Easter at Holy Cross is truly a joyous family celebration. It takes many helpers doing great things to ensure Holy Week and Easter are joyful and meaningful celebrations. Thank you to all involved especially our Music Ministry, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Videographer, Sacristan, Altar Servers and Ushers for their participation. Also thank you to our cleaners and decorators and especially, you our parishioners who came out in faith to share and celebrate!

MASS Intentions

Saturday April 11 (Holy Cross)
6:00pm For the People of the Parish
Sunday April 12 (Holy Cross) (*2nd Sunday of Easter*)
12noon †Armando Oddi
3 pm Divine Mercy prayer at St. Gregory's church
Tuesday April 14
Adoration at 11:10am
St. Gregory the Great at 12:10 p.m.
Wednesday April 15 Holy Cross
8:30am †Anne Kissel
Thursday April 16 Holy Cross
8:30am †Antonio & Emma Giarrizzo
Friday April 17
Confessions & Stations of the Cross at St. Gregory's – 5:45 p.m.-6:45 p.m.
St. Gregory the Great at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday April 18 Holy Cross
3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Adoration & Confessions
4:30pm For the People of the Parish
Sunday April 19 (*3rd Sunday of Easter*)
St. Gregory the Great at 8:00 a.m.
St. Gregory the Great at 9:30 a.m.
12noon †Ottavio Osso

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

Marriage Prep Course

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, Brooklin
April 30, May 1, & May 2
For more information, please call the office: 905 655 3286 Ext 1.

Let us pray for our priest(s) and fellow Parishioners; for the Church and holy vocations; for peace, and salvation of the world; and for all the deceased.

Learn how to **obtain a plenary or partial indulgence** in your Parish church (https://bit.ly/sacredindulg), or via Jubilee Year of St. Francis (https://bit.ly/stfra26)

Holy Cross and St. Gregory's are once again offering a Program for our youth in grades 6-8. Our next meeting night will be held this **Wednesday, April 22,** from 6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in St. Gregory's Hall. For more information or to register, please contact our youth minister, Kim Carson, at: ymstghc@archtoronto.org

World Youth Day Mass 2026

November 21 at 7 p.m.
St. Thomas More Parish, Scarborough
Celebrant: His Eminence Cardinal Frank Leo

World Youth Day Pilgrimage to Seoul, South Korea

We invite young adults ages 19–39 to let us know if they are interested in travelling with OCY for this incredible pilgrimage.
The WYD 2027 theme is: "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Chosen by Pope Francis, this theme encourages young people to place their hope and confidence in Christ in a world often marked by anxiety, division, and rapid change.
As we begin preparing for Seoul 2027, OCY looks forward to hearing from young who may wish to take part in this exciting journey.

Sacramental Prep

Remaining Confirmation Classes at 10:45 a.m.
Sunday April 12, 2026
Sunday April, 19, 2026
Sunday April 26, 2026
All held in Holy Cross Parish Hall.

On Saturday, May 2nd, 2026 the students in the first Communion Prep class will attend a rehearsal at St. Gregory's Parish at 10:00am.
On Sunday, May 3rd, 2026 at the Noon Mass Fr. Marijan will give First Holy Communion to children of Thomas Aquinas and surround schools. We look forward as a Parish community to this uniquely special event in the life of members of our Parish.

Free Movie Night

On Saturday, April 18th at 6:30 p.m. St. Gregory's Parish Hall.
The Movie will be Disney/Pixar's ***Brave.***
Parent supervision is required for children under the age of 10. There will be popcorn and water for everyone. There is no cost, but donations are always welcome to cover the cost of the license.

St Gregory's is leasing the 2nd floor of the school. If interested, visit https://bit.ly/rentstgsch

Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your Will.

Renovation Collection

THIS weekend April 11/12, there will be a second collection for the Parish Renovation Fund.

Register Today for "A Day with Mary"

Please join us on Saturday, May 30, 2026 at Villanova College in King City. This family-friendly day will include Holy Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, the Rosary, confessions, a keynote address and children's catechesis. If you are interested and would like to attend, we are chartering a bus. There are only 45 seats available. The cost: Adults $25, children and youth up to the age of 18: $20. Please contact the office as soon as possible.

Food Drive - Holy Cross Parish

Please remember our Food Drive is ongoing throughout the year. Please place all donations at the Altar. Thank you in advance!

Pope Leo's Intentions for April

For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Information Night

April 30th, 7 pm – 9 pm

St. Gregory the Great Parish Hall, 190 Simcoe St. N.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) offered to the youngest children the most essential aspects of our faith, knowing that these truths will nurture their need to love and be loved and their capacity to enjoy God's presence in their lives.

This CGS formation day is for all who are interested or already involved in caring for the spiritual lives of children, in the home, parish or school. **Would you like to catechize children, or do you know how to work with wood or sewing?** Please contact St. Gregory's Parish to RSVP at 905-723-8141.

If interested in learning more but are unable to attend the information sessions on April 30th, please visit the Archdiocese of Toronto's CGS webpages or contact Anna Boyagoda at aboyagoda@archtoronto.org.

Through ShareLife, you provide safety to those in need

Your kindness makes it possible for refugees to create a sanctuary in Canada, providing hope and new beginnings to our brothers and sister in need. The second ShareLife Sunday is on April 26th. So far, we have raised ***$11,581.00*** towards our goal of ***$25,500.00***. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, or at: www.sharelife.org/donate.

Holy Cross CWL Bake Sale NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, April 18th Before & after the 4:30 p.m. Mass & Sunday, April 19th before & after the 12-noon Mass.

All proceeds will be going to support the CWL's many charities.

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

The staff of The Refuge has asked us not to park on the west side of their parking lot, at the front. If you do park there, your vehicle will be towed.

St. Carlo and Divine Mercy in confession

Since today is Divine Mercy Sunday, I asked myself, what does St. Carlo say about God's mercy? It seems to me that St. Carlo experienced and taught that God's mercy is best revealed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thus, his mother writes, "Carlo said that Christ is manifested in confession and that we reconcile with the Father through the Holy Spirit. The fruit of the Sacrament of Penance is peace. Carlo felt the need to explain that confession is also called the sacrament of mercy, because it reflects God's love for us – the love of he who died on the cross to save us and redeem us" (https://bit.ly/mysoncarlo, 121). I read here that confession is the expression of God's mercy for us. It is the Sacrament of forgiving love. The Trinity wants to forgive us. Christ's ambassadors, the Saints, such as St. Carlo, invite us to welcome His mercy. Are we allowing God's mercy to touch, love to transform, and peace to flood our hearts?

Help Not Harm: Take Action to Support Bill C-218

You're invited to visit:helpnotharmcanada.ca where you can e-mail your Member of Parliament (MP), asking for their support of Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act), which would amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition. Without this change, MAiD will be available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027.

Extraordinary Graces of Divine Mercy

"In three places in her Diary, St. Faustina records our Lord's promises of specific, extraordinary graces: -I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession [beforehand] and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy (#1109). -Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life [Eucharist] on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment [read purgatory] (#300). -The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (#699)." https://www.thedivinemercy.org/

That is, one may be without need to go to Purgatory, or go straight to Heaven if one dies soon after confessing well and receiving Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday.

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