



### The Feast of the Holy Family -

(Dec. 29)

There was a time in the history of the Church when those who chose marriage and family life were considered to be following Jesus in a less perfect way. The more perfect way was the priesthood and religious life. Now, the family has been described by Pope John Paul II as one of the tabernacles of the presence of Christ in the world. As members of Christian families, we are called to give witness to Gospel values as we go about our business of earning an income, raising children, working in community activities, or enjoying retirement years. Above all we are called to love and respect each member of the family in an unconditional manner.

Father, help us to live as the holy family, united in respect and love. Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home.



*The Sanctuary Lamp  
burns this week for:*

*Francesca Cappuccitti*

## **Sacramental Prep**

*Did you miss Registration for 1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

### Renovation Collection

Next weekend January 4/5, there will be a second collection for the Parish Renovation Fund.



### 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](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/hscomesee)

### Christmas Office Hours

The Parish Office is closed and will re-open on Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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](mailto:stgregorythegreat@archtoronto.org)



### Young Adults 18-39 St. Gregory's Socials and Faith Formation

December 31<sup>st</sup> the Young Adults are invited to a special Mass at St. Gregory's

Church at 10:30 pm followed by Adoration from 11:30 pm-12:15 am; Social to follow!

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

Connect and register at:

[stgregsandholycrossya@gmail.com](mailto:stgregsandholycrossya@gmail.com)

Instagram: @stgregsandholycrossya

<https://linktr.ee/stgregsandholycrossya>

### The Youth Corner



St Gregory the Great and Holy Cross have started



a group for our youth in grades 6-

8. Our next gathering will be Wed. Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from

6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in St. Gregory's Hall. EDGE

usually runs 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)



### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> – August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in Rome, Italy

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

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18-25, marks the annual celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year's message of John 11:26, "**Do you believe this?**" inspires us to pray and work together for the unity willed by Christ for the Church.

Join Rev. John A. Boissonneau on Sunday, January 19, 2025, 4 p.m. at North City Church (377 Woodbridge Ave. Woodbridge, Ont. L4L 2V7)

### Friars Student Writing Contest 2025

**(Deadline for entries is January 13)**

**Theme:** "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26).

High school students (ages 13-19yrs) in the Catholic School Boards are invited to participate in this annual event. Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2025 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions. Students are to consult the resources at <https://bit.ly/3zOVHly> to gain insight into the meaning and purpose of the theme. Entries are to be submitted to: <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>.



**Jubilee Year 2025**

Fr. Marijan invites you all to join him on a Pilgrimage to St. Michael’s Cathedral for the opening of the Jubilee Year on December 29<sup>th</sup> for Mass at 5 pm. Please meet at the Oshawa GO Train station by 2:45 pm to leave together on the 3:07pm train (it leaves early!).



**Jubilee Year 2025**

During the Jubilee Year 2025, Pope Francis is calling on all the faithful to become Pilgrims of Hope.



**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 **January 29** at 7:00 p.m. More programmed activities for the Jubilee in be in our weekly bulletins. <https://bit.ly/indulgence25>



**The Jubilee Prayer**

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.



**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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to be receipted for the 2024 taxation year. Any donations received after December 25<sup>th</sup> will be recorded for the 2025 taxation year.



**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD (Jan. 1)**

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is a feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the aspect of her motherhood of Jesus, Christ, whom she had circumcised on the eighth day after his birth according to Levitical Law. Christians see him as the Lord and Son of God.

**MASS Intentions**

**Saturday December 28 Holy Cross**

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

**Sunday December 29 Holy Cross**

**12-noon** †Augusto Chiodo

**\*\*\*New Years’ Eve\*\*\***

**(Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)**

**4:30pm** For Our Parish Family

**10:30pm - Young Adults (Everyone is welcome)**

**11:30pm - Adoration (Everyone is welcome)**

**\*\*\*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 (Epiphany)**

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

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

**12-noon** †Dorothy Uhlig

**Marriage Sunday**

As part of Marriage Sunday 2025 celebration, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025. The Mass will take place at **2:30 p.m. Sunday February 9, 2025, at St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto).**

Couples celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 60+ anniversary in 2025 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via live stream Mass <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>.

The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.