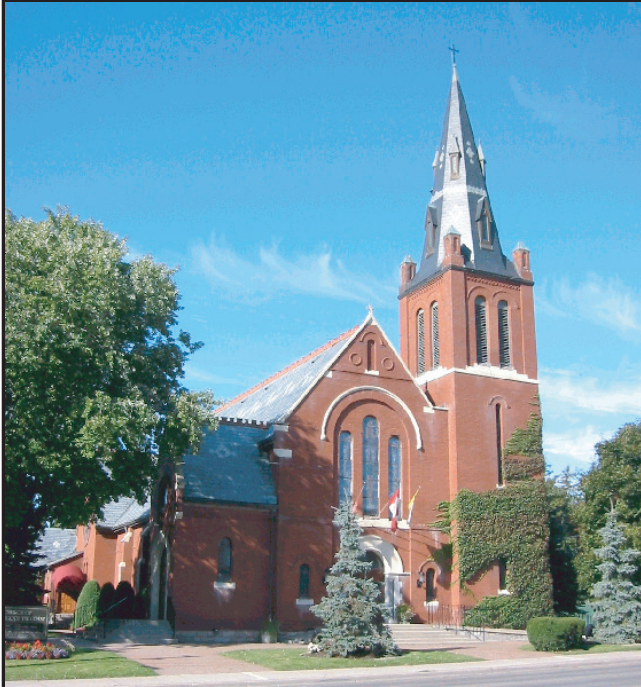


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Weekend Mass

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

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or www.catholic-cemeteries.com

Durham Catholic District School Board

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.

March 9th, 2025 First Sunday of Lent – Year C

Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions	
SUN.	MARCH 9 th 8:00 am For the People 9:30 am + John Delhaise 12:00 Noon Mass at Holy Cross
TUES.	MARCH 11 th 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's + Theresa LeBreton, req. her Daughters
WED.	MARCH 12 th 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross Parish
THUR.	MARCH 13 th 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross Parish
FRI.	MARCH 14 th 6:00 pm-6:45 pm Confessions and Adoration 7:00 pm Mass at St. Gregory's + Andras, + Theresa, and + Steve Videki, req. Elizabeth Szombat
SAT.	MARCH 15 th 3:30 pm- 4:15 pm - Holy Cross Confessions 4:30 pm Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	MARCH 16 th Second Sunday of Lent 8:00 am + Jimmy Carter, req. Cora & Carol Doyle 9:30 am For the People

All About Fasting and Abstinence

Fasting is the limitation of food and drink, typically to one main meal and two smaller meals, with no solid foods in between. (But remember to drink enough fluids!). We fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. We fast because it helps us to pray better. An empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer. Catholics aged 18-59 are bound to fast. Those with impaired health should not fast in any way.

Abstinence is avoiding certain kinds of food or drink, typically meat or other desirable foods. Catholics are obliged to abstain from meat every Friday throughout the year (except solemn feast days). Instead of abstaining, you may substitute special acts of charity or piety on Fridays. **We abstain on Fridays because it's the day of Christ's saving death on the Cross; we abstain to share in His work of saving the world.** Catholics aged 14 and older are obliged to abstain. <https://bit.ly/3OnYuqv>



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.

The Pope's Intentions for the month of March For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

CONFESSIONS

Roman Catholics are required to confess their sins at least once per year in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (CCC, 1457). Not coming to confession willingly is also a sin that should be forgiven in the Sacrament of Penance before receiving Holy Communion. Confession is necessary to prepare ourselves for Easter, and to live a good Christian life.

"HOW TO GO TO CONFESSION" GUIDE

Download this resource in English (and seven other languages) at: <https://bit.ly/ConfessionGuides>

Elderly and Housebound

If you have an elderly, frail or ill family member who is housebound, please call the office, give your contact information and the priest will make a point of visiting to administer their yearly Sacraments during this Lent.



LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY POWER FROM ON HIGH Saturday // March 29, 2025 // 9AM-5:30PM For tickets and information, visit www.LJHR.ca. For sponsorship and advertisement opportunities, contact us at <https://ljhr.ca>

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

Sunday March 23rd, 2025 at St. Gregory the Great Parish Hall

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

Today - Sunday March 30th 2025 in Holy Cross Parish Hall.

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



Your love is a guiding light during Lent

Maria, a 64-year-old newcomer to Canada, arrived seeking a fresh start but found herself struggling to find both stable employment and affordable housing. Through your support of ShareLife, she received personalized guidance at Catholic Cross-cultural Services that helped her secure both a job and a home. She found stability and peace of mind, giving her the strength to embrace her new life.

Now, she's a guiding light for seniors, helping others access the support that changed her life. This Lent, you can walk the same path as a testament to resilience and the transformative power of community. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at www.sharelife.org

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.

For more information, vocations@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 19, 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/ymstgbc> or scan QR code. For more information or to register, please contact our youth minister Kim Carson at: ymstgbc@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 29TH 6:30-9:30pm**
Faith Formation: WISDOM A nine-part faith formation program. Next meeting is **March 15th**, 6:30pm – 9:30pm at **St. Gregory's Parish Hall 190 Simcoe St. N.**
Connect and Register: 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 6th 2025 - July 11th 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.

TOTUS TUUS is looking for families to host our Missionaries (Camp Leaders) for the week of July 6th, 2025 – July 11th, 2025. If you would like to volunteer for any days or evenings with the children or if you are a Secondary School student looking for volunteer hours we can use your help! Please contact our Youth Minister Kim Carson 905-723-8141 or ymstgbc@archtoronto.org



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/>

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 1st 2025. For more information please visit <https://shorturl.at/tJoUv>

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!

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 6th to April 13th. Thank you in advance!



Are you civilly married or in a common law relationship, with previous marriages or divorces? If yes, contact the priest 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.

Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse

March 16th, 2025

This purpose of this day is to pray for survivors, increase awareness, and express contrition for the role that members of the Church played in wrongs committed. More information to follow.

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Building Fund.





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