



We again light the candles of hope and love. Today we add the **PINK (ROSE)** candle of joy. Prophecy has been

fulfilled. The long-awaited Messiah has come. Joy is the mood of all earnest seekers.

Rejoice! Here is your God! As the feast of Christmas draws closer, we are reminded that the Lord is with us even now. Jesus came to give sight and life to the dead. Christ's reign is among us through our deed of love and generosity. Let us not grow weary, but steady our hearts and rejoice, for the Lord is close at hand!

SUNDAY SOCIAL!!!



THIS Sunday (**December 15th**) the Knights of Columbus will hold Coffee Sunday. Stay and come together for coffee and a chat. It will take place after the 12noon Mass. All are welcome!

Sacramental Prep

Did you miss Registration for 1st Holy Communion or Confirmation? It's not too late. Please attend a Prep Class.

First Communion Prep Class #4 at 10:45 a.m.
Sunday January 12, 2024 at St. Gregory the Great Parish Hall (190 Simcoe St. N.)

Confirmation Prep Class #4 at 10:45 a.m.
Sunday January 19, 2025 in Holy Cross Parish Hall.

Christmas Food Drive

"HOLY CROSS FOOD DRIVE"

You can help by donating the following:

ALL CANNED GOODS, POP TABS ONLY

Canned vegetables, meats, rice, canned pasta & fruit, soups & stews, brown beans, oatmeal, cookies, gravy, ketchup, pasta & sauce, instant coffee, hot chocolate, tea, peanut butter, sugar, baby food, boxed stuffing, boxed mashed potatoes, boxed milk, tuns & Crackers, cake mix, dishwashing detergent.

PLEASE PLACE YOUR DONATION AT THE STEPS OF THE ALTAR. THANK YOU!

THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to all the parishioners who took the time to stop by our Cookie Bake Sale table and who purchased a Cookie Platter. It was greatly appreciated!



Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your will.

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



Who: ages 18-39. **Next social is Jan. 18th**

Socials: Every 1st Saturday of the month 6:30-9:30pm

Faith Formation: WISDOM A nine-part faith formation program. Next meeting is **Feb. 15**, 6:30pm – 9:30pm

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

Connect and Register: stgregsandholycrossya@gmail.com

Instagram: @stgregsandholycrossya

<https://linktr.ee/stgregsandholycrossya>



Holy Cross and St. Gregory's have started a group for our youth in grades 6-8. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday December 18 and will be a Christmas Social from 6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in St. Gregory's Hall.** 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/vmstghc> or scan QR code. For more information or to register, please contact our youth minister Kim Carson at: vmstghc@archtoronto.org



Jubilee of Youth 2025



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 23rd – August 5th, 2025, in Rome, Italy

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

Advent Confessions

In preparation for Christmas, and especially for worthy reception of the Eucharist, two priests will hear confessions:

December 19 – Holy Cross Parish

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The Holy Catholic Church wants us to have confession minimally once a year. Thus, in *Catechism of the Catholic Church* number 2042, we read, "The second precept [of the Church] ("You shall confess your sins at least once a year.") ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation, which continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness". Refusing to have confession at least once a year, we prevent ourselves from reception of the Eucharist.

Angel Tree

Thank you to all parishioners who donated towards the Angel Tree this year. It was greatly appreciated!



Christmas & New Years' Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Vigil:

4:30pm -Holy Cross

7:00pm – St. Gregory the Great

Christmas Day:

8:00am – St. Gregory the Great

9:30am – St. Gregory the Great

12noon – Holy Cross

New Year's Eve:

4:30pm - Holy Cross

New Year's Day:

8:00am – St. Gregory the Great

9:30am – St. Gregory the Great

12noon – Holy Cross



*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns this week for:*

Earl & Josie Marshall

MASS Intentions

Saturday December 14 Holy Cross

4:30pm For the People of Our Parish

Sunday December 15 Holy Cross

12-noon †Ermelinda Pinto

Tuesday December 17

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

Wednesday December 18 Holy Cross

8:30am †Giuseppe Benedetto, †Salvatore Bruno,
†Raymond & †Irene Richard, †Cathy VanderZwet,
Wayne Chaskavich (For Health)

Thursday December 19 Holy Cross

8:30am †Ottavio Osso

Friday December 20: Confessions & adoration –

St. Gregory's – 6 p.m.-6:45 p.m.

Mass St. Gregory the Great at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday December 21 Holy Cross

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

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

Sunday December 22

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

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

12noon Holy Cross †Antonio & Emma Giarrizzo

Journey through Advent

This Advent season, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) presents an online weekly video series titled "Journey through Advent." It will be released weekly and will be available at: www.archtoronto.org.



Jubilee Year 2025

During the Jubilee Year 2025, Pope Francis is calling on all the faithful to become Pilgrims of Hope. The Jubilee Year begins when Pope Francis opens the Holy Doors at St. Peter's Basilica on December 24, 2024. The doors will remain open until the end of the Jubilee Year on January 6, 2026. During the Jubilee, millions of pilgrims are expected to travel to Rome to walk through the Holy Doors and participate in Jubilee events.



Archbishop Francis Leo has chosen St. Gregory's to serve as a pilgrimage church in the Eastern Region for the upcoming Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025. In honor of St. Gregory's being chosen Bishop Vincent Nguyen will be here to celebrate Mass on February 27th at 7:00 p.m. More programmed activities for the Jubilee in be in our weekly bulletins. <https://bit.ly/indulgence25>



ST. AUGUSTINE'S
SEMINARY

High School Come & See

Day Retreat for men in grades 11 & 12

Saturday, January 18, 2025

at St. Augustine's Seminary

(Suggested donation \$25)

Register at: www.vocationstoronto.ca/hscomesee

Christmas Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed from December 20th at 2:00p.m. We will re-open on Friday, January 3rd, 2025. If there is an emergency that you need a priest right away, please call St. Gregory's Parish at: 905-723-8141 or email, stgregorythegreat@archtoronto.org

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 Mass will be for the Parish.

Envelopes

2025 envelopes are available in the foyer of the Church and are all in alphabetical order.

Mass Books

2025 Missals are available and have been graciously provided by an anonymous donor. If you would like to still make a donation, please place it in the box provided.

Calendars

2025 calendars will be available soon.

Donations for 2024

Donations must be received in the Parish Office by December 25, 2024 to be receipted for the 2024 taxation year. Any donations received after December 25 will be recorded for the 2025 taxation year.

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