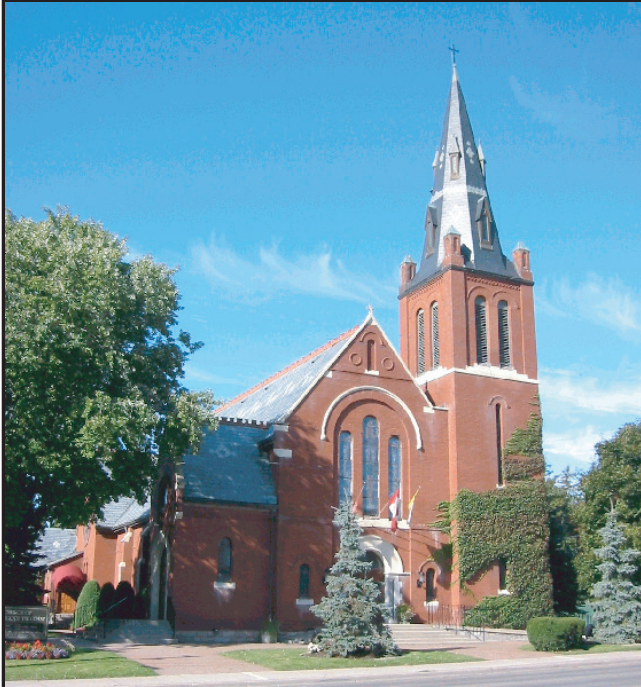


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## Office Hours

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](http://bit.ly/NFP-Brochure-OFD-SMI)

## Catholic Cemeteries

St. Gregory's & Resurrection  
905-668-8912

or [www.catholic-cemeteries.com](http://www.catholic-cemeteries.com)

## Durham Catholic District School Board

905-576-6150

or [www.dcdsb.ca](http://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.

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

<b>Mass Schedule &amp; Mass Intentions</b>	
SUN.	MARCH 2 <sup>ND</sup> 8:00 am For the People 9:30 am + Mason & Roy Evans 12:00 Noon Mass at Holy Cross
TUES.	MARCH 4 <sup>TH</sup> <b>12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's</b> + Alberto Iezzi
WED.	MARCH 5 <sup>TH</sup> – <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross Parish 7:00 pm Mass – St. Gregory's Parish
THUR.	MARCH 6 <sup>TH</sup> 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross Parish
FRI.	MARCH 7 <sup>TH</sup> 6:00 pm-6:45 pm <b>Confessions and Adoration</b> <b>7:00 pm Mass at St. Gregory's</b> + Giuseppe Guarini, req. his Wife + Mary Roberta + Teri Normoyle + Terrance Noade, req. Alan Lee + Anna Baker
SAT.	MARCH 8 <sup>TH</sup> 3:30 pm- 4:15 pm - Holy Cross Confessions 4:30 pm Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	MARCH 9 <sup>TH</sup> Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 am For the People 9:30 am + John Delhaise, req. St. Gregory's Knights of Columbus 12:00 pm Mass at Holy Cross

**DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES**

**Ash Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**8:30 A.M. Holy Cross & 7:00 P.M. St. Gregory's**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Please join us for the Stations of the Cross every Friday after the 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Gregory's During Lent.

**Please take note:** Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 years and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 years to 59 years of age. Fasting is, one larger meal, and two smaller meals.

*Let us pray for our priest(s) and fellow Parishioners; for the Church and holy vocations: that there may be holy bishops, priests, deacons, and religious; holy marriages, families and holy single people; for repentance, salvation and peace in the world; and for all the deceased.*



LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY POWER FROM ON HIGH Saturday // March 29, 2025 // 9AM-5:30PM For tickets and information, visit [www.LJHR.ca](http://www.LJHR.ca). For sponsorship and advertisement opportunities, contact us at [contact@LJHR.ca](mailto:contact@LJHR.ca).

***First Communion Prep Class #6 at 10:45 a.m.***

*Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 at St. Gregory the Great Parish Hall*

***Confirmation Prep Class #6 at 10:45 a.m.***

*Today - Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025 in Holy Cross Parish Hall.*

*RCIA is at St. Gregory's Hall on Tuesdays at 7 PM.*

As we approach Lent it is good to pray, asking God how does he want us to enter into his holy season. If our Lent in the past has been focused more on giving up, has it been the giving up of some habitual sin in our lives? If our Lent has been more centered around doing more, has it been in loving more intentionally? After Lent we should [ideally] see some significant change in our spiritual lives. Lent is not a forty-day exercise without results. It is our annual pilgrimage to the celebration of our redemption by Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. But after His death on Good Friday, there is His resurrection on Easter Sunday. He died for our sins and rose to new life. Our Lenten journey is to lead to the same mystery in our own lives. Something is to die, so new life can become a reality of our lives now. Below are related links you might be interested in.

<https://tinyurl.com/5y834ywj>



As we approach our first ShareLife Sunday collection on March 30, it is essential

that we come together in compassion to meet our Parish Campaign goal, addressing the growing needs in our communities. By reaching this goal, our agencies will continue to: · offer walk-in counselling to those facing mental health issues · help victims of domestic violence · ensure isolated seniors are not forgotten · distribute food to families in our community · form priests and deacons who will minister in our parishes Your support of ShareLife makes these programs possible, among many others. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [www.sharelife.org](http://www.sharelife.org)

**STAY CONNECTED**

We want to make sure we have the latest contact details for you. If you've moved, changed phone numbers, or have a new email address, please take a moment to update your information with us. Please email the office [stgregorythegreat@archtoronto.org](mailto:stgregorythegreat@archtoronto.org)

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

## The Youth Corner



St Gregory the Great and Holy Cross have started a group for our youth in grades 6-8 (grades 5-9 are welcome). Our next gathering will be **Wed. March 5<sup>th</sup>**, 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](mailto:vmstgbc@archtoronto.org)



## Young Adults at St. Gregory the Great & Holy Cross Socials and Faith Formation

**Who:** ages 18-39. **PLEASE NOTE NEXT SOCIAL IS MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup> 6:30-9:30pm**  
**Faith Formation: WISDOM** A nine-part faith formation program. Next meeting is **March 15<sup>th</sup>**, 6:30pm – 9:30pm at St. Gregory's Parish Hall 190 Simcoe St. N. Connect and Register: [stgregsandholycrossya@gmail.com](mailto:stgregsandholycrossya@gmail.com)  
Instagram: @stgregsandholycrossya  
<https://linktr.ee/stgregsandholycrossya>



## Dominican Friars Youth Interfaith Video Contest 2024 (Runs until April 15, 2025)

Theme: "Faith as a Pathway from Division to Unity."  
Students (ages 13–19 years) in the Catholic School located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate. Students are encouraged to make a three-minute video encapsulating the theme. Register on the website and submit their entries by filling in the details on the submission form at: <https://bit.ly/DFVCSubmission>

## TOTUS TUUS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The celebrated Catholic camp program, Totus Tuus (meaning totally yours) **is coming back to our parish the week of July 6<sup>th</sup> 2025 - July 11<sup>th</sup> 2025!** It is an excellent Catholic camp program, exciting and full of activities to help our young people grow in their faith as well as enjoy the summer. More information regarding registration dates and volunteering will be coming soon.

## Knights of Columbus Ontario State Bursary

Attention all graduating high school students! The Knights of Columbus Ontario State board is offering 5 bursaries valued at \$1,000 each. Candidates must either be a Knight or related to a member in good standing. Deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup> 2025. For more information please visit <https://ontariokofc.ca/programs/faith-in-action/community/bursary>.



Looking to make new friends? Want a chance to hang out with other like-minded students? If you attend Ontario Tech University, Durham College or Trent University (Durham/GTA), join us at St. Joseph the Worker Parish for this free monthly event. Join us for 5pm Mass every second Saturday of the month, followed by our social with free dinner, fellowship, games and more!  
<https://oshawacatholic.ca/>

Come & See — Discernment Weekend Retreat for Men on March 14–16, 2025 at St. Augustine's Seminary March 14 at 6:30p.m. to Sunday, March 16 at 2p.m. To register [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee).  
For more information, [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

## A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, call many members of our community to be generous workers for your people and to gather in your harvest. Send them to share the Good News of Jesus with all the people on earth. Father, we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Toronto Oratory's Theology Summer School

will be providing the introduction to the Catechism in the first week. This year's topic for the second week will be Jubilee Years. This will include some historical, theological, and artistic topics, as well as exploring the themes of the current Jubilee Year. <https://oratory-toronto.org/summer-school/>

## Save the date: A Day with Mary

On Saturday, May 31, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a new archdiocesan event called "A Day with Mary" will be taking place at Villanova College in King City. We will gather together from all corners of the archdiocese to participate in Mass, pray the Rosary, grow deeper in our devotion to Our Lady through a keynote address. There will be music and fellowship and we hope you will consider joining the Cardinal and so many others. More information will follow in the coming weeks. Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us!

## 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference

Saturday March 22, 2025 from 9am to 4pm Old Mill (includes a light lunch). Closing Mass will be celebrated by: Most Rev. Robert Kasun CSB. Please call Dorothy Pilarski at: 416-907-1042. Register at: <https://dynamicwomenfaith.com/>

## Collection for Dr. Simone – A Lenten Project

As a Lenten project, Dr. Andrew Simone is asking for donations of paper, pencils and personal hygiene soap. Dr. Simone is the founder of Canadian Food for Children. This organization is a charity which collects funds and food for starving children around the world. Please place any donations in the box at the back of the church. We will be collecting donations from March 6<sup>th</sup> to April 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance!

## The Archdiocese is Seeking a Data Specialist

The Archdiocese of Toronto is seeking a Data Specialist. If interested, please visit: <https://bit.ly/jobarch>



*Prayer reveals to souls the vanity of earthly goods and pleasures. It fills them with light, strength, and consolation, and gives them a foretaste of the calm bliss of our heavenly home.*

*- St. Rose of Viterbo*

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





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