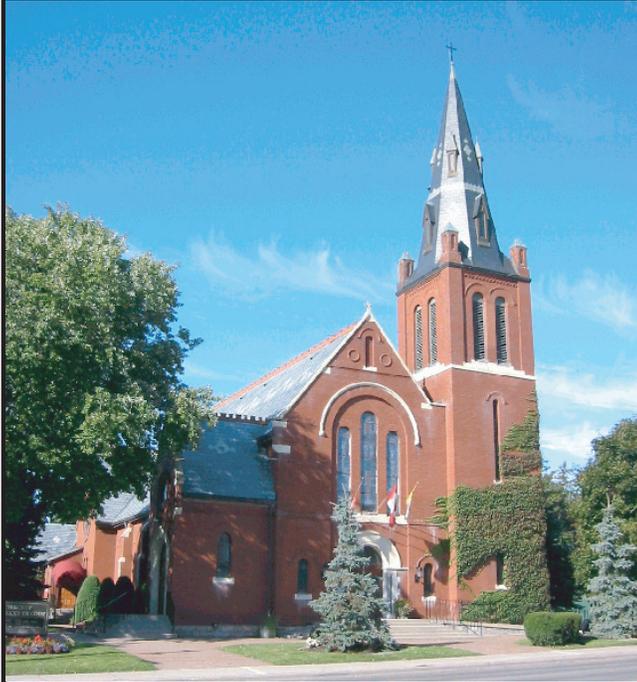


# St. Gregory The Great

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
FOUNDED 1843  
THE MOTHER CHURCH OF DURHAM



## OFFICE

194 Simcoe St. N.  
OSHAWA, ON L1G 4S9

Tel: 905-723-8141

web site: [www.stgregorythegreat.archtoronto.org](http://www.stgregorythegreat.archtoronto.org)

email: [stgregorythegreat@archtoronto.org](mailto:stgregorythegreat@archtoronto.org)

## Pastor

Fr. Marijan Sisko

## Deacon

David MacInnis

## Administrative Assistant

Jacqueline Martin

## 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.

<b>Mass Schedule &amp; Mass Intentions</b>	
SUN.	March 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> 8:00 a.m. – For The People 9:30 am+ Americo & Angela Coscarella, req. Frank & Sandy Coscarella Noon – Mass at Holy Cross 12:00 noon – Mass at Holy Cross
TUES.	March 3 <sup>rd</sup> <b>Multiple Intention Mass</b> <b>11:10 a.m. NEW! Adoration</b> 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's + Alfredo & Anna Aloise, req. Anita Osso + Enrico & Anna Osso, req. Anita Osso + Marino & Ottavio Osso, req. Anita Osso + Anna Aloe & Luka Guglielmo, req. Anita Osso
WED.	March 4 <sup>th</sup> 8:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross Parish 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Gregory's
THUR	March 5 <sup>th</sup> 8:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross
FRI.	March 6 <sup>th</sup> <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> + Francesco Fariello, req. Marina Fariello + Mass of Thanksgiving for Blessings received, req. Paulraji Family <b>After Mass in Lent: The Way of the Cross</b>
SAT.	March 7 <sup>th</sup> 3:30 p.m.- 4:15 p.m. <b>Holy Cross Confessions</b> 4:30 p.m. <b>Mass at Holy Cross</b>
SUN.	March 8 <sup>th</sup> <b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> 8:00 a.m. + Mario & Maria Cassano, req. their Daughter Theresa & Family 9:30 am – For The People Noon – Mass at Holy Cross

**Second Sunday of Lent**

This Sunday challenges us to listen to Jesus, embrace spiritual transformation, and move forward with hope. Just as Abram left his home and the disciples climbed the mountain, we are called to step beyond familiar routines, **confront our fears, and allow God's light to guide our Lenten journey.** Lent becomes a time to deepen trust, practice perseverance, and anticipate the resurrection and the glory that awaits.

**Book For Sale: Walking With Christ to the Cross**

By: Fr. Lazlo Nagy Cost: \$20 Available for purchase at the back of the Church.

**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.

**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](mailto:info@ccat.ca). Visit <https://ccat.ca/scholarships> for more information.

**How to obtain a Plenary Indulgence**

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>).



The faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence during **Jubilee Year of St. Francis** 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. <https://bit.ly/stfra26>

**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>

*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.*

**Have a blessed week**

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



### **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 25<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/vmstgbc> or scan QR code. For

more information or to register, please contact our youth minister, Kim Carson, at:

[vmstgbc@archtoronto.org](mailto:vmstgbc@archtoronto.org)



### **Eucharistic Jesus in my love**

During St. Carlo Acutis' last days, Carlo inspired his mother, Antonia: "Regardless of how the story of Carlo's disease ended, I decided to offer up my profound suffering for greater love toward the Sacrament of the Eucharist on the part of the People of God. The Eucharist was Carlo's great love. And so it also became my own" (<https://bit.ly/mysoncarlo>, 19). She suffered seeing her suffering son, who suffered seeing Jesus, whom he loved, suffering in the Eucharist, abandoned, despised, mistreated and rejected by many, even His children. At the same time, she offered her sufferings to the Father so that the children of the Church, us, may love (more) Jesus in the Eucharist. What will you do? Will Jesus in the Eucharist also be 'your great love?'

### **Lift Jesus Higher Rally - Power From On High**

For youth and adults on Saturday, March 14, 2026, 9 am – 5:30 pm. For tickets and information, visit [www.LJHR.ca](http://www.LJHR.ca).

### **Stations of the Cross during Lent**

Stations of the Cross are held on Fridays after the 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Gregory the Great, and on Thursdays at Holy Cross at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome!

### **Catholic Family Services of Toronto**

#### **Online Bereavement Introductory Program**

<https://nbb0226.eventbrite.ca>

#### **Online Separated/Divorced Introductory Program**

<https://nbsd0226.eventbrite.ca>

For more information, contact: Arcangelo Limanni, [alimanni@cfstoronto.com](mailto:alimanni@cfstoronto.com) (647) 215-3978

### **Prayer Group**

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

### **Sacramental Preparation**

#### **First Communion:**

1. Next Session - Today, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, at 10:45 in the Hall.
2. Sun. March 7<sup>th</sup> – Retreat 10:00 am -12:00 noon in the Hall.
3. Sat. May 2<sup>nd</sup> Rehearsal 10:00 a.m. in the Church
4. Sun. May 3<sup>rd</sup> First Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. St. Gregory's & 12:00 noon at Holy Cross.

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



### **Announcing the 2026 ShareLife Campaign**

As we approach our first ShareLife Sunday collection on March 22, it is essential that we come together in compassion to meet our Parish Campaign goal, **\$33,000.00** addressing the growing needs in our communities. Your support of ShareLife makes different programs possible. On March 21/22, we will welcome our seminarian, Ryan, to speak to us on behalf of ShareLife. Learn how your gift to ShareLife is changing lives at [sharelife.org/impact](http://sharelife.org/impact)



### **Pope Leo's Lenten Message 2026**

You may find Pope Leo's Lenten message for 2026 here, <https://bit.ly/popelent26>

### **Cardinal Leo's Lenten Message 2026**

<https://bit.ly/cardleolent26>



"During Lent, let us find concrete ways to overcome our indifference." —*Pope Francis*

### **St. Vincent de Paul News**

In the month of Jan. 2026, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul provided assistance to 97 households, which were made up of 124 adults and 39 children. This came to a total of \$5,020 in grocery vouchers, as well as 8 vouchers for clothing at the St. Vincent de Paul Store in downtown Oshawa. We are VERY thankful to the parishioners of St. Gregory's, whose donations allow us to help our Neighbours in Need. Without your ongoing support, we could not continue this outreach to the needy in our Parish. Thanks again.

### **World Day of Prayer**

World Day of Prayer Friday, March 6, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. St. John the Evangelist Parish, Whitby Fellowship to follow service in the Parish Centre.

### **Marriage Prep Course**

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, Brooklin April 30, 2026, May 1, 2026 & May 2, 2026 For more information, please contact the office: 905 655 3286 Ext 1.

### **Building Fund**

Next weekend, we will be taking up our Building Fund Collection. Your generous support will help alleviate the expenses of our ongoing and upcoming Parish projects.

### **Become a Legion of Mary member!**

Be part of the world's largest lay Apostolic organization for men and women. In union with Mary, we work under the direction of the parish priest to serve the community. Learn more by coming to our meeting – every Sunday after the 9:30 am Mass (approx. 10:45 am) in our parish hall.

### **17th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference**

When: Saturday, March 21, 2026, from 9 am to 4 pm

Where: Le Treport Banquet Hall, Mississauga.

Who: Please call Dorothy Pilarski at 416-907-1042.

How: Register at: <https://dwf2026.eventbrite.ca>

### **Elderly and Housebound**

If you have an elderly, frail or ill family member who is housebound, please call the office, give your contact information, and the priest will make a point of visiting to administer their yearly Sacraments during this Lent.

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



**EMBER'S  
GAS  
FIREPLACE  
SERVICE**

All Makes  
Cleaning & Fans  
Fully Licenced, Insured  
**905-728-0499**  
www.gasfireplaceservice.ca  
Parishioners

**Marks & Pellegrino**  
*Barristers and Solicitors*  
Bradley J. Marks, LL.B.  
Steven Pellegrino, LL.B.  
**905-728-5151/905-240-7797**

**DR. PETER RIORDAN**  
**Family Dentistry**  
RDC DENTAL  
973 Simcoe St. N.  
**905-433-0737**  
www.rdc dental.ca

**CREIGHTON LAW LLP**  
Barristers & Solicitors  
235 King St. E.  
**905-723-3446**  
*Serving the community for  
over 140 years*



**McIntosh-Anderson-Kellam**  
FUNERAL HOME LTD. EST. 1853

*Meeting Your Family's Needs*  
**John O. Kellam - Funeral Director**  
152 King St. E. **905.433.5558**



**BERRY HILL**  
FOOD COMPANY  
*Downtown Oshawa's Best Brunch  
Catering & Restaurant*  
82 King St. W. **905.240.9055**

**coco  
frutti**

**Breakfast • Lunch  
Brunch**

Buy 5 meals weekly  
& get 1 FREE\*  
7AM - 3PM Everyday  
**1 Warren Ave**  
Corner King & Park  
**905-728-6262**

\*conditions apply, see in store

**B.T.T.R**

**WINDOW & DOOR PRODUCTS INC.**

**Clare Pearce**

909 Simcoe St. N.,  
Unit 1B  
Oshawa, ON L1G 4W1



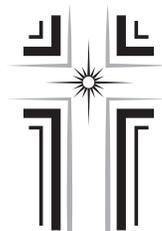
**905-571-2887**

**Oshawa  
Health  
Centre**



**PHARMACY**

All Drug Plans Accepted  
Free Delivery  
**247 Simcoe St. N. 905-576-4400**



**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES**  
FUNERAL SERVICES

In keeping with your Catholic faith  
[www.catholic-cemeteries.com](http://www.catholic-cemeteries.com)

Resurrection Cemetery  
**905-668-8912**



70 King St E • **905-259-5193** • [www.baomama.ca](http://www.baomama.ca) • @baomama\_official  
Try our Viral Batangas Lomi! | Filipino-Asian Baos | Dine-In, Online & Catering



**905-432-7665**  
1271 Simcoe St N, #5

**THE PERFECT SPOT TO ADVERTISE  
YOUR BUSINESS!**



TO ADVERTISE IN THIS SPACE PLEASE CALL 1-800-268-2637