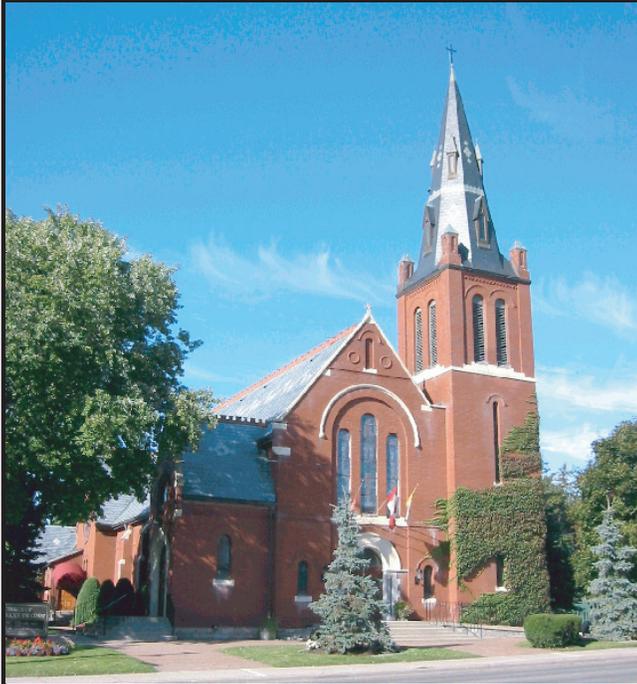


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Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon &
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Weekend Mass

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

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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.	March 8 th <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i> 8:00 a.m. + Mario & Maria Cassano, req. their Daughter Theresa & Family 9:30 am ~ For The People Noon – Mass at Holy Cross
TUES.	March 10 th Multiple Intention Mass 11:10 a.m. NEW! Adoration 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's + Paul, Tom, Robin + Paul McGill + Thomas Sandford + Richard Chance ~ Special Intention
WED.	March 11 th 8:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross Parish 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Gregory's
THUR.	March 12 th 8:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross
FRI.	March 13 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 <i>After Mass in Lent: The Way of the Cross</i>
SAT.	March 14 th 3:30 p.m.- 4:15 p.m. Holy Cross Confessions 4:30 p.m. Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	March 15 th <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> 8:00 a.m. ~ For the People 9:30 am + Andras Videki, req. Elizabeth Szombat 12:00 Noon – Mass at Holy Cross

ShareLife

Through ShareLife, you bring hope to those who need it most. The first ShareLife Sunday collection is on March 22. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, or at www.sharelife.org/donate. Our Parish goal is: \$35,000.00

A Call to Build Up Heroic Men of Faith this Lent

Starting on March 1, the Heroic 30 Challenge kicks off – inviting men on a 31-day journey featuring a different daily motivational video from Catholic leaders. With a focus on prayer, the aim is to help bring God back into viewers' daily routines. Topics will range from embracing fatherly protection and heroic protection to fortitude in adversity and prudence in decision-making. The challenge was inspired by Calgary Bishop William McGrattan's encouragement to make March a month of renewal for men. Heroic Men is a platform featuring Catholic media to spur conversations and host dynamic small groups in Parishes. To participate and sign up for the daily reflections, please visit <https://heroicmen.org/h30>

Book For Sale: *Walking With Christ to the Cross* by Fr. Lazlo Nagy. Cost: \$20. You may purchase it at the back of the Church.

Register Today for "A Day with Mary"

Please join us on Saturday, May 30, 2026 at Villanova College in King City. This family-friendly day will include Holy Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, the Rosary, confessions, a keynote address and children's catechesis. If you are interested and would like to attend, we are chartering a bus. There are only 45 seats available. The cost: Adults \$25, children and youth up to the age of 18: \$20. Please contact the office as soon as possible.



Pope Leo's Intentions for March

For disarmament and peace. Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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>

AN INSPIRATION FOR LENT

Get inspired, especially at this time of Lent and beyond, with an excellent and copyright-free e-book, audiobook, or quality article. There are various resources for children and youth, adults, and the elderly, for faith formation or quality entertainment. (<http://bit.ly/Catholicebooks>)

Toronto March for Life - Saturday, May 23, 2026.

This is a free event and is open to all ages and will consist of a peaceful gathering, a walk of solidarity throughout the streets of Downtown Toronto, concluding with a series of workshops. Canada is one of the very few countries in the world with absolutely no law on abortion whatsoever. With 300 pre-born children being killed every day, it is essential that we change hearts and minds in order to save lives. This year's featured guest speaker, Alissa Golob, will be sharing her experience of going undercover to expose the practice of late-term abortion across Canada. The Early Bird deadline for the workshops closes on Friday, April 23, 2026. Please visit: <https://torontomarchforlife.ca/workshops/>

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, March 11th 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/vmstghe> or scan QR code. For more information or to register, please contact our youth minister, Kim Carson, at: vmstghe@archtoronto.org



Free Movie Night



Mark your calendar **for Saturday, March 28th at 6:30 p.m.** in our Parish Hall. The Movie will be **Disney's Brave.** 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.

St. Carlo Acutis' plan of unity with Jesus

St Carlo Acutis said, "To always be united with Jesus, this is my life plan." Cardinal Angelo Comastri comments, "With these few words Carlo Acutis, outlines the distinctive feature of his short existence: live with Jesus, for Jesus, in Jesus" (<https://www.carloacutis.com/en/association>). In this holy season of Lent, how will you and I live more intensely for Jesus, live out of love for Jesus, and live with a deeper sense of worship, adoration, prayer, and thanksgiving in Jesus?"

Lenten Confessions:

March 26, 2026, 4:00-6:45 pm Holy Cross

March 27, 4:00-6:45 pm St. Gregory's

"The second precept ("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" (CCC, 2042). The Church wants us to confess with a priest at least once a year, or after committing a grave sin. Not confessing sins at least once a year breaks the precept of the Church, which is a grave matter, and it may be a grave sin. So, if we don't confess in more than a year, we need to confess that we didn't confess in more than a year!

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.

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
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Online Separated/Divorced Introductory Program
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For more information, contact: Arcangelo Limanni,
alimanni@cfstoronto.com (647) 215-3978

Let us pray for all men who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood at St. Augustine Seminary for the Come and See Weekend, and for holy vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

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.



Pope Leo's Lenten Message 2026

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

Engaged Couples



Couples planning to be married must contact a Priest one year in advance. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the Priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's office has been consulted.

Sacramental Preparation

First Communion:

1. Sun. March 8th – Retreat 10:00 am -12:00 noon in the Hall.
2. Sat. May 2nd Rehearsal 10:00 a.m. in the Church
3. Sun. May 3rd 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.

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.

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.

Building Fund

Today, March 8, there will be a second collection for the Parish Building Fund. This collection goes towards repairs that are needed in the Parish.

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