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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

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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.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A.

| Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions | |
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| SUN. | June 7 th <i>Corpus Christi</i> 8:00 a.m. For The People 9:30 a.m. + Jack Curtain, req. Judith Kelly 12:00 Noon – Mass at Holy Cross |
| TUES. | June 9 th <i>Multiple Intention Mass- St. Ephrem</i> 11:10 a.m. NEW! Adoration 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's |
| WED. | June 10 th 8:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross Parish |
| THUR | June 11 th – <i>St. Barnabas</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross Parish |
| FRI. | June 12 th <i>Multiple Intention Mass- The Most Sacred Heart Of Jesus</i> 6:15 p.m. Confessions & Adoration At St. Gregory's 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Gregory's + Giuseppe Guarini, req. his wife + John & Maxine Gates req. Joan Gates + Alberto Iezzi, req. his Wife |
| SAT. | June 13 th – <i>Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Anthony of Padua</i> 3:30 p.m.- 4:15 p.m. Holy Cross Confessions 4:30 p.m. Mass at Holy Cross |
| SUN. | June 14 th – <i>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 a.m. + Mario & Maria Cassno, req. their Daughter Theresa & Family 9:30 a.m. ~ For The People 12:00 Noon – Mass at Holy Cross |



Today, we celebrate the solemn feast of Corpus Christi. It is three feasts in one: the feast of the Eucharistic sacrifice, the feast of the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the feast of the Real Presence of Jesus in this Sacrament. Corpus Christi is a doctrinal feast established for three

purposes: 1) to give God collective thanks for Christ's abiding presence with us in the Eucharist and to honor Him there; 2) to instruct the people in the Mystery, Faith and devotion surrounding the Eucharist, and 3) to teach us to appreciate and make use of the great gift of the Holy Eucharist, both as a Sacrament and as a sacrifice.

Today, after the 9:30 Mass, we will have a Corpus Christi procession on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi. 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 our neighbourhood, city, province, country, and the whole world. In case of inclement weather, the procession will be in the church.

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/>).

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>)



Corpus Christi and St. Carlo

St. Carlo's mother, Antonia, writes, "To understand Carlo's spirituality, you have to delve into the Eucharistic mystery. When he took his first Communion at the age of seven, he began to go to Mass and perform Eucharistic adoration before Mass or afterward every day" (<https://bit.ly/mysoncarlo>, 210). So, the Eucharistic Jesus was the center of his spirituality.

He wrote about the Corpus Christi, *the Body of Christ* in the Eucharist: "in 'hiding himself' in the Eucharist, he gives us all of himself, his Body, his Blood, his Soul, and his Divinity, and he helps us realize our sanctification" (*ibid.*, 211). The hidden Jesus is given in the Eucharist. Christ gives himself to us to make us holy.

St. Carlo continues, "If people understood the importance of the Eucharist, there would be such long lines to go take Communion that you would not be able to enter the churches" (*ibid.*). The presence of those who faithfully come to the Eucharist bears witness to their faith in the Most Holy Sacrament, while the absence of many at Masses testifies, unfortunately, to their lack of faith. St. Carlo showed faith that drew him closer to the object, rather, the subject of his heart's desire, Jesus Christ.


The "superior of the convent, Mother Maria Emanuela [...] said that it was] the Tuesday after the feast of Corpus Christi when Carlo received his First Holy Communion [...] He was calm and composed during holy Mass, but he started to show signs of something like impatience as the moment for receiving holy Communion approached. With Jesus in his heart, after holding his head in his hands for a short while with a prayerful attitude, he started to move as though he could not sit still. It seemed like something had happened inside him, something of which only he was aware, something so big that he was not able to contain it. ... The nuns closest to the altar could not keep themselves from watching him, deeply moved, even through the thin blinds on the grate, and realizing that it was as if Carlo was fulfilling a long-awaited desire" (*ibid.*, 212-213). How much Carlo loved Eucharistic Jesus! Do we love Jesus present in the Eucharist? Are you impatient to receive Him? Do we desire to love Him?

Marygrove Summer Camp Collection

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul operates two overnight camps for Children, Marygrove Camp for girls and Camp Ozanam for boys. Marygrove welcomes girls aged 5 to 13 for an 8-day camping adventure on the shores of Georgian Bay, and Camp Ozanam welcomes boys aged 7 to 12 for a 7-day camping adventure on Deer Lake in South River. Both camps are free to eligible families. The criteria are fairly broad and are focused on children who might not otherwise have the opportunity to attend summer camp, which might include families who cannot afford the cost of a camp or who can't take a vacation due to restricted income, illness, lack of funds, etc. For more information about Marygrove Camp or any of our other Special Works, visit: www.ssvptoronto.ca or call 905-720-0003.

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

NEW! Ultimate Frisbee for grades 8-12!

Calling all students currently in grades 8-12! Join us for some ultimate frisbee fun! Starting in June, we will meet on Thursdays from 7-9 pm in the field behind R.S. McLaughlin High School. Please bring running shoes and a water bottle. For more information and updates, please see  stg_ultimate or email stregsandholycrossyoungadults@gmail.com. Students of all skill levels are encouraged to join!



St. Gregory's Youth

St. Gregory and Holy Cross Program for our youth in grades 6-8. Our final social night for this school year will be held on



Wednesday, June 17th, from 6:15 p.m. in St.

Gregory's Hall. Download [registration form](#)

<https://linktr.ee/vmstghc> or scan QR code. For



more information or to register, please contact our

youth minister, Kim Carson, at: vmstghc@archtoronto.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 student volunteers to help out with the day camps. (hours can be earned). The cost is \$70 per child for the day camp, and \$60 per additional child. The evening camp is \$50. Teen and adult supervisors are needed to help supervise students, host missionaries and provide meals during the week. For more information, please contact Kim at vmstghc@archtoronto.org or www.totustuutoronto.ca. To register, <https://www.holycrossoshawa.ca/totus-tuus-2026/>, or stgregorythegreat@archtoronto.org



Together at Baptism

Baptism is the first and most important

Sacrament as it opens the door to Christ and His Family. It begins one's Catholic life in Christ.

Because a child is totally dependent on its parents as models and first teachers, during the Baptism rite, the parents commit themselves before God to bring their child up in the practice of Faith. Thus, parents need to come together and prepare with care and prayer. Please speak to Fr. Marijan after Mass.

Pope Leo XIV New Encyclical

Magnifica Humanitas

Pope Leo XIV has released his first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* ("Magnificent Humanity"), reflecting on human dignity, Christian solidarity, and the moral challenges of our modern age — including the growing influence of artificial intelligence and emerging technologies. Access the document at <https://bit.ly/leo14mh>

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

Would you like to see an early childhood (ages 3-6) faith formation in our Parish? Consider becoming a catechist. 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)

Come...

- ~ deepen your understanding of the covenant relationship
- ~ 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>



St Gregory's is leasing the 2nd floor of the school. If interested, visit

<https://bit.ly/rentstgsh>



Summer is fast approaching, and we wish everyone a safe and happy time. This is also a great time to consider registering for the Pre-Authorized Giving Method to ensure continuous support during the summer months, so that we do not fall behind with our bills/payment obligations. Pick up a form from

the parish office to begin. Thank you for your continued commitment to 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.



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ShareLife helps form future priests—men who will listen, accompany, comfort, and offer Christ to the world. 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.

June

June is the month of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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



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