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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

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.	December 21 st Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:00 a.m. + Maria & Mario Cassano 9:30 am –For the People 12:00 Noon – Mass at Holy Cross
TUES.	December 23 rd - Multiple Intention Mass 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's + All Souls, req. a Parishioner
WED.	December 24 th Christmas Eve 4:30 p.m. Mass at Holy Cross Parish 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Gregory's
THUR.	December 25 th Nativity Of The Lord 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Gregory's 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Gregory's 12:00 noon – Mass at Holy Cross
FRI.	December 26 th - St. Stephen 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 + Milagros Betita Flores + Herninaildo Mardigal Flores + Epifanio Flores Delos Santos III
SAT.	December 27 th - St. John 3:30 p.m.- 4:15 p.m. Holy Cross Confessions 4:30 p.m. Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	December 28 th The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph 8:00 a.m. ~For the People 9:30 am + Deceased members of the Martin Family 12:00 Noon – Mass at Holy Cross

Legion of Mary

You are invited to attend the next Legion of Mary Presidium exceptionally this **Monday, December 22, 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.

St. Vincent de Paul News

For November 2025, we assisted 82 families, comprising 124 adults and 53 children. We gave them \$4,490 in grocery store vouchers and issued 8 vouchers for them to purchase clothes at the St. Vincent de Paul Store in downtown Oshawa. Our sincere 'THANKS' to everyone who financially supports the assistance we provide to our Neighbours in Need.



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.

Merry Christmas!



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

During this Advent season, we celebrate and await the arrival (*advent*) of Christ in glory. We desire to and are allowing the Church to prepare us for Christ's Second Coming. The goal of our existence here on earth is to get ready to go to Heaven, to be with Christ forever. So, *are you ready?!*

If we are not ready for the Kingdom, everything else is in vain.

But if we are always prepared to go with Christ, whenever He calls us, we are truly celebrating Advent. While Jesus will come as a Judge, He is approaching us as a Child. He is a merciful God who wants us to welcome Him, embrace Him, and love Him, so that, by doing so, we may receive His love and mercy. His mercy may prepare us for His second coming. Have you been welcoming His mercy?

So, are we getting ready for the arrival of Jesus this Christmas, and whenever He calls us? Let us help each other, that is, love one another, so that many may be ready to go to the Kingdom of God. May God bless you and your family, give you a joyful Christmas and a blessed 2026. (<https://bit.ly/4itWslV>)

Fr. Marijan Sisko



We wish to extend a warm welcome to all visitors who attend Mass with us at St. Gregory's. We are happy to have you with us and invite you to introduce yourself to Fr. Marijan Sisko at the end of Mass and ask for

a registration form. Each member of our parish is an important part of our Catholic Family, sharing in gifts of faith from the Lord which are strengthened and deepened by our Communion in Jesus. If you are already a registered parishioner we would like to thank you for all your support. If you wish to use Offertory envelopes, please call the office and a box will be assigned to you.

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. There will be a break during Christmas.

Booking A Mass

If you wish to have a Mass said for the intentions of the living or for the deceased, you can do so during the week or on Sunday morning Masses. Only **one Sunday Mass** will be for the people of our Parish (*pro populo*), and we will rotate that Mass each weekend. You may book for the Masses for the next six months in advance.

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

Christmas and New Year's 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



Holiday Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed from December 22nd, 2025. We will re-open on Monday, January 5th, 2026. If there is an emergency that you need a priest right away, please call the office and leave a message, as messages will be checked daily.

Offertory Envelopes for 2026

If you use BOXED ENVELOPES, your boxed set for 2026 is 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!



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, January 14th & January 28th, 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

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. (development@archtoronto.org)



Closing of the Jubilee Year at St. Gregory the Great Church at 9:30 am Mass



This December 28, 2025, we will

close the extraordinary Jubilee Year at St. Gregory the Great church, a Jubilee site Parish. We are immensely grateful to the Lord Jesus, our Cardinal Leo and the Jubilee Committee for organizing the Jubilee activities and allowing us to have the Jubilee Year at St. Gregory's. There were so many moments of grace, through the prayers, the Sacraments of Confession and Communion, visitations, fasts, and almsgiving. We sought reconciliation and plenary indulgences for ourselves and the faithful departed, especially our dear family members and friends. I hope that we have used this opportunity well, that we have helped many souls in Purgatory to go to Heaven, and that they - now Saints - will pray for us.

But how can we have a plenary indulgence after the Jubilee ends? We may receive a partial indulgence in many ways. To obtain a plenary indulgence associated with a church or oratory, when devoutly visiting them, recite one Our Father and the Creed. It is required: sacramental confession, eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intention of the Pope.

Next, all attachment to sin, even venial sin, should be absent. These works are highly recommended: 1) adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for at least one half an hour; 2) devout reading of the Sacred Scriptures for at least one half an hour; 3) the pious exercise of the Way of the Cross; 4) the recitation of the Marian Rosary in a church or public oratory or in a family group, a religious Community or pious Association (<https://bit.ly/sacredindulg>).

So, as we conclude this Jubilee Year, let us pray for our Parish family: that the blessings we have received may inspire us to become ever more welcoming, forgiving, and generous, and that we may carry the spirit of Jubilee into the year ahead through acts of charity, prayer, and joyful service. Amen.

Sacramental Preparation

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

Confirmation: The first session for Confirmation will be **January 11th, 2026, at 10:45 a.m.** in the Parish Hall at Holy Cross

Baptism

If you are interested in having your child baptized, please request a registration form from the priest after attending the Sunday Mass.

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