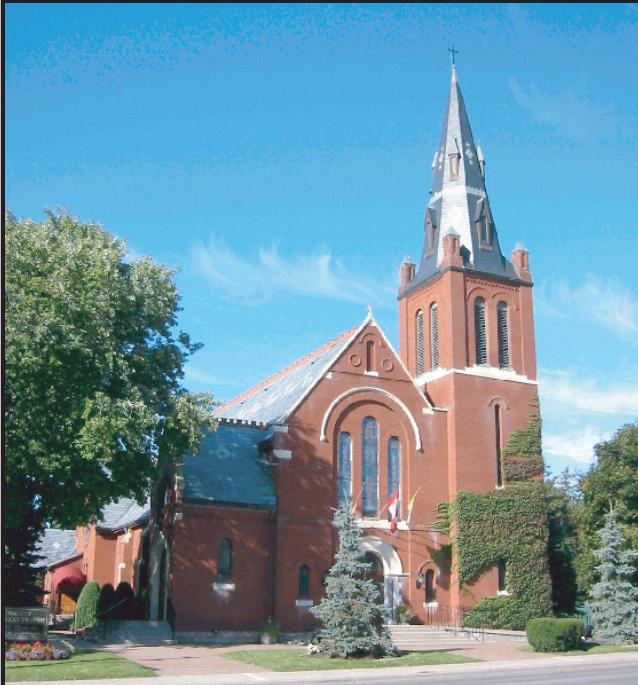


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Office Hours

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 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

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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.	February 15 th <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 a.m. ~ For The People 9:30 am ~ Intentions of Emma MacIntyre, req. her Parents 12:00 Noon – Mass at Holy Cross
TUES.	February 17 th – <i>The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i> Multiple Intention Mass 11:10 a.m. NEW! Adoration 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's + Xoan Nguyen & Tam Ta, req. Their Family
WED.	February 18 th – <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross Parish 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Gregory's
THUR.	February 19 th 8:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross
FRI.	February 20 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 + Giuseppe Guarini, req. his wife Angela
SAT.	February 14 th 3:30 p.m.- 4:15 p.m. Holy Cross Confessions 4:30 p.m. Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	February 15 th <i>First Sunday of Lent</i> 8:00 a.m. ~ For The People 9:30 am+ Deceased members of the DeSousa Family, req. Manuel & Gloria DeSousa 12:00 Noon – Mass at Holy Cross

St. Carlo said, “I offer my suffering...”

Mother of St. Carlo Acutis, whose relic we have at St. Gregory's church, testified that Carlo said before his death, “I offer my suffering for the pope and for the church, so as not to go to purgatory and to go straight to heaven” (<https://bit.ly/mysoncarlo>, p.13). This teen offered his sufferings, his life, his illness, leukemia, to God. When so many people attacked the Pope and the Church, he fought to support them, as St. Francis did. St. Carlo did it with the desire that the Lord Jesus would allow him to be purified here on earth, so that he would not have to go to Purgatory, but would be able to go directly to the Kingdom of God. How are you and I preparing ourselves for death and the Kingdom? Have we been offering our lives and crosses to the Lord? Are we trying to come to Heaven, or are we careless? Jesus wants you in His Kingdom; let's get ready.

Mass Intentions: A reminder that we are taking bookings for Mass Intentions 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 Mass will be for the Parish.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience

March 7-8, 2026: Fall in Love Again!

Are you ready for more growth and happiness in your marriage or priesthood? Join us on March 7-8 at Queen of Apostles for a weekend that could change your life. Discover the Secrets to a Lasting, Supportive, and Transformational Marriage!

This weekend is for couples, whether you are newlyweds or have been married for decades. It's also perfect for priests looking to deepen their relationship with their community.

Contact us: Christian & Elizabeth Arroba, 416-554-4439 or 416-554-7062 christian.elizabeth.arroba@wwme.org

How to obtain a Plenary Indulgence is

The Jubilee year is over, and with it a unique ability to obtain an indulgence. How can we attain an indulgence now, after the Jubilee year has ended? You 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 and by them you may seek to obtain a plenary indulgence: 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>).



NEW! There is a new Jubilee Year of St. Francis. The faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence by making a pilgrimage to a Franciscan church or a place of worship dedicated to St Francis, under the usual conditions. The sick, those who care for them, the elderly, and the homebound may also receive an indulgence. To learn more, go to <https://bit.ly/stfra26>

Heart To Heart Gala

Join us as we celebrate our 21st Heart to Heart Gala for Catholic Family Services! February 28, 2026, cocktails at 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm. Deer Creek Golf & Banquet Facility, Ajax, ON. Tickets are \$125 each. Visit <https://trellis.org/heart-to-heart-gala-2026> to purchase your tickets today! If you are unable to purchase your tickets online, please contact Tania McClean, 905-725-3513 x 121 or info@cfsdurham.com

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.

All About Fasting and Abstinence

Fasting is the limitation of food and drink, typically to one main meal and two smaller meals, with no solid foods in between. (But remember to drink enough fluids!). We fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. We fast because it helps us to pray better. An empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer. Catholics aged 18-59 are bound to fast. Those with impaired health should not fast in any way.

Abstinence is avoiding certain kinds of food or drink, typically meat or other desirable foods. Catholics are obliged to abstain from meat every Friday throughout the year (except solemn feast days). Instead of abstaining, you may substitute special acts of charity or piety on Fridays. **We abstain on Fridays because it's the day of Christ's saving death on the Cross; we abstain to share in His work of saving the world.** Catholics aged 14 and older are obliged to abstain. <https://bit.ly/3OnYuqy>

Catholic Family Services of Toronto

Online Bereavement Introductory Program: February 25, 2026 @ 7:00 pm. Register at: <https://nbb0226.eventbrite.ca>

Online Separated/Divorced Introductory Program

Thursday, February 26 - March 19, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Register at: <https://nbsd0226.eventbrite.ca>

For more information, please contact:

Arcangelo Limanni, MRE, MACP, RP (Qualifying)
alimanni@cfstoronto.com (647) 215-3978

Ash Wednesday is coming! Lent begins February 18th. Each year in our spiritual journey, we need to renew (have a fresh start) and enter into a period of REPENTANCE, CHANGE OF HEART and PRAYER.

MASS TIMES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

8:30AM – Holy Cross Parish

7:00PM – St. Gregory's Parish

Lent is a time of penance and repentance, or almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.

Stations of the Cross during Lent

There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday evening (**beginning Friday, February 20th**) after the 7:00 p.m. Mass. All are welcome!



St. Gregory's Youth

St. Gregory and Holy Cross Program for our youth in grades 6-8. Our next night will be held on **Wednesday, February 25th, 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/vmstghc> or scan QR code. For more information or to register, please contact our youth minister, Kim Carson, at: vmstghc@archtoronto.org



Please Note:



The Parish Office will be closed Monday, February 16th for Family Day.

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



Free Movie Night

Mark your calendar **for Saturday, February**

28th, at 6:30 p.m. in our Parish Hall. The Movie

will be **Disney's Big Hero 6.** 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 license expense.

Did you know that there is a chaplain on call at Lakeridge Health? In case of an emergency, or if you or your loved ones are admitted to the hospital for a serious surgery, you may ask the nurse to call a chaplain. Or, before your admission, you may contact Fr. Marijan if you wish to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Upon admission to the hospital, identify your religion as Catholic.

Prayer Group

St. John the Evangelist in Whitby has a Prayer Group that meet Wednesdays at 1pm to 3pm weekly in the Parish Centre. We have music, discussion topics, and DVD presentations. All are welcome. We are looking for new leaders to assist the group. Please call Klara 905-668-9579

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 next session for Confirmation is Sunday, **April 12, 2026, at 10:45 a.m.** in the Parish Hall at Holy Cross.

Are you civilly married or in a common-law relationship, possibly with previous marriages? If yes, contact the priest so that we can see how to help you seek an annulment and/or Marriage in the Church. In this way, eventually, you will be able to receive the Sacraments with a good conscience.

First Class Relic of St. Thomas Stolen From a Scarborough Syro-Malabar Church

Help us recover the relic of St. Thomas the Apostle! If you happen to see it abandoned or someone trying to sell it, please inform the Church authorities at 416-701-9996, 647-768-1884, or Crime Stoppers at 416-222-8477.

Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto CCAT is offering scholarships for new immigrants and refugees wanting to pursue further and/or continuing education. Applications are now being accepted. Deadline is April 30, 2026. Please submit all applications to: info@ccat.ca. Visit <https://ccat.ca/scholarships> for more information.

Come and See – Discernment Weekend

At St. Augustine's Seminary, there is a prayerful and supportive environment for young men aged 18 and above to reflect, hear vocation stories from seminarians, and engage in meaningful conversations with seminarians and priests, as well as participate in social gatherings. The next *Come and See* will be February 27 to March 1, 2026.

<https://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee>

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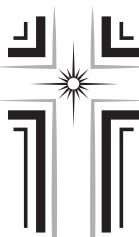
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