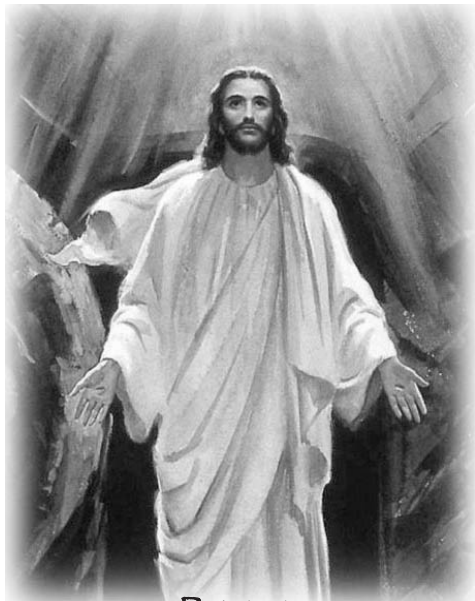


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## Office Hours

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.

<b>Mass Schedule &amp; Mass Intentions</b>	
SUN.	April 5 <sup>th</sup> <b>Easter Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. Mass – St. Gregory For the People 9:30 a.m. Mass – St. Gregory + Yen Pham & Nguong Ta, req. Their Family 12:00 Noon – Mass at Holy Cross 
TUES.	April 7 <sup>th</sup> <b>Multiple Intention Mass</b> <b>11:10 a.m. NEW! Adoration</b> 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory’s ~ Intentions of Anita Osso
WED.	April 8 <sup>th</sup> 8:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross Parish
THUR.	April 9 <sup>th</sup> 8:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross Parish
FRI.	April 10 <sup>th</sup> <b>Multiple Intention Mass</b> 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 + Intentions of Anita Osso
SAT.	April 11 <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.	April 12 <sup>th</sup> <b>Sunday of Divine Mercy</b> 8:00 a.m. Mass – St. Gregory For the People 9:30 a.m. Mass – St. Gregory + Ian Janes, req. his parents Mark & Maria 12:00 Noon – Mass at Holy Cross 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer-St Gregory

**ShareLife**

Thank you for being a beacon of hope. On Easter Sunday, we thank you for being a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters in need by supporting ShareLife. In their darkest hours, you are right beside them. As we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord this Easter Sunday, let us open our hearts to all. We have received \$5,723.15 of our Parish goal of \$35,000.00. Please donate by using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [www.sharelife.org/donate](http://www.sharelife.org/donate). A very Happy & Blessed Easter to all!

**Extraordinary Graces of Divine Mercy**

“In three places in her Diary, St. Faustina records our Lord's promises of specific, extraordinary graces: -I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession [beforehand] and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy (#1109). -Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life [Eucharist] on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment [read purgatory] (#300). -The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (#699).”  
<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/>

That is, one may be without need to go to Purgatory, or go straight to Heaven if one dies soon after confessing well and receiving Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday.

**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 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.

**Sacramental Preparation**

**First Communion:**

- Sat. May 2<sup>nd</sup> Rehearsal 10:00 a.m. in the Church
- 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 Confirmation session is **next Sunday, April 12, 2026, at 10:45 a.m.** in the Parish Hall at Holy Cross.

Learn how to **obtain a plenary or partial indulgence** in your Parish church (<https://bit.ly/sacredindulg>), or via Jubilee Year of St. Francis (<https://bit.ly/stfra26>)



**Call to Build Up Heroic Men of Faith this Lent**

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>

**“Jesus, my Communion”**

Sometime after St. Carlo’s death, his mother Antonia found a note in Carlo’s computer. There, he spoke about hope and death. I will focus with you on one of his sayings, “Jesus, my Communion”. Jesus is a communion of God and man. He decided to become the *Holy Communion*, the Eucharist, the Body of Christ, the host. Through this Holy Communion, our Lord gives us, creates for us a holy communion with the holy communion of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Jesus gives us access to the power of His life and passion, death and resurrection. Jesus gives us His resurrection when we welcome Him, when we open ourselves, our hearts and lives to Him, our ‘good, bad, and ugly.’ Jesus gives us a share in His eternal life. Jesus, the Holy Communion gives us a ‘communion’, a ‘union with’ God, and especially those who share in His Holy Communion worthily, the Church. He gives us communion with everyone and everything, especially those who do God’s will. Can we also say, with St. Carlo, “Jesus, my Communion”? (<https://bit.ly/mysoncarlo>, 22)

**Building Fund Collection**

Next Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 there will be a second collection for the Parish Building Fund. This collection goes towards repairs that are needed in the parish.



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



### **Easter Message**

#### **Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Happy Easter!**

As I write this just before Holy Week, I reflect on the resurrection of Christ, while just preparing to enter into His Passion and death. Expecting Jesus' resurrection, even in the midst of the

most hopeless situations, we expect our resurrection as well.

Isn't that, however, an image of the Christian life? We are here in this 'valley of tears', subject to pain, anxiety, and sorrow. We are worrying not only about the Ukrainian tragedy of war, but also about the Middle East being set on fire, which threatens to spread. There is a concern that conflict might also affect us, at least in terms of the increased cost of fuel, food, and living. There are also dramas often in our personal and family life, at the workplace and school. We, in a smaller or bigger way, experience the reality of the cross.

But with Jesus, there is resurrection! Jesus Christ rose from the terrible suffering and death on the Cross to resurrection and glorified existence. We are offered to unite our sufferings and crosses, pains and death to Jesus in His Passion and Resurrection. He is inviting us to entrust, 'cast all our anxieties into His hands because He cares for us' (1 Pt 5:7). The more we seek to entrust ourselves and unite to Christ, the more we will be able to experience His resurrection.

May our Risen Lord unite us to Himself, and so help and bless the Church and our world with the gifts of resurrection, peace, love, and reconciliation in truth between nations, groups, and individuals. May our loving God bless you and your family.

***Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Marijan Sisko***

### **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Information Night**

**April 30<sup>th</sup> 7 pm – 9 pm, St. Gregory's Parish Hall**

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) offers to the youngest children the most essential aspects of our faith, knowing that these truths will nurture their need to love and be loved and their capacity to enjoy God's presence in their lives. Come for a taste of this internationally recognized, Montessori-based approach to the religious education of children; we will discuss the spirituality of children and ways of responding to their silent request, "Help me to come to God, by myself," through an initiation into Church life. This CGS formation day is for all who are interested or already involved in caring for the spiritual lives of children, in the home, parish or school. **Would you like to catechize children, or do you know how to work with wood or sewing?** Please contact the Parish Office to RSVP at (905) 723-8141. If you are interested in learning more but are unable to attend the information sessions on April 30<sup>th</sup>, please visit the Archdiocese of Toronto's CGS webpages or contact Anna Boyagoda at [aboyagoda@archtoronto.org](mailto:aboyagoda@archtoronto.org).

### **The Sanctuary Lamp**

The Sanctuary lamps burn for the month of April for the repose of the souls of Anne Vasey & Helen Livett.

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### **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,**

**April 22<sup>nd</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)



### **World Youth Day 2026**

Archdiocese World Youth Day Mass 2026, is open to all young adults ages 19–39. Gather with young adults from across the Archdiocese for a powerful evening of faith, prayer, and community as we celebrate the Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Christ the King. The Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Frank Leo on **Saturday, November 21, 2026, at 7 p.m.** at Saint Thomas More Parish, 2234 Ellesmere Rd, Scarborough, ON, M1G 3M9.

### **Re: World Youth Day 2027 Pilgrimage to Seoul, South Korea**

The Office of Catholic Youth (OCY) is excited to begin gathering interest for the World

Youth Day 2027 pilgrimage to Seoul, South Korea. We invite young adults ages 19–39 to let us know if they are interested in travelling with OCY for this incredible pilgrimage of faith, prayer, and communion with the universal Church. As we begin preparing for Seoul 2027, OCY looks forward to hearing from young adults and parish communities who may wish to take part in this exciting journey.



Let us pray for our priest(s) and fellow Parishioners; for the Church, the Pope; that there may be holy: vocations, bishops, priests, deacons, religious, marriages, families and holy single people; for repentance, salvation and peace in the world; and for all the deceased.

### **Employment Opportunity**

**YOUTH MINISTER**

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903 Giffard Street Whitby, ON L1N 2S3

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Word or PDF format to: Fr. Francisco Fernandez at

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

Deadline for receipt of applications is April 15, 2026.

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