

Renovation Collection

NEXT weekend March 1/2, there will be a second collection for the Parish Renovation Fund.

MASS Intentions

Saturday February 22 Holy Cross

4:30pm For the People of Our Parish

Sunday February 23 Holy Cross

12-noon †Ermelinda Pinto

Tuesday February 25

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

Wednesday February 26 Holy Cross

8:30am †Maria Cassano

Thursday February 27 Holy Cross

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Friday February 28: Confessions & adoration –

St. Gregory's – 6 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Saturday March 1 Holy Cross

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

4:30pm For the People of Our Parish

Sunday March 2 Holy Cross

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

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

12-noon †Antonio Dantas

Sacrament of Baptism

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

Sacramental Prep

First Communion Prep Class #5 at 10:45 a.m.

Sunday February 23, 2025 at St. Gregory the Great Parish Hall (190 Simcoe St. N.)

Confirmation Prep Class #6 at 10:45 a.m.

Sunday March 2, 2025 in Holy Cross Parish Hall.

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

Mass Intentions

A reminder that we are taking bookings for 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.



Let us pray for our priest(s) and fellow Parishioners; for the Church and holy vocations: that there may be holy bishops, priests, deacons, and religious; holy marriages, families and holy single people; for repentance, salvation and peace in the world; and for all the deceased.

Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your Will.

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



Who: ages 18-39. **Next social is March 1st**

Socials: Every 1st Saturday of the month 6:30-9:30pm

Faith Formation: WISDOM A nine-part faith formation program. Next meeting is **March 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. March 5th, 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/ymstgbc> or scan QR code. For more information or to register, please contact our youth minister Kim Carson at: ymstgbc@archtoronto.org



Jubilee of Youth 2025



Join young adults 19-39, Fr. Paul Magyar, Fr. Marijan, and the OCY team for a pilgrimage of a life time!



Last day to register is February 27 at 5 PM!

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>



Looking to make new friends? Want a chance to hang out with other like-minded

students? If you attend Ontario Tech University, Durham College or Trent University (Durham/GTA), join us at St. Joseph the Worker Parish for this free monthly event. Join us for 5pm Mass every second Saturday of the month, followed by our social with free dinner, fellowship, games and more! <https://oshawacatholic.ca/>

Reminder!!!!

If you are a visitor to our parish, "WELCOME". If you are interested in making a donation, please use the visitor envelopes available in the foyer. Thank you.

Toronto Oratory's Theology Summer School

will be providing the introduction to the Catechism in the first week. This year's topic for the second week will be **Jubilee Years**. This will include some historical, theological, and artistic topics, as well as exploring the themes of the current Jubilee Year. <https://oratory-toronto.org/summer-school/>

A Time to Prepare

As we begin to approach Lent, it is good to pray, asking God how does he want us to enter into his holy season. If our Lent in the past has been focused more on giving up, has it been the giving up of some habitual sin in our lives? If our Lent has been more centered around doing more, has it been in loving more intentionally? After Lent we should [ideally] see some significant change in our spiritual lives. Lent is not a forty-day exercise without results. It is our annual pilgrimage to the celebration of our redemption by Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. But after His death on Good Friday, there is His resurrection on Easter Sunday. He died for our sins and rose to new life. Our Lenten journey is to lead to the same mystery in our own lives. Something is to die, so new life can become a reality of our lives now.



Countdown to Lent

Lent begins March 5th.

Each year in our spiritual journey we need to renew (have a fresh start) and enter into a period of **REPENTANCE, CHANGE OF HEART and PRAYER.**

MASS TIMES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

8:30AM - Holy Cross Parish

7:00PM - St. Gregory the Great Parish

Lent is a time of penance and repentance, or almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.

Stations of the Cross during Lent

There will be Stations of the Cross every Thursday (beginning Thursday March 6th) at 5:00pm. All are welcome!



Are you civilly married or in a common-law relationship, with previous marriages or divorces? 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.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

Holy Family Parish, Whitby

Friday, March 21st - 7:00pm to 9:00pm, Saturday, March 22nd - 9:00am to 5:00pm. For more information and to register, please call the office at 905 665 6470 ext. 201 or email: holyfamilywh@archtoronto.org

St. John the Evangelist, Whitby

Monday Evenings 7pm-9pm, April 7 to May 12. \$300 per couple. Call 905-668-3676 to register.

St. Leo the Great Parish, Brooklin

May 1, 2 & 3 from 6pm to 8:30pm.

For more information, please call: 905-655-3286



Parish Soup Sunday - Rescheduled

The Knights of Columbus - St. Jude Council will be hosting a Parish Soup Sunday **THIS** Sunday February 23rd after the 12noon Mass. Soup and Sandwiches will be served. Cost is a donation at the door. All are welcome!



16th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference

Saturday March 22, 2025 from 9am to 4pm Old Mill (includes a light lunch). Closing Mass will be celebrated by: Most Rev. Robert Kasun CSB.

Please call Dorothy Pilarski at: 416-907-1042.

Register at: <https://dynamicwomenfaith.com/>

Come & See — Discernment Weekend Retreat

March 14–16, 2025 at St. Augustine’s Seminary

March 14 at 6:30p.m. to Sunday, March 16 at 2p.m.

To register www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee.

For more information, vocations@archtoronto.org

Dominican Friars Youth Interfaith Video Contest 2024 (Runs until April 15, 2025)

Theme: “Faith as a Pathway from Division to Unity.”

Students (ages 13–19 years) in the Catholic School located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate. Students are encouraged to make a three-minute video encapsulating the theme. Register on the website and submit their entries by filling in the details on the submission form at: <https://bit.ly/DFVCSUBMISSION>

CONTACT: interreligious@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527

Collection for Dr. Simone - A Lenten Project

As a Lenten project, Dr. Andrew Simone is asking for donations of paper, pencils and personal hygiene soap. Dr. Simone is the founder of Canadian Food for Children. This organization is a charity which collects funds and food for starving children around the world. Please place any donations in the basket to the left of the Altar. We will be collecting donations from March 6th to April 13th. Thank you in advance!

The Archdiocese is Seeking a Data Specialist



The Archdiocese of Toronto is seeking a Data Specialist. If interested, please visit:

<https://bit.ly/jobarch>

Save the date: A Day with Mary

On Saturday, May 31, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a new archdiocesan event called “A Day with Mary” will be taking place at Villanova College in King City. More information will follow in the coming weeks. Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us!

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