

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

The journey of the wise men or magi is one of the favorite stories of the Gospel. It's a story of the journey of life, of guidance on the way, of delight in finding faith and God, of the intrigue of a greedy and envious king, and of the victory of the good over the evil.



**Renovation Collection**

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Parish Renovation Fund.



**CWL CORNER**

Monthly Meeting: **Tuesday January 7<sup>th</sup>**.  
Rosary at 6:40pm followed by Meeting at 7:00pm in Parish Hall. All ladies are welcome.

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

**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>.

**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.

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



**Who:** ages 18-39. **Next social is Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**Socials:** Every 1<sup>st</sup> 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](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/vmstghe> or scan QR code. For more information or to register, please contact our youth minister Kim Carson at: [vmstghe@archtoronto.org](mailto:vmstghe@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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in Rome, Italy  
**Interest Form:** <https://bit.ly/YA25Jubilee>

**MASS Intentions**

**Saturday January 4 Holy Cross**  
**4:30pm** For the People of Our Parish  
**Sunday January 5 Holy Cross (Epiphany)**  
**12-noon** †Dorothy Uhlig  
**Wednesday January 8**  
**8:30am** †Raymond Richard, †Marty Frenette  
**Thursday January 9**  
**8:30am** †Danny Sampogna  
**Saturday January 11 Holy Cross**  
**3:30 pm - 4:15pm Adoration and Confessions**  
**4:30pm** For the People of Our Parish  
**Sunday January 12 Holy Cross**  
**St. Gregory the Great at 8:00 a.m.**  
**St. Gregory the Great at 9:30 a.m.**  
**12-noon** †Ottavio Osso

**Calendars**

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

**Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your Will.**



## *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)**. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment.

All are welcome to attend. 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.

### 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)

### 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.



### Sacrament of Baptism

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

### 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.



### 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<sup>th</sup> 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>

### 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.



### Catholic Family Services of Durham 20<sup>th</sup> 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>



### 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.vocationstontoronto.ca/hscomeesee](http://www.vocationstontoronto.ca/hscomeesee)

*Wishing you all a Happy New Year!  
May it be filled with holiness and goodness.*