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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.

**Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions**

SUN.	May 17 <sup>th</sup> <b>The Ascension Of The Lord</b> 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
TUES.	May 19 <sup>th</sup> <b>Multiple Intention Mass</b> 11:10 a.m. NEW! Adoration 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's + Theresa Le Breton, req. her Daughter's Florence, Carole & Family
WED.	May 20 <sup>th</sup> <b>St. Bernardine of Siena</b> 8:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross Parish
THUR	May 21 <sup>st</sup> - <b>St. Christopher Magallanes and companions</b> 8:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross Parish
FRI.	May 22 <sup>nd</sup> <b>Multiple Intention Mass- St. Rita of Cascia</b> 5:45 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions & Adoration At St. Gregory's 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Gregory's
SAT.	May 23 <sup>rd</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 24 <sup>th</sup> <b>Pentecost Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. Mass + Mario & Maria Cassano, req. their Daughter & Family 9:30 a.m. ~ For the People 12:00 Noon – Mass at Holy Cross

**Today we will have a second collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works**

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.



**3rd ShareLife Collection  
May 31, 2026**

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).

DCDSB Seeks Volunteer Community Member to Serve on the Audit Committee. The Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB) is seeking a volunteer community member with financial and business expertise to serve on its Audit Committee for a three-year term, effective immediately. To learn more, please visit [dcdsb.ca](http://dcdsb.ca). The deadline to submit a letter of interest and resume is Friday, May 29, 2026.

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>)



**Reception for Amy MacInnis**

Today, 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. God's Blessings

Amy was raised in a Catholic family that read Bible stories, attended Mass, and prayed together. In her teens, she developed a love for God as Truth, but while she pursued knowledge of the Truth by studying philosophy and theology, she realized that her desire to know God went far beyond the intellectual. She wanted to know Him the way close friends and family know each other without needing to know every single fact about each other. She longed for a deep, personal relationship with God, which would require spending time with Him in prayer. She began attending a Byzantine Catholic parish, and when she discovered there were Byzantine nuns, she spoke to her priest, who sent her a list of monasteries in North America, one of which was Christ the Bridegroom. She began discerning with that community in late 2022 and will be entering the monastery on May 20, 2026.

Let us pray for Amy that God may bless her in her vocation, and may Amy always remember us in her prayers. Congratulations to Amy, the family, especially her parents, Deacon Dave and Maureen.

**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.

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.

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



### 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.



### Register Now For 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.

Please note: The Office will be closed on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, for Victoria Day Holiday.

VICTORIA DAY

### St. Carlo and Our Lady of Fatima - Rosary

St. Carlo's mother testifies that he was 'struck while reading the memoirs of Sister Lucia of Fatima, that one of her teenage friends would have to stay in Purgatory until the end of the world, while then the boy and now St. Francisco of Fatima needed to recite many rosaries to enter Heaven' (<https://bit.ly/mysoncarlo>, 96). He said, 'worried,' "If Francisco, who was so good, so kind and simple, had to recite so many rosaries to go to heaven, how could I ever earn it, since in comparison I am much less saintly?" (*ibid*). Well, if St. Carlo was worried that he was not as holy as St. Francisco, who needed many rosaries to enter Heaven, what about us, you and I? Many think that everyone is eventually going to Heaven, even if they break God's commandments. (The Church has condemned this 'universalism', a concept that everyone will be saved, as a heresy at the 2nd Council of Constantinople.) They think, 'God will forgive, I can do whatever I want.' Yes, God is willing to forgive. But without God's grace and our repentance, our rejection of sin and evil according to the standards of God and the Church, and welcoming God's mercy, there is no salvation. So, how many rosaries do you need to say? If you are a father or mother, do you pray the rosary with your spouse or children? Let us pray to our God, asking the Blessed Virgin Mary for her intercession, that we may not be 'worried,' but confident and assured that we will go to Heaven one day.

### Congratulations

We offer our congratulations and prayers to the four men ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, May 9, 2026

Rev. Matteo Bertozzi

Rev. Moonjun Alphonse Choi

Rev. Matthew Steven Tuanquin Tulio

Rev. Victor Manuel Valdés

May the Lord bless them as they begin the great journey of serving the people of God throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto.

### 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.*



“What will you say when you meet God face to face? Better still, what will God say to you? Will you be able to answer that you served faithfully? Can you answer that now? If God is calling you, visit, [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca).

Looking for a job? [www.bit.ly/ArchTOcareers](http://www.bit.ly/ArchTOcareers)

**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.

**Congratulations to our First Communion Children!**

The Parishes of Holy Cross & St. Gregory's would like to congratulate the children who have received Jesus in the Eucharist, the Holy Communion for the first time and their families, all those students from St. Thomas Aquinas, St. John XXIII, & neighboring schools. May Jesus and the Holy Spirit fill your hearts and live so that you may faithfully walk with His Church. Feed on Him always in the Eucharist!

**Thank You**

Thank you to our First Communion Catechists, Adele, Dina, Sandy, and Tanja; Jacqui and Sarah, musicians, readers, ushers, altar servers, sacristans, gardeners and florists and the CWL of both Holy Cross and St. Gregory for their gifts.

**Have a safe & blessed long weekend**



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