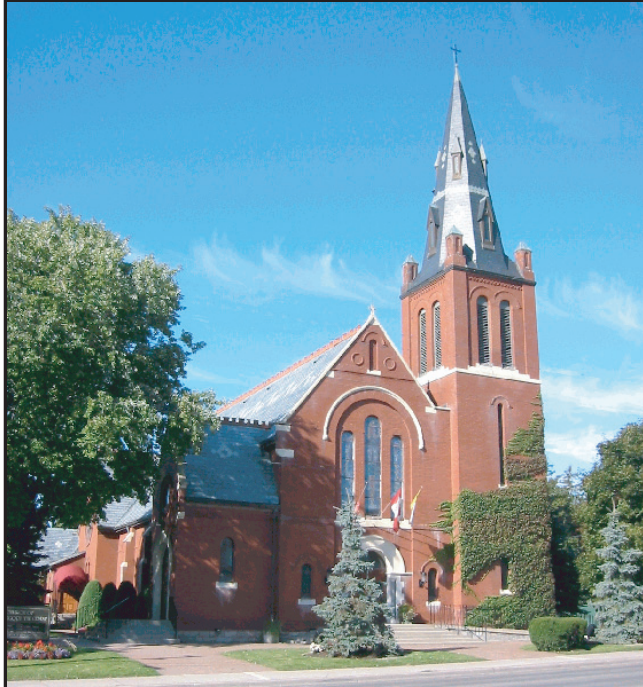


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Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon &
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Weekend Mass

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

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

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.

Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions	
SUN.	MARCH 16 th Second Sunday of Lent 8:00 am + Jimmy Carter, req. Cora & Carol Doyle 9:30 am For the People 12:00 Noon Mass at Holy Cross
TUES.	MARCH 18 th 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's + Oronzo Guarini, req. Angela Guarini + Rosamaria Zacarca, req. Angela Guarini 6:30 pm Mass at St Gregory's: St. Philip's Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage
WED.	MARCH 19 th St. Joseph, Spouse of BV Mary 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross Parish 6:30 pm Mass at St Gregory's: Assumption's Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage
THUR.	MARCH 20 th 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross Parish
FRI.	MARCH 21 st 6:00 pm-6:45 pm Confessions and Adoration 7:00 pm Mass at St. Gregory's + Anna Baker, req. Judy Donald Intentions of Susan Mitchell
SAT.	MARCH 22 nd 3:30 pm- 4:15 pm - Holy Cross Confessions 4:30 pm Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	MARCH 23 rd Third Sunday of Lent 8:00 am For the People 9:30 am + Antonio Bruni, req. his Wife & Children

Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse March 16th, 2025

Pope Francis, the Bishops of Ontario and of all of Canada have asked that a Day of Prayer and Reflection for Victims and Survivors of Sex Abuse be observed for healing and to raise awareness. Here in the Archdiocese of Toronto the Second Sunday of Lent was chosen as an appropriate day and time to honour the wishes of the Holy Father, to express our remorse as a community, to pray for healing and assure safety in our parish communities.

Pope Francis' Lenten Message 2025: 'Let us Journey Together in Hope' Pope Francis has centered his Lenten message for 2025 on the Journey Together in Hope. To read his full message, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/3w7t5c8k>

AN INSPIRATION FOR LENT Get inspired, especially at this time of Lent and beyond, with an excellent and copyright-free e-book, audiobook, or a quality article. There are various resources for children and youth, adults, and the elderly, for faith formation, or a quality distraction. (<http://bit.ly/Catholicbooks>)

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. **Our Parish Lenten confessions will be on April 4 from 3 pm - 6:45 pm. Fr Marijan and another priest will be available.**

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.

First Communion Prep Class #7 at 10:45 a.m.
Sunday March 23rd, 2025 at St. Gregory's Parish Hall
Confirmation Prep Class #7 at 10:45 a.m.
Sunday March 30th in Holy Cross Parish Hall.
RCIA is at St. Gregory's Hall on Tuesdays at 7 PM.

ShareLife Your love is a guiding light during Lent

ShareLife Sunday is March 30. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is **\$34,000.00** Through your support of ShareLife, you extend the hands of Christ to those in need: the poor, the vulnerable, and the marginalized in our community. Because you care, more than 40 agencies provide strength to people of all ages in their weakest moments. You've been there for young parents as they worried about their next meal, isolated seniors yearning for companionship, teenagers seeking guidance in a confusing world, refugees longing to rebuild their lives, and people with special needs striving for dignity and acceptance. Thank you for living the Gospel through your compassion. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, through our parish website, or at www.sharelife.org

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. More information will follow in the coming weeks. Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us!

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.

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. April 2nd 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/ymstghe> or scan QR code. For more information or to register, please contact our youth minister Kim Carson at: ymstghe@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 **April 12th**, 6:30pm – 9:30pm at St. Gregory's Parish Hall 190 Simcoe St. N.

Connect and Register: stgregsandholycrossya@gmail.com

Instagram: @stgregsandholycrossya

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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 ymstghe@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/>

THANK YOU!

Your donations to our St. Vincent de Paul were used to assist our Neighbors In Need as follows:

January 2025

Families Assisted 72; Adults 94; Children 26; Value of Grocery Assistance \$2,950; Clothing Vouchers Issued 4.

February 2025

Families Assisted 43; Adults 60; Children 14; Clothing Vouchers 3; Value of Grocery Assistance \$1,835.

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>

Annual Mass of St. Patrick

Annual Mass of St. Patrick Monday, March 17, 2025, 10 a.m. St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond St., Toronto The annual Mass of St. Patrick at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in Toronto will take place on Monday, March 17 at 10 a.m. His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop Emeritus of Toronto, will be the presider and homilist. All are welcome. Those unable to attend can participate in the celebration via livestream at www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live.

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.



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>

Healing after Abortion: The Sisters of Life

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A "Day of Prayer and Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. Upcoming date: April 5, 2025

For more details, locations, and confidential registration, or to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at (416) 463-2722 or reach us by email at toronto@sistersoflife.org



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