

Preparing Ourselves for Christ

Lent is a time of preparation that invites us to rouse from our sleep and prepare for the Lord’s coming. One great way to prepare for His coming is to seek God’s cleansing healing in the sacrament of Confession. Let us strive to be reconciled with God and as stewards, let us try to invite our family and friends to join us.

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!



Elderly and Housebound

If you have elderly, frail or ill family member who is housebound, please call the office, give your contact information and the priest will make a point of visiting to administer their yearly Sacraments during this Lent.

Pope Francis’ Lenten Message 2025:

‘Let us Journey Together in Hope’

Pope Francis has centered his Lenten message for 2025 on the Journey Together in Hope. To read his full message, please visit:

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2025/02/25/250225b.html>

AN INSPIRATION FOR LENT

Get inspired, especially at this time of Lent and beyond, with an excellent and copyright-free e-book, audiobook, or a quality article. There are various resources for children and youth, adults, and the elderly, for faith formation, or a quality distraction.

<http://bit.ly/Catholicebooks>

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.

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

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/>

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



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.



MASS Intentions

Saturday March 8 Holy Cross
4:30pm For the People of Our Parish

Sunday March 9 Holy Cross
12-noon †Rita Globe & Vinco Family

Tuesday March 11
St. Gregory the Great at 12:10 p.m.

Wednesday March 12 Holy Cross
8:30am †Dorothy Uhlig, †Cliff Dunlap

Thursday March 12 Holy Cross
8:30am †Euzebio Saraiva

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

Friday March 13 Confessions & adoration –
St. Gregory’s – 6 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Saturday March 14 Holy Cross
3:30 pm – 4:15pm Adoration and Confessions
4:30pm For the People of Our Parish

Sunday March 15
St. Gregry the Great at 8:00 a.m.

St. Gregory the Great at 9:30 a.m.
12-noon †Domenico & Carmela Aloe

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!

CWL EVENTS FOR THE PARISH

Holy Cross CWL will be holding a Fundraising Drive

Collection Dates:

Saturday, April 5th from 10am – 4pm

Sunday, April 6th from 1pm – 4pm

In Holy Cross Parish Hall

(back of the Church – enter from Albert St.)

Please see posters at entrance and exits or visit:

<https://fundrive.savers.com/e/holycrosscwlouncilfundrive021325>



The Archdiocese is Seeking a Data Specialist

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

<https://bit.ly/jobarch>

ShareLife

Your love is a guiding light during Lent

Maria, a 64-year-old newcomer to Canada, arrived seeking a fresh start but found herself struggling to find both stable employment and affordable housing. Through your support of ShareLife, she received personalized guidance at Catholic Crosscultural Services that helped her secure both a job and a home. She found stability and peace of mind, giving her strength to embrace her new life.

Now, she's a guiding light for seniors, helping other access the support that changed her life. This Lent, you can walk the same path as a testament to resilience and the transformative power of community.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, or at **www.sharelife.org/donate**.

ShareLife Collection Dates:

March 30 | May 4 | June 8

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY POWER FROM ON HIGH

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

For tickets and information, visit **www.LJHR.ca**.

Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse

March 16th, 2025

The purpose of this day is to pray for survivors, increase awareness, and express contrition for the role that members of the Church played in wrongs committed. More information to follow.

Come & See – Discernment Weekend Retreat

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

Friday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. until

Sunday, March 16 at 2 p.m.

To register **www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee**.

For more information, **vocations@archtoronto.org**



St. Jude's Knights of Columbus

General Meeting:

Sunday March 16th

at 7:30pm in Council Chambers.



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!

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/>**

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 6th – July 11th, 2025** It is an excellent Camp, full of activities to help our young people grow in their faith.

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.