### 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!





**Saturday March 22 Holy Cross** 

**4:30pm** For the People of Our Parish

**Sunday March 23 Holy Cross** 

12noon †Antonio Giarrizzo

Tuesday March 25 (Annunciation of the Lord)

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

Wednesday March 26 Holy Cross

8:30am †Francesca Cappuccitti

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

**Thursday March 27 Holy Cross** 

8:30am †Maria Cassano

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

Friday March 28

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 29 Holy Cross

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

**4:30pm** For the People of Our Parish

Sunday March 30

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

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

**12noon** †Gail Poulin

### **LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY**

<u>Saturday March 29, 2025 – 9am – 5:30pm</u> For tickets and information, visit www.LJHR.ca.

# 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.)

<u>Confirmation Prep Class #7 at 10:45 a.m.</u> Sunday March 30, 2025 in Holy Cross Parish Hall.

# Called by Name

Just as God called Moses by name at the burning bush, so too does God call each of us by name to our own particular mission of stewardship. St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "You can do what I cannot do. I can do what you cannot do. Together we can do great things." Let us reflect on how we can use our time and talents to help our parish community and readily echo the words of Moses and respond "Here I am."

#### 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. April 2, 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: <a href="https://linktr.ee/ymstghc">https://linktr.ee/ymstghc</a> or scan QR code. For more information or to register, please contact our youth minister Kim Carson at: <a href="mailto:ymstghc@archtoronto.org">ymstghc@archtoronto.org</a>

# 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 **April 12**, 6:30pm – 9:30pm **Where:** St. Gregory's Parish Hall 190 Simcoe St. N.

Connect and Register: stgregsandholycrossya@gmail.com

<u>Instagram:</u> @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

# Thank you for heeding the Lord's call to feed the hungry

For many children, the snacks and meals they receive in school may be the only nutritious food they wat all day. Studies show that children can't learn and thrive when they are hungry. Thanks to you, \$750,000 in Food Security Grants are making a difference across our community. Students receive the nourishment they deserve, and parents are supported in the process. The FoodShare program at ShareLife-funded agency Rosalie Hall "is a lifeline for families," says their Executive Director, Jane Kenny. "It helps parents provide food for their children, reduces their stress, and allows them to focus on being the best parents they can be."

Next weekend is out first ShareLife Collection. Our goal is: \$21,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, or at <a href="https://www.sharelife.org/donate">www.sharelife.org/donate</a>.

ShareLife Collection Dates: Next Sunday - March 30 | May 4 | June 8

# **Lenten Confessions**

In preparation for Easter, and especially for worthily reception of the Eucharist, there will be confessions:

### **April 3 - Holy Cross Parish**

9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Fr. Marijan alone & 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – two priests

# April 4 - St. Gregory the Great Parish

3:00 p.m. to 6:45p.m. - two priests

### Confession Resources:

(www.archtoronto.org/confessions)

# 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!

# Holy Week Schedule

# Wednesday April 16th

Mass at 8:30am - Holy Cross

# Holy Thursday April 17th

Mass at 5:00pm – Holy Cross Mass at 7:00pm – St. Gregory's

# Good Friday April 18th Celebration of the Lord's Passion:

12-noon – St. Gregory's followed by Stations of the Cross

3:00pm – Holy Cross followed by Stations of the Cross

# Easter Vigil Saturday April 19th

Mass at 6:00pm – Holy Cross Mass at 8:30pm – St. Gregory's

# Easter Sunday April 20th

Mass at 8:00am – St. Gregory's Mass at 9:30am – St. Gregory's Mass at 12noon – Holy Cross

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.



Looking to make new friends? Want a chance to hang out with other likeminded 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! <a href="https://oshawacatholic.ca/">https://oshawacatholic.ca/</a>

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# 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.

#### **Consecration to Mary**

At Pope Francis's invitation, Cardinal Frank Leo has asked us to consecrate ourselves to the Blessed Virgin Mary on March 25. In addition to this day, we will (re)consecrate ourselves to the Mother of our Lord Jesus on the following Sunday, March 30, at Masses. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us. Resources at, <a href="https://bit.ly/constom">https://bit.ly/constom</a>

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

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? 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, please call the Sisters of Life at (416) 463-2722 or reach us by email at toronto@sistersoflife.org