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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.

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
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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.

Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions	
SUN.	April 20 th Easter Sunday 8:00 am For the People 9:30 am For the People 12:00 Noon Mass at Holy Cross
TUES.	April 22 nd 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's
WED.	April 23 rd 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross Parish
THUR.	April 24 th 8:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross
FRI.	April 25 th 6:00 p.m.- 6:45 p.m. Confessions & Adoration At St. Gregory's 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Gregory's
SAT.	April 26 th 3:30 p.m.- 4:15 p.m. Holy Cross Confessions 4:30 p.m. Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	April 27 th Second Sunday of Easter 8:00 am For the People 9:30 am Lionel Kelly, req. Anne Brady & Ruth Nicholls 12:00 noon Mass at St. Gregory's

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](https://www.archtoronto.org/pilgrimagechurches) identified for the Year of Jubilee.

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>

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.

Archdiocesan Year of Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome with Cardinal Frank Leo – November 10-17, 2025

The Archdiocese of Toronto Jubilee 2025 Committee is organizing a week-long pilgrimage to Rome with Cardinal Frank Leo, taking place on November 10 – 17, 2025. The pilgrimage will include visits to Rome's major basilicas and Holy Door, daily Mass and a day trip to Assisi. Registration will take place online beginning Thursday, April 24 at 10:00 a.m. Space is limited. For full registration details, to view a detailed itinerary and learn more about this prayerful journey to Rome, visit: <https://bit.ly/ArchTORome2025>

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

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Happy Easter!

A few days ago, we celebrated the death of Jesus Christ. He truly lived, suffered, and died for us, so that He may be close to us in our life, suffering, and death. But Jesus' death is not the end. It is rather a beginning, a passage to Heaven. Those who are united to Christ in His suffering and death, are also united to Him in His resurrection.

Jesus indeed rose from the dead in His blessed humanity so that with Him we may rise to the newness of life. The power of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection will not be effective only on the general day of resurrection, or in Heaven, but also in our here and now. **Jesus' resurrection helps us to overcome hopelessness, sin, and death;** it enables us to be victorious with Him and in Him, in all good and difficult circumstances of our lives.

Let us seek, therefore, beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, to be united to Christ in the worship of the Church, so that with Him we may overcome every obstacle, live and be united to Him forever, us and our families.

Happy Easter to you. Fr. Marijan Sisko

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>

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

Extraordinary Graces of Divine Mercy

“In three places in her *Diary*, St. Faustina records our Lord's promises of specific, extraordinary graces:

-I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession [beforehand] and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy (#1109).

-Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life [Eucharist] on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (#300).

-The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (#699).” <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/>
That is, one may go straight to Heaven if one dies soon after confessing well and receiving Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday.

A plenary of partial indulgence may also be obtained.

SSVP News – Summer Camp

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul operates two overnight camps for Children, Marygrove Camp for girls and Camp Ozanam for boys. Marygrove welcomes girls aged 5 to 13 for an 8-day camping adventure on the shores of Georgian Bay and Camp Ozanam welcomes boys aged 7 to 12 for a 7-day camping adventure on Deer Lake in South River. Both camps are free to eligible families. The criteria are fairly broad and are focused on children who might not otherwise have the opportunity to attend summer camp which might include families who cannot afford the cost of a camp or who can't take a vacation due to restricted income, illness, lack of funds etc. While all children who would enjoy and benefit from a wholesome outdoor experience are welcome, we lack the staffing resources to deal with children who suffer severe emotional or physical problems, life threatening allergies or serious medical conditions. Marygrove sessions run from July 4th to August 27th and Ozanam runs from July 15 to Aug 13th. Anyone interested should call 905-720-0003 and ask to speak to the camp coordinator.

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.



Providing Help, Creating Hope

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>



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 23rd 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 May 17th 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>



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



On Easter Sunday, we thank you for being a beacon of

hope for our brothers and sisters in need by supporting ShareLife. In their darkest hours, you are right beside them. As we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord this Easter Sunday, let us open our hearts to all. Please give at the Parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at www.sharelife.org



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