



We re-light the candle of hope and now also light the second Purple, candle of love. We know that God is

love. We remember with thankful hearts the gift of Jesus, who came as a babe in a manger, lived and loved among us, was killed on a cross, and arose! Love endures forever.

As it is the second week of Advent we must think of Mary and her anticipation as she awaited the birth of Our Lord and Saviour. In a similar manner we should be anticipating and preparing the way of the Lord. We hear John the Baptist calling us to prepare our hearts to greet the Lord.

SUNDAY SOCIAL!!!



NEXT 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 First Holy Communion or Confirmation? It's not too late.

Please attend a Prep Class.

First Communion Prep Class at 10:45 a.m.

Sunday January 14, 2024 at St. Gregory the Great Parish Hall (190 Simcoe St. N.)

Confirmation Prep Class at 10:45 a.m.

Sunday December 8, 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.

"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, tuna & crackers, cake mix, dishwashing detergent.

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

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/ymstghc> or scan QR code. For more information or to register, please contact our youth minister Kim Carson at: 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 23rd – August 5th, 2025, in Rome, Italy

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



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 still available in the foyer of the Church and are all in alphabetical order. Also, consider signing up for pre-authorized giving.

Mass Books

2025 Missals are now 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 for a minimum donation of \$2.00 each.

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.

Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your will.



Holy Cross CWL Christmas Cookie Sale THIS WEEKEND AFTER BOTH MASSES



All proceeds will go to support the CWL's many charities.



Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

The Catholic Church worldwide will be celebrating a special Jubilee Year in 2025. This has



been a tradition dating back to the year 1300 when Pope Boniface VIII announced the first Jubilee, which is also referred to as a "Holy Year". The frequency has changed over time, with a Jubilee year originally celebrated every 100 years, later every 50 years and, more recently, every 25 years or at the request of the Holy Father. 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>

Advent Confessions

In preparation for Christmas, and especially for worthy reception of the Eucharist, two priests will hear confessions: **December 12 – Holy Cross Parish**

3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

December 13 – St. Gregory the Great Parish

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

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.

Journey through Advent

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



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, please call St Gregory 905-723-8141 or email, stgregorythegreat@archtoronto.org.

Christmas & New Years' Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve:

4:30pm -Holy Cross; 7:00pm – St. Gregory's

Christmas Day:

8:00am – St. Gregory's; 9:30am – St. Gregory's

12noon – Holy Cross

New Year's Eve:

4:30pm - Holy Cross

New Year's Day:

8:00am – St. Gregory's; 9:30am – St. Gregory's

12noon – Holy Cross

Angel Tree



Thank you to all those Parishioners who have donated gift cards towards the 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. There is a box at the front of the Church to put them. **THIS WEEKEND IS THE LAST WEEKEND!!** Thank you for your support!

MASS Intentions

Saturday December 7 Holy Cross

4:30pm †Antonio & Emma Giarrizzo

Sunday December 8 Holy Cross

12-noon For the People of Our Parish

Monday December 9, St Gregory 7 pm Mass

Tuesday December 10

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

Wednesday December 11 Holy Cross

8:30am †Rinaldo Amoroso, †Luca Guglielmo,
†Pasquale Guglielmo, †Krystina Gajda Ackney

Thursday December 12 Holy Cross

8:30am †Francesca Cappuccitti, †Dorothy Uhlig,
†Armando Oddi

**Friday December 13: Confessions & adoration –
St. Gregory's – 6 p.m.-6:45 p.m. Mass at 7:00 p.m.**

Saturday December 14 Holy Cross

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

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

Sunday December 15

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

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

12noon Holy Cross †Ermelinda Pinto

Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your will.