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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions	
SUN.	January 5 th , 2025 <u>Epiphany of the Lord</u> 8:00 am For the People 9:30 am + Natale Presta, req. by his Children 12:00 pm Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	12:00 pm Mass at Holy Cross
TUES.	January 7 th <u>St. Raymond of Penafort</u> 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's + Alberto Iezzi, req. by his Wife
WED.	8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross Parish
THUR.	January 9 th 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross Parish
FRI.	January 10 th 6:00 pm-6:45 pm <i>Confessions and Adoration</i> 7:00 pm Mass at St. Gregory's
SAT.	January 11 th 3:30 pm- 4:15 pm - Holy Cross Confessions 4:30 pm Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	January 12 th <u>Baptism of the Lord</u> 8:00 am For the People 9:30 am + Neda Granic, req. by Thomas Granic 12:00 pm Mass at Holy Cross

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Today the Church celebrates the Epiphany of the Lord or the “**manifestation**” of Jesus as the Son of God and Messiah, Savior of the world. In the wise men (magi), all people of every nation, language and race who set out, called by God, to adore Jesus, moved by their innate desire in search for the Truth, are represented. It is also popularly known as the Feast of the Three Kings, referring to the three Wise men /Magi who searched and found Baby Jesus brought about by the prophecies they have heard.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - PILGRIMS OF HOPE



During the Jubilee Year 2025, Pope Francis is calling on all the faithful to become Pilgrims of Hope. The Jubilee Year began when Pope Francis opened the Holy Doors at St. Peter's Basilica. The doors will remain open until the end of the Jubilee Year on January 6, 2026. During the Jubilee, millions of pilgrims are expected to travel to Rome to walk through the Holy Door and participate in the Jubilee events.

St. Gregory's is a Pilgrimage Parish!
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 Church being chosen, Bishop Vincent Nguyen will be here to celebrate Mass on Wednesday January 29th at 7:00 p.m. Confessions will begin at 5:30 pm. More programmed activities for the Jubilee will be announced in our weekly bulletins.



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

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.**



Catholic Family Services Durham:

The HEART TO HEART GALA is celebrating its 20th Anniversary Gala on February 22nd, 2025. Tickets are

\$120 each Please visit <https://trellis.org/hearttoheartgala2025>

*Wishing you all a Happy New Year!
May it be filled with holiness and goodness.*

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

Offertory Envelopes for 2025

If you use BOXED ENVELOPES, your boxed set for 2025, 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 you may begin using them. *Please don't use the 2024 envelopes.* 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!

Horizons of Hope:
Palliative Care & End-Of-Life Issues

You are invited to join fellow parishioners every Monday beginning January 6th to learn more about compassionate care and end-of-life issues through a Catholic lens.

Location: Holy Family Parish

Time: 10 am-12 pm OR 7:30 pm-9:30 pm

Horizons of Hope is a 4-session program developed by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB). It explores how palliative care is understood from a perspective of Catholic moral and pastoral theology. Designed to educate and empower parishioner by addressing questions surrounding palliative care, dying, death, suffering, accompaniment and bereavement in a holistic way, this program will run for 4 weeks in January.

This program is FREE.

To Register: hwhitbyhoh@gmail.com

Please include name, email address, phone and time preference. To learn more about Horizons of Hope visit www.CCCB.ca

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The Youth Corner



St Gregory the Great and Holy Cross have



started a group for our youth in grades 6-8 and it continues to grow every week!

Our next gathering is on Wednesday January 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/vmstgbc> or scan QR code. For more information or to register, please contact our youth minister Kim Carson at: vmstgbc@archtoronto.org

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

Next Social: January 18th, 2025 at 6:30pm

Faith Formation: Every 3rd Saturday of the month. *The next meeting will be Saturday February 15th, 2025 at 6:30pm at 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>

Registration will close soon!



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** Register at www.vocationstoronto.ca/hscomeandsee

Friars Student Writing Contest 2025
(Deadline for entries is January 13)

Theme: **"Do you believe this?" (John 11:26).**

High school students (ages 13-19yrs) in the Catholic School Boards are invited to participate in this annual event. Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2025 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions. Students are to consult the resources at <https://bit.ly/3zOVHly> to gain insight into the meaning and purpose of the theme. Entries are to be submitted to: <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>.



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