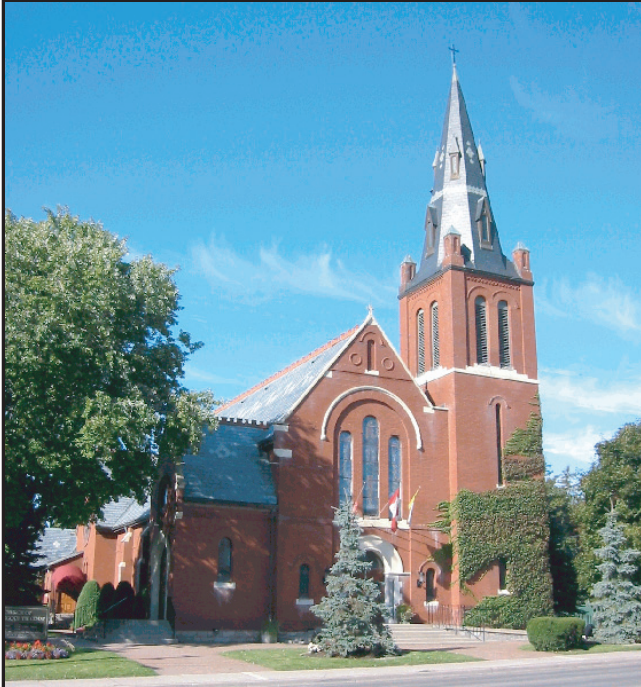


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Office Hours

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

Catholic Cemeteries

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905-576-6150

or www.dcdsb.ca

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.	January 19 th , 2025 8:00 am For the People 9:30 am For the Bowness siblings, req. Sue Harrington 12:00 Noon Mass at Holy Cross
TUES.	January 20 th 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's
WED.	January 21 st - <i>St. Agnes Virgin & Martyr</i> 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross Parish
THUR.	January 22 nd 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross Parish
FRI.	January 23 rd 6:00 pm-6:45 pm <i>Confessions and Adoration</i> 7:00 pm Mass at St. Gregory's + Ronald & Mary Hughes, req. Anna Hughes + Rudy & Elsa Monego, req. Their Family
SAT.	January 24 th - <i>St. Francis de Sales</i> 3:30 pm- 4:15 pm - Holy Cross Confessions 4:30 pm Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	January 25 th 8:00 am For the People 9:30 am + Anastasia Edmund & John Beaudette, req. Dave & Pat Mitchell 12:00 pm Mass at Holy Cross

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - PILGRIMS OF HOPE



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

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. followed by a reception in our Parish Hall. Confessions will be available starting at 5:30pm. More programmed activities for the Jubilee in be in our weekly bulletins.

<https://bit.ly/indulgence25>

Everyone is welcome!



Calendars

2025 calendars are still available at the back of the Church for a minimum donation of \$2.00 each.

Are you civilly married or in a common-law relationship, possibly with previous marriages? If yes, contact our Parish Priest Fr. Marijan Sisko so that we can see how to help you seek an annulment and (or) Marriage in the Church. In this way, eventually, you will be able to receive the Sacraments with good conscience.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
January 18-25, marks the annual celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This **year's** message of John 11:26, **"Do you believe this?"** inspires us to pray and work together for the unity willed by Christ for the Church.
Join Rev. John A. Boissonneau on Sunday, January 19, 2025, 4 p.m. at North City Church (377 Woodbridge Ave. Woodbridge, Ont.)

Festival of Faith for Christian Unity 2025: The Fatherhood and Care of God Who Rules the Universe
Fr. Marijan invites you to join us at an ecumenical event on Saturday, February 15, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at St. George's Memorial Church, 51 Centre St. S., Oshawa. It is organized by the St George's Memorial Church, Sponsored by the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches, and the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Sacramental Preparation

First Holy Communion: First Reconciliation will be on Saturday January 25th, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. in the Church.

Confirmation: The next class 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**.

SHARE THE LOVE

St. Gregory's Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League will be hosting a Valentine's Dinner/Dance fundraiser in support of Grandview Kids Foundation on Saturday, February 1st at St. Mary of the People Church Hall. Tickets are \$75 per person and will be available at the back of the church. For more information or to purchase tickets by phone, please call George at 905-999-0639 or Janice at 905-431-5568.

Donations to Grandview Kids Foundation will also be appreciated. Tax receipts will be issued by the Foundation.

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>

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

Marriage Sunday

Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025. The Mass will take place at **2:30 p.m. Sunday February 9, 2025, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto)**. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment.

Marriage Preparation Course

St. Leo's Parish Brooklin, Thursday, May 1, 2025, Friday, May 2 & Saturday, May 3 at 6:00 pm – 8:30pm. Call to register 905-655-3286

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 use only the envelopes for 2025.

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!

Natural Family Planning

Many women use predictive Apps to plan and space their family. Unfortunately, most do not realize that most of these Apps are based on the old & outdated ineffective Calendar/Rhythm method! Did you know the Billings Ovulation Method™ can be a great help in conception, and it has a success rate of 99% in postponing pregnancy? Join us to learn this method at the initial presentation on-line. To register or ask questions go to <https://www.naturalfamilyplanning.ca/>

May the thief become a Saint!

A thief stole our AC wiring beside the church. While the insurance company will partially cover the damage, our insurance premium will likely increase overall. For a bit of bad profit, there is a big monetary damage. Let us pray for his repentance and salvation. May he become a great Saint, and do what is right.

In the face of experiencing an injustice, we ask God that He may protect us from doing another injustice, and to pray for those who do us harm. May God also help those in authority to do their job well. If you know anyone tempted to steal out of need for food, clothing, or similar, invite them to contact St. Vincent de Paul.

The Youth Corner

Totus Tuus Toronto

Do you have a desire to give yourself totally and radically for Jesus? Join this life-changing mission! Totus Tuus Toronto invites post-secondary students and recent graduates to discern the call to serve young people this summer. Apart from receiving a fair wage, the true value of this experience is growing in virtue and your relationship with God. The opportunity involves a three-month commitment from June to August. After a month of training and formation, these leaders are sent out to serve as missionaries in parishes. Share your love for God in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto. The deadline to apply is January 31st.

<https://www.totustuustoronto.ca/missionary-program>



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 22nd, 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

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*

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>



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