will be Wed. Jan. 8th, 2025 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/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

New Year's Eve Special!
December 31st the Young Adults are invited to a special Mass at St. Gregory's Church at 10:30 pm followed by Adoration from 11:30 pm-12:15 am; Social to follow!



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>



High School Come & See is a Day Retreat for Young Men in Grades 11 & 12 being held at **Augustine's Seminary** on Saturday January 18, 2025

8:30 am – 4:00 pm Please register at

www.vocationstoronto.ca/hscomeesee



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



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