



The Baptism of the Lord is the name of the feast day commemorating the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. Originally the Baptism of Christ was celebrated on Epiphany, which commemorated the coming of the magi, The Baptism of Christ, and the wedding at Cana. Over time, the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord came to be celebrated as a separate feast from the Epiphany.

The Baptism of the Lord is observed as a distinct feast in the Roman Catholic Church and in church communities of the Anglican Communion.

In most parts of the Roman Catholic Church, the feast is observed on the first Sunday after Epiphany.

In the Roman Catholic Church, the day after the Baptism of the Lord marks the beginning of ordinary time.

Sunday Social



The CWL monthly get together for coffee and a chat, will take place after the 12-noon Mass **SUNDAY, JANUARY 26th in the Hall.** All are invited to attend and have coffee/tea and a visit with your fellow parishioners.

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.

RCIA is at St. Gregory's Hall on Tuesdays at 7 PM.

REMINDER!!!!

Please remember to date offertory cheques with the year 2025. Please do not use envelopes from previous years or other people's envelopes as this causes confusion for our records. If you are a visitor to our parish, please only use the pink visitor envelopes available in the foyer.

Let us pray for our priest(s) and fellow Parishioners; for the Church and holy vocations; for peace, and salvation of the world; and for all the deceased.

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>

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. 22nd, 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/ymstgch> or scan QR code. For more information or to register, please contact our youth minister Kim Carson at: ymstgch@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

- Saturday January 11 Holy Cross**
4:30pm For the People of Our Parish
- Sunday January 12 Holy Cross**
12-noon †Ottavio Osso
- Tuesday January 14**
St. Gregory the Great at 12:10 p.m.
- Wednesday January 15 Holy Cross**
8:30am †Augusto Chiodo
- Thursday January 16**
8:30am †Yolanda Mastracci
- Friday January 17: Confessions & adoration –**
St. Gregory's - 6 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
- Saturday January 18 Holy Cross**
3:30 pm – 4:15pm Adoration and Confessions
4:30pm †Margaret Murphy
- Sunday January 19 Holy Cross**
St. Gregy the Great at 8:00 a.m.
St. Gregory the Great at 9:30 a.m.
12-noon For the People of Our Parish

Are you civilly married or in a common-law relationship, possibly with previous marriages? If yes, contact the priest so that we can see how to help you seek an annulment and (or) Marriage in the Church. In this way, eventually, you will be able to receive the Sacraments with good conscience.



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 29th at 7:00 p.m.** Confessions will be available starting at 5:30pm. More programmed activities for the Jubilee in be in our weekly bulletins. <https://bit.ly/indulgence25>



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 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th 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).** All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment.

All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th 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.

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)



Sacrament of Baptism

If you are interested in having your child Baptized, please request a registration form from the priest after attending Sunday Mass.

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/hscomeese

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>.

How to become a fully initiated Catholic?

Are you a non-Catholic or a non-Christian who would like to become a Roman-Catholic Christian, or even a Roman-Catholic who didn't receive First Communion or Confirmation? If yes, please speak with Fr. Marijan.

Calendars

2025 calendars are still available at the back of the Church for a minimum donation of \$2.00 each.

2025 Envelopes

Thank you to all those who have picked up their envelopes. This is the last weekend they will be available in the foyer. After this weekend you can pick them up from the office during office hours.



Catholic Family Services of Durham

20th Annual Heart to Heart Gala

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2025

Where: Deer Creek Golf & Banquet Facility, Ajax. Tickets are \$120 each. Contact Tania McClean, 905-725-3513 x 121 or to purchase tickets:

<https://trellis.org/hearttoheartgala2025>



St. Jude's Knights of Columbus Corner

General Meeting

Sunday, January 19th at 7:30pm in Council Chambers