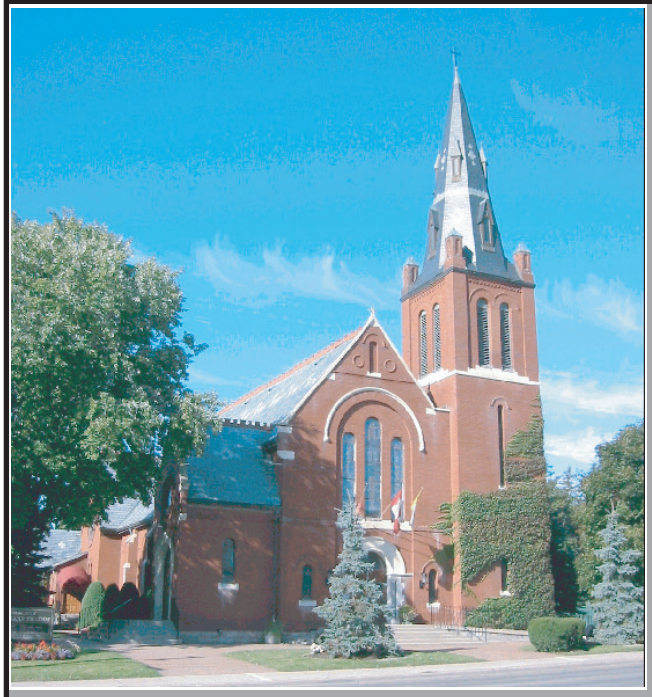
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**Weekend Mass**
Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

**Weekday Mass**
Tuesday 12:10 p.m., Friday 7:00 p.m.

**Confession**
Friday 5:450 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.

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**Durham Catholic District School Board**
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**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.

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| SUN. | Nov. 22nd ***Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe***<br>8:00 a.m. ~ For the People<br>9:30 a.m. + Rosa & Natale Presta, req. Their Children & Family<br>12:00 Noon – Mass at Holy Cross |
| TUES. | Nov. 24th ***St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions***<br>12:10 Mass at St. Gregory's<br>~ Intentions of the Martin Family |
| WED. | Nov. 25th ***St. Catherine of Alexandria***<br>8:30 am **Mass at Holy Cross Parish** |
| THUR. | Nov. 26th<br>8:30 a.m. **Mass at Holy Cross Parish** |
| FRI. | Nov.27th<br>5:45p.m. - 6:45 p.m. **Confessions & Adoration at St. Gregory's**<br>**7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Gregory's**<br>**+ Peter Clifford & + Philip Carroll,** req. Mary Ann Stojkiewicz |
| SAT. | Nov. 28th<br>3:30 p.m.- 4:15 p.m. **Holy Cross Confessions**<br>4:30 p.m. **Mass at Holy Cross** |
| SUN. | Nov. 29th ***First Sunday of Advent***<br>8:00 a.m. ~ For the People<br>9:30 a.m. + Bruno Piccioli req. his Family<br>12:00 Noon – Mass at Holy Cross |

**Pray for the children of the First Holy Communion Class**
Please note the next class for our First Communion Students will be a ***retreat on Saturday, November 28th, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.*** over in our Parish Hall.
**Please Note: First Reconciliation December 5th, 10:00 am in the Church**

**Confirmation Registration**
**The next class is today, Sunday, November 22nd, 2026, in Holy Cross Parish Hall.**
If you missed Confirmation Registration, it is not too late. Please bring copies of your child's ***Birth Certificate and Baptismal Certificate.*** The suggested $40 donation for materials will be accepted.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults – RCIA:**
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) provides instruction and spiritual formation to anyone 16 years of age and older who is not baptized or baptized in another Christian community, who would like to become a member of the Catholic Church. Catholic adults who have not yet celebrated their First Eucharist or the Sacrament of Confirmation may also take part. **Register by asking the priest for a registration form after attending Sunday Mass**. Meetings are every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in our Parish Hall.

**Pope Leo's Intentions for November**
***For the proper use of wealth:*** That wealth be used for the common good, avoiding selfishness and fostering solidarity.

## Youth Corner

St Gregory the Great and Holy Cross **Edge Youth Group is back!** All youth in grades 6-8 (grades 5-9 are welcome). Our next gathering will be a Social on ***Wednesday December 2nd from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. i***n St. Gregory's Hall. EDGE usually runs every other Wednesday. Scan QR code.

**Oshawa Catholic Chaplaincy**
Looking to make new friends? Want a chance to hang out with other like-minded students? If you attend Ontario Tech University, Durham College or Trent University (Durham/GTA), join us at St. Joseph the Worker Parish for this free monthly event. Join us for 5pm Mass every second Saturday of the month, followed by our social with free dinner, fellowship, games and more! https://oshawacatholic.ca/

**Attention University Students!**
Visit https://bit.ly/chaplc for campus ministry on your campus!

**World Youth Day Pilgrimage to Seoul, South Korea**
The OCY has closed its registration for World Youth Day in South Korea, August 1-10, 2027. You still may seek another Parish to go with. Contact the OCY for more information, https://ocytoronto.org/wyd-seoul-2027.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS ALL SOULS ENVELOPES are in your box of envelopes and at the back of the Church. The envelopes, with the list of names you wish to be remembered, will be placed before the altar and remembered at all Masses during November.

***Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. Franciscan Friar Fr. Michael Mascarenhas will give us a mini Advent retreat at Mass.***

**Attention Men**
The Knights of Columbus is planning to introduce a COR program for men in our parish on the 3rd Thursday of each Month at 7:00 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Room over in the Parish Hall. ***The next meeting will be Thursday, December 17th.*** COR is a program which consists of three key elements of prayer, formation, and fraternity. Prayer, formation, and fraternity direct the heart to a closer relationship with God and each other. For more information, please contact Ted Monchesky at cor@monchesky.com

***Let us pray for our priest(s) and fellow Parishioners; for the Church, the Pope; that there may be many & 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.***

**Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel**
St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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

**Theology of the Heart**

This Study will take us into a deeper spiritual understanding of the heart and what it means in our Catholic tradition. The Heart appears repeatedly in Scripture, Catholic prayers, and Holy images. It remains central to our relationship with God and our very self. Theology of the Heart will explore this and aim to deepen our relationship with God and our understanding of this important Holy image. This faith formation study will be held every Thursday at 6:30 pm in the hall, led by Paul Coates. Everyone is welcome.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway. For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

*Mother Teresa*

**Our Lord Jesus is with us, here and there**

Antonia Acutis writes, "I was struck by myself, by the strength that I was able to find within me, by the fact that, like years before, I was able to console others following Carlo's death" (https://bit.ly/mysoncarlo, 27-28).

Christ gave her His strength. She was not as aware of His presence in her heart and life, but our Lord was there nevertheless. He led her life, as the saying goes, 'writing straight with crooked lines.' At first she was unaware of God's presence and action in her life. But in that special moment of loss, she discovered a strength that she knew didn't come from her, but from God. He consoled her, so she consoled others with His power as we reflected recently (2 Cor 1:4).

That makes me think: are we aware of God's loving presence in our lives? Do we draw strength from Him? Is He helping us, consoling us in our sorrows, rejoicing with us when we rejoice? Christ is here and there. Seek Him. If you truly seek Him, you will find Him. Then He will also console others and give them His strength through you, even if you will not be aware as much of His loving presence in your life. But you will see Him working there.

**Angel Tree**

Please consider donating gift cards of ***any value*** redeemable at various local stores such as Walmart, Superstore, Old Navy, Giant Tiger, etc. We will also accept cash, which will be converted to gift cards. The tag and the cards need to be placed in the box under the tree near the altar, or they can be dropped off at the office during the week. The deadline is December 6th, 2026. Thank you for your support!

**Hygiene Kits & Warm Clothing**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will once again be collecting personal hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, etc.) for our Neighbours in Need. Also, this year they would like to offer them clean, warm clothing such as coats, sweaters, socks, shoes and boots. Please leave any donations in the box at the back of the Church for distribution at our Christmas event. They will be greatly appreciated.

**Have a wonderful & blessed week!**

**Mass Intentions**

We are now booking Mass Intentions and the Sanctuary Lamp for 2027. Please call or come to the Office during Office hours. Note: only one Sunday Mass will be available, as the other Sunday Mass intention will be for the people of our Parish.

**Envelopes**

The envelopes for 2027 will be available next weekend. When they are available, they will be at the back of the Church in alphabetical order.

**Mass Books-Missalette**

November 29th is the last Sunday for the 2026 Missals. Please place old ones in the box provided. Missals will be available for $5 next weekend.

**Catholic Women's League**

The CWL will hold its Christmas Raffle again this year. We will begin selling tickets starting today, November 15th, 22nd, & 29th, with the draw being on December 6th, 2026. Tickets are again $10.00 or 3 for $20.00. CASH ONLY. The proceeds from the raffle will support our Community Charities. We thank you for your continued support in this important event.

CWL Membership Dues: CWL Membership Dues of $40.00 are due by the end of November. You are more than welcome to place your envelope in the collection basket at Mass.

**Make your gift to ShareLife and DOUBLE your impact!**

NEW: Your gift will double in value! From November 2 until the end of the year, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of $500,000.

Help over 40 ShareLife-funded agencies for help. In moments of hardship, you can feed the hungry, comfort lonely seniors, enable Deaf children and their families to communicate, guide struggling families to counselling, and share the Gospel in developing countries.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through your parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

**St. Michael's Choir School presents**
**Joyeux Noël! A Canadian Christmas**

Saturday, December 12 at 7 PM (Promo Code: MAPLE)
Tickets are now available at www.masseyhall.com
For ticket info, call the Massey Hall Box Office at 416-872-4255.

**WE BURY OUR DECEASED**

Please be aware of the need to give a proper Catholic funeral to our deceased. Catholics are not permitted to keep the ashes of the dead at home, to divide them or scatter them. If you have any ashes of your family members, please get in touch with Fr. Marijan so that we may organize a burial and allow our departed to rest in the peace of Christ.

*The Sanctuary Lamps burn for the month of November for* ***Terry McLaughlin & All Souls,*** *requested by Patricia Mitchell.*



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