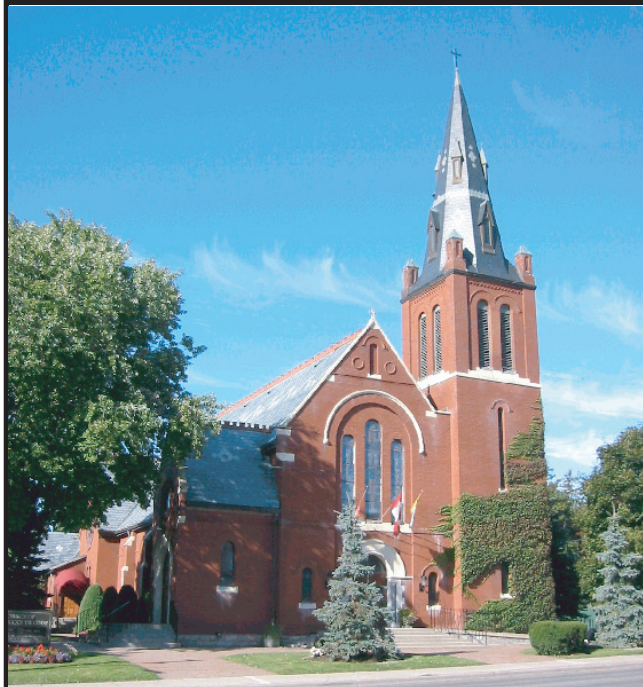


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## Pastor

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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 5:45 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.	December 7 <sup>th</sup> , <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 November
MON.	<b>December 8<sup>th</sup> – The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 9:00 a.m. Exception: <b>Mass – St. Gregory's</b>
TUES.	December 9 <sup>th</sup> - <b>Multiple Intention Mass</b> <b>12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's</b> + Alberto Iezzi, req. his Wife Ida + Giuseppe Guarini, req. his Wife Angela + Herve LeBreton, req. his Daughters + Harold McNamara by KofC + Paul and Thomas Loder req. their Family + All Souls, req. a Parishioner ~ Special Intentions, req. a parishioner ~ For Prayers answered, req. a parishioner
WED.	December 10 <sup>th</sup> 8:30 am <b>Mass at Holy Cross Parish</b>
THUR.	December 11 <sup>th</sup> 8:30 am <b>Mass at Holy Cross Parish</b>
FRI.	December 12 <sup>th</sup> - <b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> <b>Multiple Intention Mass</b> <b>5:45 – 6:45 p.m.</b> <b>Confessions &amp; Adoration At St. Gregory's</b> <b>7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Gregory's</b> ~ Intentions of Cecilia Quach, req. Sister Maria ~ Blessings for Kevin & Emily, req. Sister Maria + All Souls, req. a parishioner + Paul and Thomas Loder & Special Intention
SAT.	December 13 <sup>th</sup> - <b>St. Lucy</b> 3:30 p.m.- 4:15 p.m. <b>Holy Cross Confessions</b> 4:30 p.m. <b>Mass at Holy Cross</b>
SUN.	December 14 <sup>th</sup> <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> 8:00 a.m. ~For the People 9:30 am + Shirley Lefleur, req. her Family 12:00 Noon – Mass at Holy Cross



*"Advent is a time to be still, to listen for the whisper of God, and to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ." Pope Francis*

The CWL would like to thank the parishioners of St. Gregory's for their support of our Christmas raffle. Your support will help many people during this Christmas season. The winners of the prizes are:  
First Prize- Judy P.  
Second Prize- Joan M.

Third Prize- Sarah Mc.

Your support is greatly appreciated. God bless.



### 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 the 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>



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.



### 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 17<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> 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)

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

Saturday, December 13 at 7 PM. Tickets at [www.masseyhall.com](http://www.masseyhall.com). Promo Code: **STARLIGHT**.

Ticket info at the Massey Hall Box Office at 416-872-4255

**CAROLLING!** Come, sing carols with us at Hillsdale Estates on December 9 at 10:00 am. Mass at 10:30 am. On December 12, join us at Hillsdale Terraces at 10:30am. – 11:30 am.

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

### 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](mailto:ecumenicalandinterfaith@archtoronto.org)

or call 416-934-3400 x. 527.

### Angel Tree Countdown

#### Message from our St. Vincent de Paul

**This weekend is the final weekend.** 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 until Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.** 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](mailto:development@archtoronto.org).

### Sacramental Preparation

**First Communion:** Congratulations to all the children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The next session will be on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, at 10:45 in our Parish Hall.

**Confirmation:** The first session for Confirmation will be January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 11:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall at Holy Cross

### Legion of Mary

You are invited to attend the next Legion of Mary Presidium on **Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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### 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.

### Christmas and New Years' Mass Schedule

#### Christmas Eve – December 24, 2025:

4:30pm - Holy Cross

7:00pm - St. Gregory the Great

#### Christmas Day – December 25, 2025:

8:00am - St. Gregory the Great

9:30am - St. Gregory the Great

12noon - Holy Cross

#### New Year's Eve – December 31, 2025:

4:30pm - Holy Cross

10:30 p.m., (Adoration 11:30 p.m. – 12:15 a.m.) - St. Gregory's

#### New Year's Day: January 1, 2026:

8:00am - St. Gregory the Great

9:30am - St. Gregory the Great

12:00noon - Holy Cross

### ShareLife

**Your contribution to ShareLife will be matched dollar-for-dollar!**

Your gift 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. As we approach the end of the year, your loving support is crucial, as ShareLife-funded agencies strive to bring hope and relief to those facing their most challenging times. Jesus speaks to us through our brothers and sisters in need (cf. Mt 25:31-45). In every gift we give to them, there is a reflection of God's love. Your sacrificial gift this Advent can provide essential support and comfort to those in desperate need, showing them that they are not alone during trying times. Our goal this year is \$34,000. To date, we have \$ \$21,138.90. Please give at the Parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our Parish website, or at [www.sharelife.org/donate](http://www.sharelife.org/donate)

### Vocation Seeds

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 1-416-968-0997. Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)  
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