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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

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 19 th Third Sunday of Easter 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
TUES.	April 21 st Multiple Intention Mass 11:10 a.m. NEW! Adoration 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's ~ Intentions of Anita Osso
WED.	April 22 nd 8:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross Parish
THUR.	April 23 rd <i>St. George & St. Adalbert</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross Parish
FRI.	April 24 th Multiple Intention Mass – St. Fidelis 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 ~ Intentions of Anita Osso + Robert & Astrid Martin, req. their daughter
SAT.	April 25 th - St. Mark 3:30 p.m.- 4:15 p.m. Holy Cross Confessions 4:30 p.m. Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	April 26 th Fourth Sunday of Easter 8:00 a.m. Mass – For the People 9:30 a.m. Yen Pham & Nguang Ta 12:00 Noon – Mass at Holy Cross

ShareLife

Through ShareLife, you provide safety to those in need. Your kindness makes it possible for refugees to create a sanctuary in Canada, providing hope and new beginnings to our brothers and sister in need. **The second ShareLife Sunday is on April 26th.** So far, we have raised \$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 at 905 655 3286 Ext 1.

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

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.

'Prepare yourself and don't worry.'

Close to his death, as St. Carlo was arriving at the hospital in Monza, he said to his mother, "I'm not getting out of here alive. Prepare yourself.' He said these words to me because he did not want me to arrive at the moment of his death unprepared. He also explained that he would send me many signs from heaven, and so I should not worry" (<https://bit.ly/mysoncarlo>, 24). The Saints are unique copies of Christ, His living imitations. Here, St. Carlo was like our Lord, who also prepared His and our Mother Mary for His death. She needed to prepare Her Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart. Jesus wanted His Mother to be ready for His life-giving death. St. Carlo, like Jesus, would send many signs from Heaven. Hence, Carlo said to his mother, 'There is no need to worry.' Instead, she needed to trust in the Lord. We, like St. Carlo, are invited to imitate Christ. We know that we also 'are not getting from here alive', from this earth. We need to be ready, always, for the hour of our death. Jesus is with us, so we don't need to worry. We need to trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. Then, are we ready for the Lord's coming and trusting in Him? Are we prepared to follow in the footsteps of the Lord and His Saints, even St. Carlo?



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.

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

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Information Night April 30th 7 pm – 9 pm, St. Gregory’s 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



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.

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>)



Sacramental Preparation

Remaining Confirmation Classes at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, April 12, 2026, Sunday April, 19, 2026, Sunday, April 26, 2026. All held in Holy Cross Parish Hall.

On Saturday, May 2nd, 2026, the students in the first Communion Prep class will attend a rehearsal at St. Gregory’s Parish at 10:00 am. On Sunday, May 3rd, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. Mass, Fr. Marijan will give First Holy Communion to the children of the surrounding schools. We look forward as a Parish community to this uniquely special event in the life of members of our Parish.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul News

In Feb 2026, our SSVP Conference assisted 62 Families consisting of 90 adults and 43 children. They received \$3,810 in grocery store gift cards. In March 2026, we assisted 88 families consisting of 104 Adults and 31 children. They received \$4,500.00 in grocery store gift cards. From Feb.1, 2026, to March 30, 2026, we issued 13 vouchers to families to purchase clothes and sundry items from the St. Vincent de Paul store in Oshawa. Please remember our Neighbours in Need by donating to the Poor Boxes at the entrances to the Church.

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.

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.



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. Pray with the Pope: Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd and companion on the journey, today we place in your hands all priests, especially those going through moments of crisis, when loneliness weighs heavily, when doubt clouds their hearts, and when exhaustion seems stronger than hope. You who know their struggles and wounds, renew in them the certainty of your unconditional love. Let them feel they are not mere functionaries or lonely heroes, but beloved sons, humble and cherished disciples, and pastors sustained by the prayer of their people.

Good Father, teach us as a community to care for our priests: to listen without judging, to give thanks without demanding perfection, to share with them the baptismal mission of proclaiming the Kingdom in word and deed, and to accompany them with closeness and sincere prayer. May we support those who so often support us.

Holy Spirit, rekindle in our priests the joy of the Gospel. Grant them healthy friendships, networks of fraternal support, a sense of humour when things don’t go as expected, and the grace to always rediscover the beauty of their vocation. May they never lose trust in You, nor the joy of serving Your Church with a humble and generous heart. Amen.



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