

Stations of the Cross during Lent

Please join us for Stations of the Cross every Thursday here at Holy Cross at 5:00pm, and every Friday at St. Gregory's after the 7:00pm Mass. All are welcome!



# MASS Intentions

Saturday March 15 Holy Cross

4:30pm For Our Parish Family

Sunday March 16 Holy Cross

12noon †Domenico & Carmela Aloe

Tuesday March 18

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

6:30 pm Mass at St Gregory's: St. Philip's Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage

Wednesday March 19 Holy Cross, (St Joseph)

8:30am †Earl Marshall, †Lisa White

6:30 pm Mass at St Gregory's: Assumption's Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage

St. Gregory the Great at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday March 20 Holy Cross

8:30am †Augusto Chiodo, †Raymond Derry

5:00pm **\*\*Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross**

Friday March 21

Confessions & Stations of the Cross at

St. Gregory's - 6 p.m.-6:45 p.m.

St. Gregory the Great at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday March 22 Holy Cross

3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Adoration & Confessions

4:30pm For the Parish Family

Sunday March 23

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

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

12noon †Antonio Giarrizzo



*The Sanctuary Lamp  
burns this week for:*

*Euzebio & Octavio Saraiva*

# Sacramental Prep

First Communion Prep Class #6 at 10:45 a.m.

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

Confirmation Prep Class #7 at 10:45 a.m.

*Sunday March 30, 2025 in Holy Cross Parish Hall.*

## 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 19, 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/ymstgchc> or scan QR code. For more information or to register, please contact our youth minister Kim Carson at: [ymstgchc@archtoronto.org](mailto:ymstgchc@archtoronto.org)



## Young Adults at

### St. Gregory The Great & Holy Cross Socials and Faith Formation



**Who:** ages 18-39. **Next social is March 29**

**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 **March 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>

## Mass Intentions



A reminder that we are taking bookings for Mass Intentions and the Sanctuary Lamp for 2025. Our weekday Masses have multiple Mass intentions. **Please note:** only one Sunday Mass will be available as the other Mass will be for the Parish. Please call or come to the Office during Office hours.

# SL ShareLife

## You extend the hands of Christ to those in need

ShareLife Sunday is March 30. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is **\$21,000**.

Through your support of ShareLife, you extend the hands of Christ to those in need: the poor, the vulnerable, and the marginalized in our community. Because you care, more than 40 agencies provide strength to people of all ages in their weakest moments. You've been there for young parents as they worried about their next meal, isolated seniors yearning for companionship, teenagers seeking guidance in a confusing world, refugees longing to rebuild their lives, and people with special needs striving for dignity and acceptance. Thank you for living the Gospel through your compassion.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, or at [www.sharelife.org/donate](http://www.sharelife.org/donate).

**ShareLife Collection Dates:**

**March 30 | May 4 | June 8**

Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Pope Francis, the Bishops of Ontario and of all of Canada have asked that a Day of Prayer and Reflection for Victims and Survivors of Sex Abuse be observed for healing and to raise awareness. Here in the Archdiocese of Toronto the Second Sunday of Lent was chosen as an appropriate day and time to honour the wishes of the Holy Father, to express our remorse as a community, to pray for healing and assure safety in our parish communities.

Part of our Lenten journey is a time of preparation for Easter when we will renew our Baptismal promises—to reject Satan and embrace God, His Holiness, and His community. With the need to address our sinfulness with humility, many of us consider performing penitential acts, and engaging in the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Often, our penitential practices during Lent can be somewhat individualized; we concentrate on what we are doing or not doing and ask God for forgiveness. Our hope is to strengthen our personal relationship with God and our neighbour and overcome all that keeps us from loving more fully. We need to recognize our need to not only approach God as a community of praise, worship and sacrifice, but also as a community afflicted by division and sorrow and in need of healing and forgiveness. While the Eucharist is always principally an act of worship, praise and sacrifice, today in a special way we embody a communal penitential expression of sorrow, mourning, and humility for the sins of abuse.

**Lenten Confessions**

In preparation for Easter, and especially for worthy reception of the Eucharist, Fr. Marijan along with some help, will hear confessions:

**April 3 - Holy Cross Parish**

9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**April 4 - St. Gregory the Great Parish**

3:00 p.m. to 6:45p.m.

**Confession Resources:**

[www.archtoronto.org/confessions](http://www.archtoronto.org/confessions)

*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.*

**CWL EVENTS FOR THE PARISH**

**Holy Cross CWL will be holding a Fundraising Drive**

**Collection Dates:**

**Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 4pm**

**Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 1pm – 4pm**

Please see posters at the back of the Church.



**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 until **April 13<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you.

**LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY POWER FROM ON HIGH**

**Saturday March 29, 2025 – 9am – 5:30pm**

For tickets and information, visit [www.LJHR.ca](http://www.LJHR.ca).



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/>

**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!

**Save the Date - Totus Tuus**

The celebrated Catholic Camp program, Totus Tuus (meaning Totally Yours) is coming back to St. Gregory’s Parish the week of **July 6<sup>th</sup> – July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025** It is an excellent Camp, full of activities to help our young people grow in their faith.

**Healing after Abortion: The Sisters of Life**

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A “Day of Prayer and Healing” offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. Upcoming date: April 5, 2025

For more details, locations, and confidential registration, or to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at (416) 463-2722 or reach us by email at [toronto@sistersoflife.org](mailto:toronto@sistersoflife.org)

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