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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.

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 Year A.

**Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions**

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| SUN.  | June 21 <sup>st</sup> <i>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i><br>8:00 a.m. ~ For the People<br>9:30 a.m. ~ For all Fathers & Grandfathers, req. a parishioner<br>12:00 Noon – Mass at Holy Cross  |
| TUES. | June 23 <sup>rd</sup> <i>Multiple Intention Mass</i><br><b>11:10 a.m. NEW! Adoration</b><br>12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's<br>+ Theresa LeBreton, req. Daughters Florence, Carole & Family   |
| WED.  | June 24 <sup>th</sup><br>8:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross Parish   |
| THUR  | June 25 <sup>th</sup><br>8:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross Parish   |
| FRI.  | June 26 <sup>th</sup> <i>Multiple Intention Mass</i><br>6:15 p.m. Confessions & Adoration At St. Gregory's<br>7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Gregory's<br>+ John & Maxine Gates req. Joan Gates<br>+ Rita Wrubel, req. Frank & Martie Cervenko<br>+ Souls in purgatory, req. Angela |
| SAT.  | June 27 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Cyril of Alexandria</i><br>3:30 p.m.- 4:15 p.m. <b>Holy Cross Confessions, adoration</b><br>4:30 p.m. <b>Mass at Holy Cross</b>   |
| SUN.  | June 28 <sup>th</sup> <i>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i><br>8:00 a.m. + John & Maxine Gates, req. Joan Gates<br>9:30 a.m. ~ For the People<br>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>)



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.

**MARK THE DATE**

Annual Rosary Prayer Service for all priests living and deceased, including the five Durham Priests buried at Resurrection Cemetery - Fr. N. Gignac, Fr. B. Wilson, Fr. J. Harrington, Fr. D. Ferro and Msgr. John Wannamaker. Join us in prayer on Saturday, **July 25, 1:00 p.m., Resurrection Cemetery, 355 Taunton Rd. Road, Whitby.** Thank you. Bless you.

**Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed**

Catholic Cemeteries – Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass of the Faithful Departed on Wednesday, **August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** Mass will be held in the Mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetery.

**Happy Father's Day to all fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers, stepfathers, foster fathers, and those who have lost their fathers...**

**St Carlo and brown scapular**

St. Carlo's mother writes, "When [St. Carlo] was four, I gave him a gold chain with a medal with the scapular of the Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel. It had been given to me by one of my great-grandmothers on the day of my baptism. From that moment on, he never took it off, and he told me, 'This way, I will always have Jesus and the Virgin Mary close to my heart.'

He later gave medals to many people. The scapular was one of the devotions to which my son was especially attached. He alternated the cloth scapular with the gold one that he had been given.

Pope Saint Pius X had given permission to the faithful to substitute the cloth scapular with a medal with the Sacred Heart on one side and the Virgin Mary on the other where necessary. Scapular devotion began on July 16, 1251, when the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Simon Stock, prior of the Order of Carmelites. The Virgin Mary showed him the scapular and said: 'Take this scapular. Anyone who dies wearing it will not experience the fires of hell. It will be a symbol of salvation, protection from danger, and a promise of peace.' This great promise was confirmed about eighty years later, when the Holy Virgin appeared to Pope John XXII, telling him, 'Those who have worn this holy garment will be removed from purgatory on the first Saturday after their death.' At Fátima and Lourdes, the apparitions concluded with a vision of the Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel with a scapular in her hand. And the Virgin Mary confirmed to Sister Lucia that the Rosary and scapular are inseparable" (<https://bit.ly/mysoncarlo>, 100-101).

**Blessing and investiture with the Brown Scapular**

Next Sunday, June 28, during his homily, Fr. Marijan will offer any Catholic the opportunity to be invested with and receive a cloth brown scapular of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the article on St. Carlo above, we may see some of the benefits of wearing the brown scapular with faith. The parishioners will be free to stand and so express their desire to receive and be invested with the scapular. We will give the scapulars to those who want to be invested with it for free during this Sunday's Masses. To cover the expenses of the scapular, an optional suggested donation is \$5. As your pastor in the Lord, I invite you to place yourself under the special protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary by receiving her brown scapular. My ministry is to help you go to Heaven. Blessed Virgin Mary will lead you safely to Jesus, who is the only way to Heaven.



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 (P.A.G.)** 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.

**Offertory Envelopes for 2026.** If you are new to our parish and would like to have a box issued to you, please get in touch with the office during the week, and a box will be assigned to you and placed on the table in the vestibule the following weekend.

**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.**

### St. Gregory's Youth Catholic Yacht Party

Join us, Catholic Young Adults aged 19-39, on Saturday, July 4, 2026. The event will provide an opportunity for fellowship and in-person connection with fellow Catholics while cruising along the Toronto skyline. Tickets \$80.00. Check in & boarding starts 7:00 p.m., sets sail 7:30 p.m., with return to dock at 10:30 p.m. Yankee Lady IV 539 Queens Quay West (At Marina Quay West)

### 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 [ymstghc@archtoronto.org](mailto:ymstghc@archtoronto.org) or [www.totustuustoronto.ca](http://www.totustuustoronto.ca). To register, <https://www.holycrossoshawa.ca/totus-tuus-2026/>, or [stgregorythegreat@archtoronto.org](mailto:stgregorythegreat@archtoronto.org)

### NEW! Ultimate Frisbee for grades 8-12!

Calling all students currently in grades 9-12! 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 Instagram [stg\\_ultimate](https://www.instagram.com/stg_ultimate) or email [stregsandholycrossyoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:stregsandholycrossyoungadults@gmail.com). Students of all skill levels are encouraged to join!

Our young adults, 18 to 39, will watch some of the soccer games on Saturdays: Croatia v Ghana and Panama v England, June 27, 5 pm; July 4 at 5 pm; July 11 at 5 pm; & July 18 at 5 pm.



NEW! St. Gregory's Young Adults' Book Club. Every Friday: 8:00 p.m. at the same time as volleyball in our Parish Hall.

Pope Leo XIV New Encyclical Magnifica Humanitas on human dignity, <https://bit.ly/leo14mh>

### St. Vincent de Paul Statistics for April & May, 2026

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been very busy this spring. In April, we assisted 81 families in need, consisting of 103 adults and 37 children, for \$4,770.00. In May, we assisted 84 families, consisting of 101 adults and 46 children, for a total of \$4,900.00. Your continued financial assistance is greatly appreciated and very much needed.

### 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>

### RENEW TORONTO YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE -

November 20-21, 2026

Join us for our annual RENEW Toronto Young Adult Catholic Conference for young adults ages 19-39.

**SAVE THESE DATES!!**

**June 1<sup>st</sup> – Early bird registration is now open!**

**July 1<sup>st</sup> – Regular Registration begins (prices go up)**

**October 2 – Late Registration Pricing in Effect**

**November 4<sup>th</sup> – Registration Closes**

Please visit: <https://www.renewtoronto.org>

### 2026-2027 FIRST COMMUNION (grades 2-6) & CONFIRMATION (grades 7 and up) CLASSES WILL

BEGIN IN THE FALL.

NOW IS THE TIME TO LOOK FOR BAPTISM CERTIFICATES IF YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO IS TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS.



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

<https://bit.ly/rentstgsh>

### COR program

The Knights of Columbus will be launching a monthly COR program for the men of our parish this September at St. Gregory's Church Hall. Rooted in prayer, formation, and fraternity, COR helps men grow closer to God and to one another.

This is an opportunity for every Catholic man to encounter Christ, deepen his faith, strengthen his prayer life, and enrich his relationships. If you'd like to learn more, I'm available after 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass or by email at [cor@monchesksy.com](mailto:cor@monchesksy.com)



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