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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.	April 12 th <i>Sunday of Divine Mercy</i> 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. <i>Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer-St Gregory</i>
TUES.	April 14 th Multiple Intention Mass 11:10 a.m. NEW! Adoration 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's ~ Intentions of Anita Osso
	
	April 15 th 8:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross Parish
THUR.	April 16 th 8:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross Parish
FRI.	April 17 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 + Rudy & Elsa Monego, req. Their Family + Irene Scullion, req. Kerri & John ~ Intentions of Anita Osso
SAT.	April 17 th 3:30 p.m.- 4:15 p.m. Holy Cross Confessions 4:30 p.m. Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	April 18 th <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> 8:00 a.m. Mass – St. Gregory + Mario & Maria Cassano, req. their Daughter & Family 9:30 a.m. Mass – St. Gregory ~ For the People 12:00 Noon – Mass at Holy Cross

ShareLife

With your support, ShareLife-funded agencies can continue to provide vital services—like counselling for families, support for isolated seniors, and care for those facing mental health challenges—\$6,558.15 toward our goal of \$35,000.00. Please donate by using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at www.sharelife.org/donate.

Help Not Harm: Take Action to Support Bill C-218

You're invited to visit: helpnotharmcanada.ca where you can e-mail your Member of Parliament (MP), asking for their support of Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act), which would amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition. Without this change, MAiD will be available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027.

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.

St Gregory's is leasing the 2nd floor of the school. If interested, visit <https://bit.ly/rentstgsch>

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 2nd Rehearsal 10:00 a.m. in the Church
- Sun. May 3rd First Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. St. Gregory's & 12:00 noon at Holy Cross

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

St. Carlo and Divine Mercy in confession

Since today is Divine Mercy Sunday, I asked myself, what does St. Carlo say about God's mercy? It seems to me that St. Carlo experienced and taught that God's mercy is best revealed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thus, his mother writes, "Carlo said that Christ is manifested in confession and that we reconcile with the Father through the Holy Spirit. The fruit of the Sacrament of Penance is peace. Carlo felt the need to explain that confession is also called the sacrament of mercy, because it reflects God's love for us – the love of he who died on the cross to save us and redeem us" (<https://bit.ly/mysoncarlo>, 121). I read here that confession is the expression of God's mercy for us. It is the Sacrament of forgiving love. The Trinity wants to forgive us. Christ's ambassadors, the Saints, such as St. Carlo, invite us to welcome His mercy. Are we allowing God's mercy to touch, love to transform, and peace to flood our hearts?

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>)



Have a wonderful & blessed week!

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



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.

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.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd- Information Night April 30th 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 30th, please visit the Archdiocese of Toronto's CGS webpages or contact Anna Boyagoda at aboyagoda@archtoronto.org.



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 22nd, 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/ymstghc> or scan QR

code. For more information or to register, please contact our youth minister, Kim

Carson, at: ymstghc@archtoronto.org



Employment Opportunity

YOUTH MINISTER at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Whitby. Modified Full time (25 hours per week). Temporary Maternity Leave Replacement – 1 Year. Target Hiring Salary: \$21.75 per hour. stjohntheevangelistwh@archtoronto.org by April 15, 2026.



Easter at St. Gregory's is truly a joyous family celebration. It takes many helpers working together to ensure that Holy Week and Easter are joyful and meaningful celebrations. Thank you to all involved especially our Music Ministry, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristan, Altar Servers and Ushers for their participation. Also thank you to our cleaners and decorators and especially, you our Parishioners who came out in faith to share and celebrate!

Free Movie Night



This month's movie night will be held **April 18th 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.

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.

Pope Leo's Intentions for April

For priests in crisis Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Building Fund Collection

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

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING - PAG If you wish to use the Pre-Authorized Giving Method for your Offertory envelopes, please pick up a form available in the foyer of the Church. Thank you!

Financial Report

The Parish's Financial Report for 2025 is now available. Fr. Marijan and members of our Finance Council will be holding a Town Hall meeting to review it with our parishioners on Thursday, April 16th, 2026, at 7:00 pm in our Parish Hall. Please plan to attend.



Hospice & Palliative Care Help Line 'HopeLine' – 416-619-5700

Call Hope Line, which is an information resource tool made by the Archdiocese, to help you establish connections with hospice palliative care options within your home community (<https://bit.ly/HopeLineTO>)

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