



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Today we light again the candle of hope, love, joy and the last **PURPLE** candle, the

candle of peace. Christ is the Prince of Peace, come to reconcile us with God and others. Christ helps us to see that peace is possible.

Only with an intense desire for His coming can we begin to merit His spiritual gifts. The Catholic Liturgy reminds us during these four weeks, of the time during which the world was without Jesus. To this we implore Him to hasten His coming.

*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns this week for:*



Mooney & Turner Families

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, 2025 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.*

"HOLY CROSS CHRISTMAS 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, tuna & crackers, cake mix, dishwashing detergent.

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

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

Saturday December 21 Holy Cross

4:30pm For the People of Our Parish

Sunday December 22 Holy Cross

12-noon †Miguel Corvera, & †Ettore & †Fabrizio D'Antonio

Christmas Eve

4:30pm For the People of Our Parish
St. Gregory the Great - 7:00 p.m. (with incense)

Christmas Day

(Nativity of Our Lord)

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

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

12noon For the People of Our Parish

Thursday December 26 Holy Cross

8:30am For the People of Our Parish

Friday December 27

Confessions at St. Gregory's - 6 p.m.-6:45 p.m.

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

Saturday December 28 Holy Cross

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

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

Sunday December 29

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

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

12noon Holy Cross †August Chiodo

New Years' Eve

(Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)

4:30pm For Our Parish Family

New Year's Day

(Mary, the Holy Mother of God)

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

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

12noon For Our Parish Family

Thursday January 2

8:30am †Theresa Baron, †Shirley Stamp

Saturday January 4 Holy Cross

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

4:30pm For the People of Our Parish

Sunday January 5 Holy Cross

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

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

12-noon †Dorothy Uhlig

Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your will.



We celebrate the Birth of Christ

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Born long ago, He's born to us.
In celebration of the Church
We present are at Jesus' Birth.

He's born to us; He's born in us,
When like Mother Mary we become:
Welcoming Word in Sacraments,
In power of Christ, we do God's will. (Matt 6:10)

We celebrate Christmas in us,
When we give space to Christ in hearts:
He gives us grace, we welcome it,
Working with Him we do God's will.

Grace teaches us to do God's will,
Rejecting evil, death, and sin,
Indifference and rebellion,
By Sacraments, we live in grace.

Commandments, precepts of the Church,
Her teachings help us to be healed,
Confession and then Eucharist,
Make Jesus grow in our hearts, lives.

We pray always to help us all,
Observe His will in daily life,
We seek to do it by His grace,
Conceiving, Birthing Christ in us.

The purpose of Christ's Birth on Earth,
Is that we are God's children now,
In name, in truth, reality,
Heavenly Father's joy of heart.

May God help us to do His will,
So be His children born of Him,
Witnesses of love and the truth,
Such Merry Christmas be to you.

Heavenly Father Lord of us,
Son born in Heaven and on earth,
O, Holy Spirit gift of both,
Be born in our hearts and the world. Amen.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, family, and friends,

*Merry Christmas and every God's blessing to you in the New Year! Your Pastor in Christ,
Fr. Marijan Sisko*



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>

Envelopes

2025 envelopes are still available in the foyer of the Church and are all in alphabetical order. Also, consider signing up for preauthorized giving (PAG).

Calendars

2025 calendars will be available soon.

Donations for 2024

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



**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>

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

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

