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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

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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.	May 10 <sup>th</sup> <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter- <b>Mother's Day</b></i> 8:00 a.m. Mass ~ For The People 9:30 a.m. + Anastasia Beaudette & Anne McLaughlin, req. The Mitchell Family 12:00 Noon – Mass at Holy Cross
TUES.	May 12 <sup>th</sup> <b>Multiple Intention Mass-Saints Nereus &amp; Achilleus</b> 11:10 a.m. NEW! Adoration 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's + Patrick & Christine Montgomery, req. St. Gregory's Conference St. Vincent de Paul Intentions of Anita Osso
WED.	May 13 <sup>th</sup> - <i><b>Our Lady of Fatima</b></i> 8:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross Parish
THUR	May 14 <sup>th</sup> - <i><b>St. Matthias</b></i> 8:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross Parish
FRI.	May 15 <sup>th</sup> Multiple Intention Mass- <i>St. Isidore</i> 5:45 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions & Adoration At St. Gregory's 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Gregory's ~Intentions of Anita Osso + Giuseppe Barbieri, req. The Zavarise Family + Rita Wrubel, req. Marg & Bill Puchalski
SAT.	May 16 <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.	May 17 <sup>th</sup> <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter- <b>Mother's Day</b></i> 8:00 a.m. Mass ~ For The People 9:30 a.m. + Vincent & Loretta Kelly, req. The Kelly Family 12:00 Noon – Mass at Holy Cross


**St. Carlo and Our Lady of Fatima**

St. Carlo died on October 12, the eve of the final Marian apparition in Fatima (<https://bit.ly/mysoncarlo>, 24-25). While October has traditionally been the month of the Holy Rosary, May is the month of Mary. Since we are in May, let's continue to reflect together on the significance of Mary and St. Carlo for our lives.

In Fatima, one of the three Fatima children said to the Blessed Virgin Mary, "I have many petitions from many people. Will you grant them?" [She replied,] "Some I shall grant, and others I must deny. People must amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins. They must not offend our Lord any more, for He is already too much offended!" [The child said,] "And is that all you have to ask?" [Mary replied] "There is nothing more" (<https://bit.ly/6fati>). We have many desires and prayers. Even if we don't express them, our hearts crave different blessings, graces, and gifts from God. But to obtain those that are really important to us, it is necessary to 'amend our lives and ask pardon for our sins.' To 'amend' means to improve and fix whatever needs to become good in our lives. Second, 'asking pardon for our sins' is indispensable. Rejecting sin and turning away from sin towards God is God's absolute requirement for our salvation. Next, stopping offending God, as an extension of not sinning, is significant. It is worrisome how, in our time, people, even Catholics, offend God with ease and think it is fine to do so, jeopardizing their eternal destiny. St. Carlo regularly used the Sacraments, especially Reconciliation, and sought to improve His relationship with God. He refused to offend God and taught others to respect God's commandments. For example, he once invited boys to stop blaspheming (<https://bit.ly/mysoncarlo>, 57). Are we improving our relationship with God by loving Him, rejecting sin, and refusing to offend God? There is a beauty in the simplicity of a true Catholic Christian life.

**Collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works May 16/17**

This collection was established by the bishops of Canada in 1970. The Papal Charities allow the Pope to contribute to various charitable causes around the world, particularly in aid of the victims of war, famine and natural disasters. By contributing to the Pope's Pastoral Works, the faithful of Canada give a universal dimension to their charity.

 Your gift to ShareLife can build the path to hope. So far, we have raised \$11,705.90 towards our goal of \$35,00.00. Please give at the Parish using a ShareLife envelope, or at [www.sharelife.org/donate](http://www.sharelife.org/donate).

**Building Fund Collection Today**

Today, we will have a second collection for our Building Fund. Your generous support will help alleviate the expenses of our ongoing and upcoming parish project.

**Congratulations to our First Communion children!**

Thank you to the parents, our First Communion Catechists, Adele, Dina, Sandy, and Tanja; Jacqui and Sarah, musicians, readers, ushers, altar servers, sacristans, gardeners and florists...

**Receiving Communion at St. Gregory**

Beloved, for some time, some brothers and sisters have been asking me to allow them to use the kneelers for the reception of the Holy Communion. So, I plan to introduce the kneelers experimentally for some time at Tuesday and Friday Masses and at 9:30 am Mass on Sundays only. Our Mother Church gives us Jesus truly present in the Eucharist and allows us to receive Him, on the tongue or in the hand, kneeling or standing, and I will respect that. The presence of the kneeler, however, doesn't mean that God's people are forced to receive Communion kneeling. What the Church doesn't permit is reception of the Holy Communion by non-Catholics (except the Orthodox if they don't have their church in the vicinity), or by Catholics who are in an objective state of mortal sin. The latter must confess validly before receiving Communion. Then, whether we receive Jesus standing or kneeling, in our hands or on our tongue, let us welcome Him 'in the state of grace,' with love, joy, prayer, worship, and adoration in our mind and heart. After we return to our pews following the reception of Communion and at the end of the Mass, let us offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to our God, humbly praying for all in any need.

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

### Happy Mother's Day! Prayer for Mothers

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of motherhood. Today, we celebrate the loving sacrifice of mothers, both biological and spiritual, who nurture and guide us in Your ways. Bless them with joy, strength, and love to continue their selfless devotion. May they feel deeply appreciated and honoured not just today, but every day. Bless them for eternity. Amen.

### Pope Leo's Intentions for May, 2026

#### That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoiding wasting food and ensuring that everyone has access to quality food.

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>)



### Ways To Simplify Your Giving in 2026

Thank you to all our parishioners for your continued support of St. Gregory's. Your generous offertory giving supports the daily operation, care, and faith formation of our parish. Online giving is also available through our website, with one-time or monthly options. Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG). When you sign up for the PAG, it offers convenient automatic deductions that can be adjusted or cancelled at any time. Forms are available at the back of the church or in the office.

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



### Reception for Amy MacInnis

Next Sunday, after the 12 noon Mass at Holy Cross, the CWL of Holy Cross Parish will host a reception for Amy MacInnis, Deacon Dave's daughter. She will be entering the Christ the Bridegroom Monastery on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

### Guest Speaker from The Chalice

On August 22/23, we will welcome Deacon Thomas from the Archdiocese of Toronto, who will speak to us on behalf of Chalice. Chalice is a Catholic international aid charity focused on child, family and community development. He will be here to talk to you about sponsoring a child.



### 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,**

**May 20<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)



### RENEW TORONTO

#### YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

**November 20-21, 2026** <https://www.renewtoronto.org>

Join us for our annual RENEW Toronto Young Adult Catholic Conference for young adults ages 19-39. This year, don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to learn how to defend the faith. Throughout the conference, you will get the opportunity to connect with fellow young adults and reignite your spiritual journey through impactful sessions and workshops.

**SAVE THESE DATES!!**

June 1st – Early bird registration opens

July 1st – Regular Registration begins (prices go up)

October 2 – Late Registration Pricing in Effect

November 4th – Registration Closes

### World Youth Day Mass 2026

November 21 at 7 p.m. at St. Thomas More Parish, Scarborough. Celebrant: His Eminence Cardinal Frank Leo

### World Youth Day 2027 in 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. The WYD 2027 theme is: *“Take courage! I have overcome the world”* (John 16:33). Chosen by Pope Francis, this theme encourages young people to place their hope and confidence in Christ in a world often marked by anxiety, division, and rapid change. As we begin preparing for Seoul 2027, OCY looks forward to hearing from young people who may wish to take part in this exciting journey.



### Totus Tuus – Summer Camp

Yes, we are back here once again at St. Gregory the Great. Camp will start Sunday, August 9th-13th, for kids in grades 7-12 in the evening and day camp, from Monday, August 10th-14th, for grades 1-6. Registration will open soon, but for now, please save the date. We are also looking for volunteers to prepare meals, as well as host our missionaries. We are also looking for student volunteers to help out with the day camps. (hours can be earned) For more information, please email Kim at [vmstgbc@archtoronto.org](mailto:vmstgbc@archtoronto.org)

### Confirmation

Confirmation Rehearsal & Confessions will be held on June 6 at 10 am at Holy Cross Parish.

Sacrament of Confirmation: June 7th at 12 noon at Holy Cross with Most Rev. Bishop Vincent Nguyen.

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