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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.	May 24 th Pentecost Sunday 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
TUES.	May 26 th Multiple Intention Mass- St. Philip Neri 11:10 a.m. NEW! Adoration 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's + Rita Wrubel, req. Frank & Mari Cervenk + Jeff Elik req. Carole & Family + Rosalia Bonacci & Pietrina Colosimo, req. Barbieri Family
WED.	May 27 th St. Augustine of Canterbury 8:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross Parish
THUR	May 28 th 8:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross Parish
FRI.	May 29 th Multiple Intention Mass- St. Paul VI Pope 6:15 p.m. Confessions & Adoration At St. Gregory's 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Gregory's
SAT.	May 30 th 3:30 p.m.- 4:15 p.m. Holy Cross Confessions 4:30 p.m. Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	May 31 st The Most Holy Trinity 8:00 a.m. For The People 9:30 a.m. ~ Thomas Driscoll 12:00 Noon – Mass 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>)



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.

It's Gardening Time! Calling all Gardeners...



We are seeking volunteers who can use their gifts & talents to serve our parish by joining our gardening team! Our parish landscaping is always so beautiful and helps provide a welcoming & inviting feel in our community. We would like to thank our current and past gardeners who have always done a wonderful job planting and maintaining our beautiful gardens. If you would like to serve in this way, please call the parish office 905-723-8141.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION



We will have a Corpus Christi procession on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi, on Sunday June 7th following the 9:30 am Mass. All parishioners and friends are invited to join us. At the end of the Mass, we will go from the church to the parking lot and back bringing Jesus to bless us, our families and neighborhood, city, province, country, and whole world. In case of inclement weather, the procession will be in the church.



Your gift to ShareLife invests in the future of our Church. Your support of ShareLife helps form future priests—men who will listen, accompany, comfort, and offer Christ to the world. Rev. James Cyfko spent a decade in formation at St. Augustine's Seminary, preparing to lay down his life for the people of God. "I deeply appreciate the ongoing charity of ShareLife," says Rev. James Cyfko. "I am eager to give back to the community which has helped me focus on faithfully following my vocational calling." Your devotion lifts the burden of financial worry, enabling men to embrace God's call fully in preparation for a life of service. Next Sunday, May 31, is the third ShareLife Sunday collection of the year. Thus far, we have raised \$11,780.90 toward our \$35,000.00 goal. Please give at the Parish using a ShareLife envelope, or at www.sharelife.org/donate.

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/rentstgch>

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.



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, June 3rd, 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/vmstgch)



or scan QR code. For more information or to register, please contact our youth minister, Kim Carson, at: vmstgch@archtoronto.org



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. The deadline to submit a letter of interest and resume is Friday, May 29, 2026.

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

**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

Free of charge online Catholic education

The Institute of Catholic Culture offer online adult Catholic education programs free of charge, covering a broad spectrum of topics in the Catholic liberal arts, including theology, philosophy, history, scripture, literature, catechetics, and more (<https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/>).

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 is now open. 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 ymstgchc@archtoronto.org

Congratulations, Amy and Family!

Congratulations to Amy MacInnis, daughter of our Deacon David and Maureen. Amy entered the monastery last Wednesday. May God bless her and support her in her vocation. She will pray for us. Let us pray for her.

 God has made each of us in His image and likeness. When He created you, He willed in you a specific purpose that can bring deep fulfillment and profound joy. A vocation is the particular way that God calls you to live out your life. Can you answer that now? If God is calling you, visit www.vocationstoronto.ca.

St. Carlo and St. Jacinta of Fatima: all for eternity

St Carlo, “often repeated [a phrase] that clearly reveals the importance Carlo attributed to spending time before God: ‘If people truly realized how lovely it is to be in God’s grace, respecting his commandments, they would do everything so as not to commit grave sins and would work as hard as possible to help those who live far away from God.’ He often cited Saint Jacinta of Fátima, who used to say, ‘If men knew what eternity is, they would do everything to change their lives’” (<https://bit.ly/mysoncarlo,120>).

God wants us to spend eternity in the beatific vision, with Him, transformed by Him in Him. That transformation requires our rejection of temptation, entrusting it to God. If we fall into venial, or worse, mortal sins, we are called to reject these sins as soon as possible through a sincere Confession.

Then, do we really do ‘everything’ to reject sin, or do we love it, thinking, ‘it is fine, everybody does it’? Do we help those who give in to sin to come to Jesus? What do we need to do to allow God to ‘change’, transform our hearts and lives, so that *our* Heavenly and eternal existence may begin here and now?

**CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD SUMMER
FORMATION: JULY 13-18, 2026**

With formation in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, you don’t just learn a method, you become a catechist: “a keeper of the memory of God” (Directory for Catechesis, 2020)

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- ~ delight in the miraculous design of the child
- ~ practice “listening to God with children”
- ~ prepare a Montessori catechetical environment for children aged 3-6
- ~ become part of a community of catechists

COURSE INFORMATION

Part A: June 25, 2024, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm – ONLINE SESSION

July 13 – 18, 2026, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm – IN-PERSON

SESSIONS

LOCATION: St. Philip the Apostle, Oshawa

REGISTER at <https://www.archtoronto.org/cgsformation>

Looking for a job? www.bit.ly/ArchTOcareers

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.

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