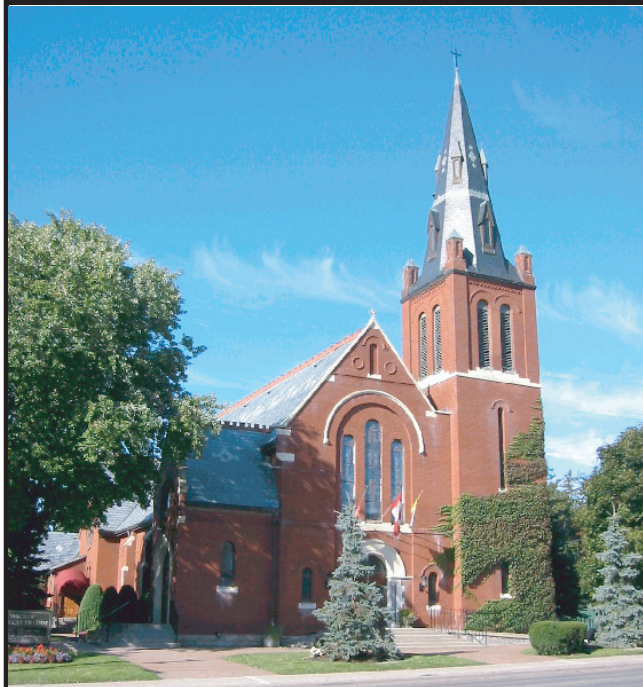


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Office Hours

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

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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 30 th , <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> 8:00 a.m. ~For the People 9:30 am + Bruno Piccioli, req. His Wife 12:00 Noon – Mass at Holy Cross
TUES.	December 2 nd - Multiple Intention Mass 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's + All Souls, req. A Parishioner + Paul and Thomas Loder req. their Family +Brendan Maloney, req. His Family ~ Special Intentions, req. A Parishioner
WED.	December 3 rd 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross Parish
THUR.	December 4 th 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross Parish
FRI.	December 5 th - Multiple Intention Mass 5:45 – 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 & Special Intention + Deceased members of the Scott & Piercy Families, req. Mary-Helen Scott + Lindana Azenon, req. Jackie & Dave Flynn
SAT.	December 6 th 3:30 p.m.- 4:15 p.m. Holy Cross Confessions 4:30 p.m. Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	December 7 th , <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> 8:00 a.m. ~For the People 9:30 am ~ Intentions of the Tait & Sarson Families, req. Their Family 12:00 Noon – Mass at Holy Cross

Please pray for the Children of our Parish who will receive First Reconciliation next Saturday, December 6th, 2025.

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.**

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.**

Offertory Envelopes for 2026

If you use BOXED ENVELOPES, your boxed set for 2026, are at the back of the church to be picked up. They are in alphabetical order. We ask that you **PLEASE** take yours home today as we have limited space and **begin using them only after January 1, 2026.** Thank you. If you are new to the Parish and would like to have a box issued to you, please call the office during the week and a box will be assigned to you and placed at the back of the church the following weekend. The work of our Parish is made possible through the giving hearts of our Parishioners. The Parish operates its programs and maintains its buildings (Church, Hall and Rectory) only through the regular donations of you, the Parishioners, to pay for expenses and capital costs. We thank you for your support!

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>

Catholic Women's League

This is the last weekend to purchase Christmas Raffle tickets. We will be raffling off 3 gift baskets as well as early bird prizes. 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.

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.



One of the Sanctuary Lamps for December burns in memory of **Joe Pezzarello**, requested by his Wife Kathleen.

The other Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of all Souls in Purgatory, requested by a Parishioner.

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



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 [registration form](https://linktr.ee/ymstghc) <https://linktr.ee/ymstghc> 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 ages 4-17 on Saturday, December 6th, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in our Parish Hall. Mass will be at 9 am in the church. Organized by Jesus Youth. To register, go to <https://jyon.life/Home&Heaven>. For any questions, call or text 437-225-7858.

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

Friars Student Writing Contest 2026

High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to submit a 450–500-word essay by January 12, 2026. They should consult the resources of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 at <https://bit.ly/WPCU2026>.

Entries can be submitted at:

<https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>.

For further information, please contact

ecumenicalandinterfaith@archtoronto.org

or call 416-934-3400 x. 527.

St. Vincent de Paul News

Angel Trees

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. Please place the gift cards in one of the boxes located on the Altar under the Christmas Tree. You can also drop them off at 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 their 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.

Did you know?

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is the gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and an increased support of various archdiocesan charities such as your Parish, ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary and others. For further information, contact the Development Office at development@archtoronto.org.



Today, being the 1st Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2025, your gift to ShareLife will double in value! From November 3 until year's end, your contribution to our Parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000. ShareLife-funded agencies and Food Security Grant recipients are responding to families facing difficult situations, comforting seniors with fellowship, distributing meals to our neighbours in need, and so much more. Your sacrificial gift this Advent makes this support possible. You offer immediate relief, restore hope, and remind your brothers and sisters in Christ that they are not alone; that there is a family of faith who cares deeply for them. Our goal this year is \$34,000.00. To date, we have achieved \$22,021.40. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Advent Confessions

In preparation for Christmas, and especially for the worthy reception of the Eucharist, two priests will hear confessions:

December 17 – St. Gregory the Great Parish

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

December 18 – Holy Cross Parish

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The Holy Catholic Church wants us to have confession minimally once a year. Thus, in *Catechism of the Catholic Church* number 2042, we read, "The second precept [of the Church] (You shall confess your sins at least once a year.) ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation, which continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness". Refusing to confess at least once a year, we prevent ourselves from receiving the Eucharist.

Legion of Mary

You are invited to attend the next Legion of Mary Presidium on **Wednesday, December 3rd, 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.



Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



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