

# St. Gregory The Great

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## Pastor

Fr. Marijan Sisko

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## Office Hours

Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon &  
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## 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](http://bit.ly/NFP-Brochure-OFD-SMI)

## Catholic Cemeteries

St. Gregory's & Resurrection

905-668-8912

or [www.catholic-cemeteries.com](http://www.catholic-cemeteries.com)

## Durham Catholic District School Board

905-576-6150

or [www.dcdsb.ca](http://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.	Sept. 28 <sup>th</sup> <i>Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 am + Anne Vasey, req. her Family 9:30 am ~ For the People 12:00 noon <b>Mass at Holy Cross</b>
TUES.	Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup> <i>Saint Jerome</i> 12:10 pm <b>Mass at St. Gregory's</b> + Anne Vasey, req. The Mitchell Family
WED.	October 1 <sup>st</sup> 8:30 am <b>Mass at Holy Cross Parish</b> <i>Saint Therese of the Child Jesus</i>
THUR.	October 2 <sup>nd</sup> 8:30 am <b>Mass at Holy Cross Parish</b> <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>
FRI.	October 3 <sup>rd</sup> 6:00 p.m.- 6:45 p.m. <b>Confessions &amp; Adoration At St. Gregory's</b> <b>7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Gregory's</b> + Thomas Loder, req. The Larkin Family + Anne Vasey St. Gregory's Conference St. Vincent de Paul + Rosa Presta, req. Anita Osso ~ Intentions of Rita Wrubel, req. St. Gregory's Conference St. Vincent de Paul
SAT.	October 4 <sup>th</sup> - <i>St. Francis of Assisi</i> 3:30 p.m.- 4:15 p.m. <b>Holy Cross Confessions</b> 4:30 p.m. <b>Mass at Holy Cross</b>
SUN.	October 5 <sup>th</sup> <i>Twenty-Seventh of Ordinary Time</i> <b>Respect Life Sunday &amp; World Communion Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. ~For the People 9:30 am + Sal Bonta, req. Lisa Martorelli 12:00 Noon – Mass at Holy Cross



On this Priesthood Sunday we would like honour our priests for their faithful service, wisdom, and devotion. Through their ministry, they bring comfort in times of sorrow, strength in moments of trial, and joy in times of celebration. Their steadfast commitment to God and to our community is a true blessing and an enduring example of faith and love. **Serra Club of Durham Region**

### Stewardship Sunday

On all Sundays we the family of believers gather to worship, intercede and praise, in unison with Christ our Eternal High Priest. Today we celebrate **Stewardship Sunday**. Reflecting on the Word of God and on the Church's teaching, we acknowledge that we have received so much from the Lord's goodness and have likewise been called to humbly recognize, diligently develop, and generously share all that we are, and all that we have. To read Archbishop Leo's full homily please visit: [www.archtoronto.org/stewardship](http://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship).

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



If your son/daughter is attending a Catholic School, please ensure that the school has a **copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate**. If your child is not baptized, please see your parish Priest about preparing to baptize your child. In order for your child to be baptized, one or both parents **must** be baptized **ROMAN CATHOLIC**. To make an appointment, please contact the Parish.

### First Holy Communion Registration

Parents please note that on **Wednesday September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** will be registration for First Holy Communion in St. Gregory's Parish Hall. Please bring copies of your child's **Birth Certificate and Baptismal Certificate**. The suggested donation of \$40 for materials will be accepted.

### Confirmation Registration

Parents please note that on **Thursday September 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.** will be registration for Confirmation in Holy Cross Parish Hall. Please bring copies of your child's **Birth Certificate and Baptismal Certificate**. The suggested donation of \$40 for materials will be accepted.

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults – RCIA:

Would you like to become a Catholic, or are you a Catholic who has not been confirmed? Register to join us on Tuesdays at 7 pm, from Sept 30 in **St. Gregory's Hall**.

### Help Needed for Sacramental Preparation

We are looking for volunteers to join the Sacramental Teams including First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please call or email the office if you are interested.

### Help Needed for our Children's Liturgy

We are looking for volunteers to lead a **Children's Liturgy** program the 9:30 am Sunday Mass. If you are interested, please contact the office.

### Help Needed for our Youth Ministry

We are looking for **volunteers for Youth Ministry**. Please contact us at: [ymstghe@archtoronto.org](mailto:ymstghe@archtoronto.org)

### Feast of St. Francis of Assisi ~ Blessing of Animals

We will be having a blessing of animals on the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. The Service of the Blessing of the animals will be on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 am in front of St. Gregory's church, and at 9:45 am in front of Holy Cross Church. Please keep your pets safe.

### Parish Photo Directory

We will be holding photography sessions for our Parish directory from November 10<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Session times will be 2:30pm-8:30pm on Monday to Friday and 9:30am-3:00pm on Saturday. We are looking for volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the office as soon as possible. Thank you!

**The Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation  
Collection- Next Weekend October 5, 2025**

This is part of a national effort announced by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. To date, the fund has raised more than 70% of its \$30 million target as pledged by the Canadian bishops and dioceses throughout Canada. The archdiocese has allocated \$3.1 million of its \$6 million pledge to charitable initiatives supporting healing and reconciliation. The collection will take place next Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup> and it provides an opportunity for the faithful to contribute to this important initiative.

For more information or to donate online please visit: [www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](http://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation) - thank you for your generosity!

**Life Chain ~ Next Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Please join us to silently and prayerfully intercede to the Lord to end abortion and heal our nation, to partner our love and protection with God for local preborn and to witness for the millions lost in Canada through abortion. Life Chain will be held Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup> on the corner of Simcoe and Adelaide. Meet in the parking lot for 2 pm. Rain or Shine.

**Legion of Mary**

We're excited to announce that our parish will soon be starting a **Legion of Mary Praesidium!** Our first information meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 1st at 7:00 PM, here at St. Gregory the Great, in the sacristy of the church.** The meeting will be for both parishioners of Holy Cross and St. Gregory the Great Parishes. The Legion of Mary is open to all men and women over the age of 18 who are looking to grow in their faith and deepen their devotion to Our Blessed Mother. Through prayer, study, and apostolic work, members serve Christ under the banner and protection of Mother Mary. Please prayerfully consider attending the info session to learn more about this beautiful way to serve God.

**Bishop's Collection**

Today there is a second collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada. Envelopes are in the pews and also at the back of the Church.

**The Case for Jesus Presentation**

JOIN US Thursday, October 16 through Thursday, December 4 at 7 pm in the St. Gertrude's Parish Hall OR via ZOOM. Each evening, we enjoy an engaging video presentation, lively discussion, fellowship and treats. The highly recommended but optional Study Guide is \$40. Register via the St. Gertrude's website, at the Parish Office or after Weekend Masses. Contact Beth Cook, [bethcook905@outlook.com](mailto:bethcook905@outlook.com) for more information.



**Catholic Women's League**

The CWL will have their first meeting **TODAY** Sunday September 28th following the 9:30 Mass in our Parish Hall. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

**St. Gregory's Youth Corner**



St. Gregory and Holy Cross Program for our youth in grades 6-8. Our next information night will be held on **Wednesday October 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in St. Gregory's Hall.** It will run every other Wednesday. Download [registration form https://linktr.ee/ymstghe](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](mailto:ymstghe@archtoronto.org)



**High School Students: Life Teen 2025!**

Are you in grade 9-12 and looking to build lasting relationships with other youth, Christ and the Church? We invite you to join us on **Wednesday October 1st at 6:15 in our Parish Hall.** Every other Wednesday until mid June. Cost: \$40.00.

To register: please contact our youth minister Kim Carson at: [ymstghe@archtoronto.org](mailto:ymstghe@archtoronto.org)



**University Students – Connect!**

Are you a university or college student? This school year, open your heart to an exciting journey of spiritual growth and community. Join campus ministry to grow deeper in your faith, form lasting friendships and experience university/college life in a more meaningful way. Connect with campus ministry anywhere in Canada and find your Catholic home on campus! Scan the QR code or visit [www.ocytoronto.org](http://www.ocytoronto.org)

**Come and See – Discernment Weekend**

At St. Augustine's Seminary, there is a prayerful and supportive environment for young men ages 18+ to reflect, hear vocation stories from the seminarians and engage in meaningful conversation with seminarians and priests as well as partaking in social gatherings. Upcoming dates: October 31 to November 2, 2025 and February 27 to March 1, 2026

**RENEW TORONTO  
YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE |**

Join other young adults ages 19-39 at the Renew Young Adult Conference Nov. 21 & 23, 2025 at Canada Christian College, 300 Water St. Whitby. Early Bird Registration is open until September 30<sup>th</sup>. Please visit: <https://www.renewtoronto.org>





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