

**World Day of the Poor - November 17, 2024**

**Theme is: "The prayer of the poor rises up to God"**

Excerpt from Pope Francis' Message:

"It is a pastoral opportunity not to be underestimated, for it challenges every believer to listen to the prayer of the poor, becoming aware of their presence and needs. It is an opportune occasion to implement initiatives that concretely help the poor and to recognize and support the many volunteers who dedicate themselves passionately to those most in need. We must thank the Lord for the people who make themselves available to listen to and support the poorest among us. The poor still have much to teach us because in a culture that has placed wealth at the forefront and often sacrifices the dignity of people on the altar of material goods, they swim against the tide, highlighting that what is essential for life is something else entirely." To read Pope Francis' message, please visit: <https://bit.ly/4f7fMTU>



**Shepherd's Trust Collection**

**This weekend**, there will be a second collection for Shepherd's Trust. The mission of The Shepherd's Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests, are provided with sufficient resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. The Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

**Sacramental Prep**

**Did you miss Registration for First Holy Communion or Confirmation? It's not too late.**

**Please attend a Prep Class.**

**First Communion Prep Class #2 at 10:45 a.m.**  
Sunday November 17, 2024 at St. Gregory the Great Parish Hall (190 Simcoe St. N.)

**Confirmation Prep Class #1 at 10:45 a.m.**  
Sunday November 24, 2024 in Holy Cross Parish Hall.

**RCIA Course**

Would you like to become a Catholic, or are you a Catholic who has not been confirmed? Join us on **Tuesdays at 7 pm** in St. Gregory's Hall.



**Christmas Cards for Sale**

The Knights of Columbus are selling Christmas Cards at the back of the Church **THIS WEEKEND** (Nov. 16 & 17)



Holy Cross and St. Gregory's have started a group for our

youth in grades 6-8. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday November 27** 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/ymstghc> or scan QR code. For more information or to register, please contact our youth minister Kim Carson at: [ymstghc@archtoronto.org](mailto:ymstghc@archtoronto.org)

**Below is our youth minister Kim Carson and our Youth Group Edge having fun celebrating All Saints Day.**



**Young Adults at St. Gregory The Great & Holy Cross Socials and Faith Formation**

**Who:** ages 18-39. **Next social is Dec. 7**

**Socials:** Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 6:30-9:30pm

**Faith Formation: WISDOM** A nine-part faith formation program. Next meeting is **Dec 21**, 6:30pm – 9:30pm

**Where:** St. Gregory's Parish Hall 190 Simcoe St. N.

**Connect and Register:** [stgregsandholycrossya@gmail.com](mailto:stgregsandholycrossya@gmail.com)

**Instagram:** @stgregsandholycrossya

<https://linktr.ee/stgregsandholycrossya>



**Jubilee of Youth 2025**

Calling all young adults (ages 19 - 39), join Fr. Paul Magyar, Fr. Marijan, and the OCY team for a pilgrimage of a life time! Please fill out the form in the link below to receive updates about our information session and registration.

**Event Details:**

**Date:** July 23<sup>rd</sup> – August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in Rome, Italy

**Interest Form:** <https://bit.ly/YA25Jubilee>



**World Youth Day in the Archdiocese of Toronto** will be celebrated on Sunday, November 24, the Solemnity of Christ the King. Archbishop Francis Leo is inviting young adults 19-39 to join at Mass with him at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on November 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. for the Mass and the social following Mass.

"Those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary" (cf. Is 40:31)

**Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your Will.**

**WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER**

**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 remembered, will be placed before the altar and remembered at all Masses during November.



**Book of Remembrance**

During the month of November, you are invited to write in the names of loved ones who have died. They will be prayerfully remembered during the month.

**2025 Collection Envelopes**

It is once again that time of year! As we are slowly getting the boxes of envelopes ready, we ask that if you are new to our parish, please register by completing a Registration Form located in the foyer. If you have recently moved, please update the office with your current address, and if you know someone who no longer attends this Church, please let us know. We will be printing the labels shortly. Thank you in advance!

**The Mystery of God:**

**Who God Is and Why He Matters**



Bishop Robert Barron will teach us how to respond to atheism and learn how we can turn the tide of secularism and draw people back to God. Every Thursday, October 24 to December 5, from 7 PM to 9 PM. in St. Gregory's Hall, 190 Simcoe St N. Cost: \$40 or freewill offering. To register (<https://bit.ly/tmofg>). Invite a friend. [stgregorythegreat@archtoronto.org](mailto:stgregorythegreat@archtoronto.org) 905-723-8141

**ST. GREGORY'S CWL RAFFLE**

The CWL of St. Gregory the Great Parish will be selling raffle tickets to support local charities. Prizes include Homemade Quilts and Oshawa General Games Tickets. Tickets are available at St. Gregory's Parish until November 24 after the Sunday Masses.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**



The CWL will be holding a Christmas Cookie Sale on December 7 & 8 following the Masses. \$15.00 for a large plate.



**CWL Membership Dues**

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.

**MASS Intentions**

**Saturday November 16 Holy Cross**

**4:30pm** For the People of Our Parish

**Sunday November 17 Holy Cross**

**12-noon** †Ermelinda Pinto

**Tuesday November 19**

**St. Gregory the Great at 12:10 p.m.**

**Wednesday November 20 Holy Cross**

**8:30am** †Giuseppe & Rosaria Bruno

**Thursday November 21 Holy Cross**

**8:30am** †Francesca Cappuccitti, †Earl Marshall

**Saturday November 23 Holy Cross**

**3:30 pm - 4:15 pm Adoration and Confessions**

**4:30pm Holy Cross** For the People of Our Parish

**Sunday November 24**

**St. Gregory the Great at 8:00 a.m.**

**St. Gregory the Great at 9:30 a.m.**

**12noon Holy Cross** †Ermelinda Pinto

**Angel Tree**



Our "Angel Tree" is back! 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. There will be boxes at the front of the Church to put them in until **December 8<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for your support!

**Information for 2025**

**Mass Intentions**

We are now booking Mass Intentions and the Sanctuary Lamp for 2025. Please call or come to the Office during Office hours.

**Please 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 2025 will be available next weekend. When they are available, they will be at the back of the Church in alphabetical order.

**Mass Books**

December 1<sup>st</sup> is the last Sunday for the 2024 missals. 2025 Missals have been graciously been donated by an anonymous donor, but if you would still like to make a donation, please place it in the box provided. Missals will be available next weekend.

**Calendars**

They will be available as soon as they come in.