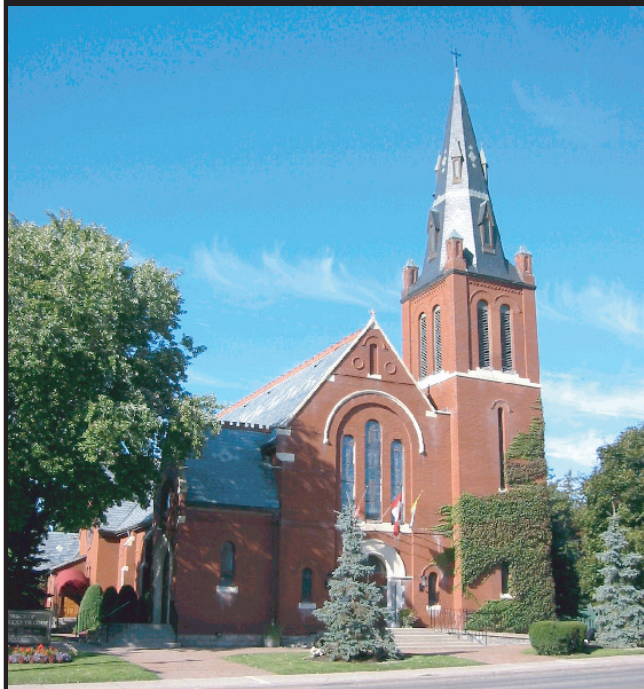


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Office Hours

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.

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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

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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.	April 13 th Palm Sunday 8:00 am For the People 9:30 am + Lionel Kelly, req. Kim & Paul Killens 12:00 Noon Mass at Holy Cross
TUES.	April 15 th 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's + Harold McNamara + Elizabeth Sheedy
WED.	April 16 th 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross Parish
THUR	April 17 th Holy Thursday 5:00 pm Mass – Holy Cross 7:00 pm Mass – St. Gregory's
FRI.	April 18 th Good Friday 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
SAT.	Easter Vigil Saturday April 19th Mass at 6:00pm – Holy Cross Mass at 8:30pm – St. Gregory's
SUN.	April 20 th Easter Sunday 8:00 am For the People 9:30 am For the People

Image of Mary Arrives at Jubilee Pilgrimage Churches

A special image of Mary, chosen by Cardinal Leo, has been delivered to St. Gregory's and the [pilgrimage churches](#) identified for the Year of Jubilee. This image will be displayed prominently in pilgrim churches throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto during this most holy year.

In the words of His Eminence as part of his [communication](#) regarding the Consecration of the Archdiocese of Toronto to Mary, Mother of God:

"As was the wish of the crucified and dying Lord Jesus who entrusted the Beloved Disciple to Our Lady and Our Lady to the Beloved Disciple (John 19: 25-27), so we too are called by Christ to welcome his Mother as our mother and to create space for her in our spiritual home, our faith, our community, our family, our life."

May the image of Mary deepen our spiritual journey as pilgrims of hope during this Year of Jubilee. For more information on the Year of Jubilee in the Archdiocese of Toronto, go here, <https://www.archtoronto.org/jubilee>

Mass Intentions

A reminder that we are taking bookings for Mass Intentions and the Sanctuary Lamp for 2025. Our weekday Masses have multiple Mass intentions. Please note: only one Sunday Mass will be available as the other Mass will be for the Parish. Please call or come to the Office during Office hours.

In April, we pray with Pope Francis that new technologies will not replace human relationships, but will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the challenges of our times.

Pontifical Collection - Good Friday, April 18, 2025

On Good Friday a collection will be taken up at the request of the Holy See. It is for the support of the many social, education, and parish projects of the Church throughout the Holy Land, and it helps to assure the Church's presence and a measure of security and peace for our brothers and sisters. Please give generously to support the Church of the Holy Land and our brothers and sisters in their need.

First Communion Prep Class Saturday May 3rd

Rehearsal in the Church at 10:30 am

Sunday May 4th 9:30 a.m. First Holy Communion Mass

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

Sunday April 27th in Holy Cross Parish Hall.

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

A Day with Mary – May 31

Members of the Catholic family from all corners of the Archdiocese are being invited to participate in Mass, pray the Rosary, and grow deeper in our devotion to Our Lady through a keynote address by Dr. Josephine Lombardi for the adults, powerful witnessing and children's catechesis for the kids. There will be music, food and fellowship and we hope that you will consider joining His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo and so many others who love the Blessed Mother. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.archtoronto.org/mary>

Men & Woman Silent Ignatian Retreat Weekend

April 25-27, 2025 Theme – Openness to Christ' words:

A path of encounter and conversion.

Register online: <https://manresa-canada.ca/>

or email: manreasaregistration@outlook.com

Attention All Parishioners

It has come to our attention that some people, receiving on the hand, carry the Sacred Host back to their seats. This is forbidden. Please be sure to consume Jesus, truly present in the Sacred Host, right after you receive him, in such a manner that the priest may see that you have placed Communion in your mouth. You must consume the Host in the front of the minister of communion, right after receiving it. There are people who wish to steal consecrated Hosts. If you see anyone walking away without having consumed the Sacred Host, please alert the priest.



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

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

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.

About Fasting and Abstinence on Good Friday

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://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/lent/home/lent/>

Archdiocesan Day for Palliative Care

October 23, 2025 will be recognized as the Archdiocese of Toronto's Day for Palliative Care. This is a day to reflect and pray for those in palliative care and also raise awareness and increase education surrounding end-of-life care. There are brochures located at the exits of the Church. In it, the basics of palliative care are explained; many reasons to choose palliative care are outlined succinctly; the dignity of human life until natural death is explained. Everyone is encouraged to pick one up and discuss this with your family.



Your devotion enables the Office of Catholic Youth to fulfill their mission of helping youth and young adults to encounter, love and serve Jesus Christ. Through your loving support of ShareLife, young people are empowered to become Christian leaders who know Christ and have a growing relationship with Him. Aspiring youth and campus ministers, like Laura, form spiritual habits through workshops and formation retreats. They learn practical methods to engage the youth of today and help them deal with everyday pressures. "These formation sessions have equipped me with a firm foundation in the faith," she says, "enabling me to pass on authentic Catholic teachings to the young people in my care." So far, we have raised \$4,369.00 toward our goal of **\$34,000**. Please give at the Parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at www.sharelife.org



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 16th 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 May 3rd, 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.



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/>

Looking for Host Families & Volunteers

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

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