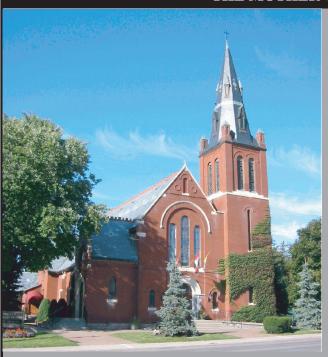
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Office Hours

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

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.	November 23 rd -Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 8:00 a.m. + Harold McNamara req. His Family 9:30 am ~ For The People 12:00 Noon — Mass at Holy Cross
TUES.	November 25 – st. Catherine of Alexandria Multiple Intention Mass 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's + All Souls, req. A Parishioner + Paul and Thomas Loder req. by Jane Loder
WED.	November 26 th 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross Parish
THUR.	November 27 th 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross Parish
FRI.	November 28 th Multiple Intention Mass 6:00 p.m 6:45 p.m. Confessions & Adoration At St. Gregory's 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Gregory's + All Souls, req. a Parishioner + Paul and Thomas Loder and special intention
SAT.	November 29 th 3:30 p.m 4:15 p.m. Holy Cross Confessions 4:30 p.m. Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	November 30 ^{th, First Sunday of Advent} 8:00 a.m. ~For the People 9:30 am + Bruno Piccioli, req. His Wife 12:00 Noon – Mass at Holy Cross

Parents: The Information You Need To Know

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. For your child to be baptized, one or both parents must be baptized ROMAN CATHOLIC. Contact the Parish to book an appointment.

First Holy Communion Registration

Parents, you can still register your child/children for First Holy Communion by attending the Parish Office during office hours. Please bring copies of your child's **Birth Certificate and Baptismal Certificate**, & \$40 to cover the cost of materials.

Confirmation Registration

Parents, you can still register your child/children for Confirmation by attending Holy Cross Parish Office Tuesday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please bring copies of your child's **Birth Certificate and Baptismal Certificate, along with \$40.00 to cover the cost of materials**.

Heart To Heart Gala

The Catholic Family Services is hosting their annual Gala on February 28, 2026, Cocktails at 6pm, dinner at 7pm. Deer Creek Golf & Banquet Facility, Ajax. Tickets are \$125 each. Visit https://trellis.org/heart-to heart-gala-2026 to purchase tickets.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults - RCIA:

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) provides instruction and spiritual formation to anyone 16 years of age and older who is not baptized, or baptized in another Christian community, who would like to become a member of the Catholic Church. Catholic adults who have not yet celebrated their First Eucharist or the Sacrament of Confirmation may also take part. Classes are every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish 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 at 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 the Youth Ministry**. Please contact us at: **ymstghc@archtoronto.org**

Free Movie Night



Mark your calendar *for Saturday, November 29th*, at 6:30 p.m. in our Parish Hall. The Movie will be A *Christmas Carol*. Parent supervision is required for children under the age of 10. There will be

popcorn and water for everyone. There is no cost, but donations are always welcome to cover the cost of the license. There will be no movie night in December.

2026 Collection Envelopes

It is once again that time of year! As we are slowly getting the boxes of envelopes ready, we ask that, if you are new to our parish, please register by completing a Registration Form located in the foyer. If you have recently moved, please update the office with your current address, and if you know someone who no longer attends this Church, please let us know. We will be printing the labels shortly. Thank you in advance!

We Bury Our Deceased

Please be aware of the need to give a proper Catholic funeral to our deceased. Catholics are not permitted to keep the ashes of the dead at home, to divide them or scatter them. If you have any ashes of your family members, please get in touch with Fr. Marijan so that we may organize a burial and allow our departed to rest in the peace of Christ. https://bit.ly/burialashes

Marriage Preparation Course

At Holy Family Parish, 91 Ribblesdale Dr., Whitby Friday, January 16, 2026: 7pm to 9pm Saturday, January 17, 2026: 9am to 12pm Friday, January 23, 2026: 7pm to 9pm Saturday, January 24, 2026: 9am to 12pm. For more information or to register, please email holyfamilywh@archtoronto.org. The deadline to register is December 10, 2025.

Red Wednesday and Week - Aid to the Church in Need

We have lit our church in red to remember the Church and Christians around the world suffering and being killed for the sake of Christ. https://acn-canada.org/rfr/

Catholic Women's League

The CWL will be having their Christmas Raffle again this year. We will be raffling off 3 gift baskets as well as early bird prizes. We will begin selling tickets at the Masses beginning November 9th, with the draw on November 30th. Tickets again are \$10.00 or 3 for \$20.00. CASH ONLY. The proceeds from the raffle will go towards supporting our Community Charities. We thank you for your continued support in this important event. CWL Membership Dues CWL Membership Dues of \$40.00 are due by the end of November. You are more than welcome to place your envelope in the collection basket at Mass.



St. Gregory's Youth Corner



St. Gregory and Holy Cross Program for our youth in grades 6-8. Our next night

will be held on **Wednesday**, **December 3rd**, **from 6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in St. Gregory's Hall.** It will run every other Wednesday. Download <u>registration form https://linktr.ee/ymstghc</u> or scan QR code. For more information or to register, please contact our youth minister, Kim Carson, at:

ymstghc@archtoronto.org

Home and Heaven

Home and Heaven is a spiritual get-together for families, where we discuss marriage as a vocation and mission, the Catholic parenting aspect for this season, led by Deacon Dony Antony. Parallel to the **couples**' secession, we will have a separate spiritual secession for children between 4-17 years of age on Saturday, December 6th, @ 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. here in our Parish Hall. Organized by Jesus Youth. To register, go to https://jyon.life/Home&Heaven

A Faith Formation Study At St. Gregory's Hall

For any questions, call or text 437-225-7858.

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Exploring the Themes of the Papal Bull "Spes non Confundit" by CCCB

We will be exploring six themes that will help us celebrate the Jubilee Year on Thursdays from 7 pm at St. Gregory the Great Hall / Auditorium,

190 Simcoe St N, Oshawa. Presenter: Paul Coates & Fr. Marijan Sisko. Suggested donation: \$30. To register, scan the OR code or go to: https://bit.ly/stgjys

Legion of Mary

You are invited to attend the next Legion of Mary Presidium on Wednesday, November 26th, at 7:00 PM, here at St. Gregory the Great, in the sacristy of the Church. The Legion of Mary is an association of Catholic Laity that serves the Church voluntarily with spiritual and social welfare as its priority.

World Youth Day in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be celebrated THIS Sunday, November 23, the Solemnity of Christ the King. This year's theme, drawn from the Gospel of John, "You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me" (Jn 15:27), highlights the importance of a living encounter with Jesus, our King.

St. Michael's Choir School presents REJOICE!!!

Saturday, December 13 at 7 PM. Tickets at www.masseyhall.com. Promo Code: **STARLIGHT**. Ticket info at the Massey Hall Box Office at 416-872-4255

St. Vincent de Paul News Angel Trees

Our Angel Trees are back! Please consider donating gift cards of any value, redeemable at various local stores such as Walmart, Superstore, Old Navy, Giant Tiger etc. We will also accept cash which will be converted to gift cards. There is a box at the back of the Church to put them in or you can stop by the office during the week until December 7th, 2025. Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference helps men, women, and children in our area **every week**. They rely on our help, assistance and support. Our Parishioners have been very kind in the past with your donations.

Hygiene Kits

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will once again be collecting personal hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, etc.) for our Neighbours in Need. Also, this year they would like to offer them clean, warm clothing such as coats, sweaters, socks, shoes and boots. Please leave any donations in the box at the back of the Church for distribution at our Christmas event. They will be greatly appreciated.

Community of Hope Outreach Connecting with Seniors Project

This calling service is for persons aged 55+ who may be socially or physically isolated and are looking for support or a friendly person to talk to. It is part of our mission to create significant caring communities. If you or someone you know is interested in receiving calls, email, or call Suzanne:

outreach@beingwith.org 1-647-448-8873.

Information for 2026 <u>Mass Intentions</u>

We are now booking Mass Intentions (for example, for the deceased, good health, special intentions, in thanksgiving), and the Sanctuary Lamp for 2026. Please call or come to the Office during Office hours. Please note: only one Sunday Mass will be available as the other Sunday Mass intention will be for the people of our Parish.

Mass Books

November 30th is the last Sunday for the 2025 Missals. Please place old ones in the box provided at the back of the Church. Missals will be available for a cost of \$5 next weekend.

Calendars

2026 Calendars will be available at the back of the Church next weekend for a donation.

Have a great Sunday and a wonderful week!



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