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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

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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 30th, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Lent – Year C

| Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions | |
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| SUN. | MARCH 30 th Fourth Sunday of Lent 8:00 am For the People 9:30 am + Harold McNamara, req. St. Gregory's Knights of Columbus 12:00 Noon Mass at Holy Cross |
| TUES. | APRIL 1 ST 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's + Josefu Ganaba Gascon, req. The Ganaba Family |
| WED. | APRIL 2 ND 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross Parish 7 pm Moleben , the Canon of Repentance of St. Andrew of Crete by Slovak Parish |
| THUR. | APRIL 3 RD 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross Parish |
| FRI. | APRIL 4 TH 6 pm-6:45 pm Confessions & Adoration 7:00 pm Mass at St. Gregory's + Graham Lee, req. Alan Lee + Donald, Shirley & Richard Lefleur, req. their Family |
| SAT. | APRIL 5 TH 3:30 pm- 4:15 pm - Holy Cross Confessions 4:30 pm Mass at Holy Cross |
| SUN. | APRIL 6 TH Fifth Sunday of Lent 8:00 am For the People 9:30 am + Americo & Angela Coscarella, req. their Children |

A Lenten Project by Dr. Simone

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 Please place any donations in the box at the back of the church. We will be collecting donations until **April 13th**. Thank you in advance! collects funds and food for starving children around the world.

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**, and every Thursday at 5 pm at Holy Cross during Lent.

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

Consecration to Blessed Virgin Mary

Cardinal Frank Leo has asked us, on the invitation of Pope Francis, to (re)consecrate ourselves every March 25 to the Blessed Virgin Mary. As many couldn't join us on that Solemnity, we will have consecration today, March 30, during the Mass. <https://bit.ly/constom>

Cardinal Leo has given St. Gregory's a beautiful Marian image for the Jubilee Pilgrimage Parishes, a print of the Blessed Virgin and Child Jesus.

Holy Week Schedule

Tuesday April 15th

Mass at 12:10 – St. Gregory

Wednesday April 16th

Mass at 8:30am – Holy Cross

Holy Thursday April 17th

Mass at 5:00pm – Holy Cross

Mass at 7:00pm – St. Gregory's

Good Friday April 18th

Celebration of the Lord's Passion:

12– St. Gregory's followed by Stations of the Cross

3pm – Holy Cross followed by Stations of the Cross

Easter Vigil Saturday April 19th

Mass at 6:00pm – Holy Cross

Mass at 8:30pm – St. Gregory's

Easter Sunday April 20th

Mass at 8:00am – St. Gregory's

Mass at 9:30am – St. Gregory's

Mass at 12noon – Holy Cross

Lenten Confessions

In preparation for Easter, and especially for worthy reception of the Eucharist, there will be confessions:

April 3 - Holy Cross Parish 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Fr. Marijan & 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. two priests

April 4 – St. Gregory the Great Parish 3:00 p.m. to 6:45p.m. two priests. There is a list of local parishes of

their dates and times for confession at the exits of the Church or visit www.archtoronto.org/confessions

First Communion Prep Class #8 at 10:45 a.m.

Sunday April 6th, 2025 at St. Gregory's Hall

Confirmation Prep Class #7 at 10:45 a.m.

Today Sunday March 30th in Holy Cross Parish Hall.

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

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.

This weekend is  Sunday

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. But ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need. From children to seniors, and everyone in between, more than 40 ShareLife agencies are there each step of the way.

As a family of faith, we lift each other up from our lowest moments. Nick's life had an easy start – he came from a good home, where he was raised with a strong work ethic, and he welcomed a son. But living with a mental illness, he struggled more than some. Deep inside, he felt like something was missing, and he devastatingly fell into addiction. With your helping hand, he rose up through the DARE Program at Good Shepherd.

“By the grace of God, I am still alive,” he proclaims. “I'd love to be able to give back what was so freely given to me. I am taking roles of service, giving back as much as I can. I was afraid I'd never be able to feel the way I feel. I am very grateful that I have been given this opportunity to be sober.” Thanks to your support, he is no longer just surviving—he is thriving, with a heart full of hope and a future filled with promise. Our Parish Share Life goal for 2025 is \$34,000. Please give at the Parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at www.sharelife.org

Jubilee Pilgrimage Mass

Protection of the Mother of God, Slovak Catholic Parish in Oshawa is coming here to pray a Lenten Moleben for our Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage, on Wednesday April 2 at 7pm. A Moleben is one of their devotions drawn from the riches of their Eastern Christian heritage. This particular penitential Moleben is based on the Canon of Repentance of St. Andrew of Crete. As we prepare ourselves for Easter – the Feast of feasts, they are looking forward to sharing this beautiful devotion from their Byzantine Catholic tradition with our Parish. **All are welcome!**



11th Annual Durham Catholic Children's Foundation Gala: Honouring Our Distinguished Catholic Alumni

Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at Tosca Banquet Hall, 800 Champlain Ave. Oshawa.

Cocktails: 6 p.m. Dinner: 7 p.m.

For Tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/sez5fkm9>



The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the month of April in Memory of Linda Formosa

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/vmstghe> or scan QR code. For more information or to register, please contact our youth minister Kim Carson at: vmstghe@archtoronto.org



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

Who: ages 18-39. **PLEASE NOTE NEXT SOCIAL IS APRIL 5, 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

<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 vmstghe@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/>



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