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. Pray with the Pope:

Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd and companion on the journey, today we place in your hands all priests, especially those going through moments of crisis, when loneliness weighs heavily, when doubt clouds their hearts,

and when exhaustion seems stronger than hope. You who know their struggles and wounds, renew in them the certainty of your unconditional love. Let them feel they are not mere functionaries or lonely heroes, but beloved sons, humble and cherished disciples, and pastors sustained by the prayer of their people.

Good Father, teach us as a community to care for our priests: to listen without judging, to give thanks without demanding perfection, to share with them the baptismal mission of proclaiming the Kingdom in word and deed, and to accompany them with closeness and sincere prayer. May we support those who so often support us.

Holy Spirit, rekindle in our priests the joy of the Gospel. Grant them healthy friendships, networks of fraternal support, a sense of humour when things don't go as expected, and the grace to always rediscover the beauty of their vocation. May they never lose trust in You, nor the joy of serving Your Church with a humble and generous heart. Amen.

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, 2026, May 1, 2026 & May 2, 2026

For more information, please contact 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)

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

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, 19, 2026

Sunday April 26, 2026

All held in Holy Cross Parish Hall.

Rehearsal & Confessions will be held June 6 at 10am

Sacrament of Confirmation: June 7th at 12-noon with Bishop Vincent Nguyen

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.

Through ShareLife, you help people rebuild their lives

ShareLife Sunday special collection is taking place **next weekend April 25/26**. So far, we have raised ***$12,326.00*** towards our goal of ***$25,500.00***. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, or at: www.sharelife.org/donate.

Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your Will.

National Volunteer Appreciation Week

APRIL 19-25, 2026

This is a time of thanks and appreciation for our volunteers who selflessly serve our parish community with their unique gifts that weave our community together, following the example of Jesus and in response to His call to service for each of us.

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.

MASS Intentions

Saturday April 18 (Holy Cross)
6:00pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday April 19 (Holy Cross) (*3rd Sunday of Easter*)
12noon †Ottavio Osso

Tuesday April 21
Adoration at 11:10am
St. Gregory the Great at 12:10 p.m.

Wednesday April 22 Holy Cross
8:30am †Thomas & Olga Krout

Thursday April 23 Holy Cross
8:30am †Giuseppe & Rosaria Bruno, †Francesca Cappuccitti

Friday April 24
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 25 Holy Cross
3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Adoration & Confessions
4:30pm †Alberto Dantas

Sunday April 26 (*4th Sunday of Easter*)
St. Gregory the Great at 8:00 a.m.
St. Gregory the Great at 9:30 a.m.
12noon For the People of the Parish

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.

Holy Cross CWL Bake Sale THIS WEEKEND

Before & after the 4:30 p.m. Mass &
before & after the 12-noon Mass.
All proceeds will be going to support
the CWL's many charities.

Offertory Envelopes for 2026

If you are new to our parish and would like to have a box issued to you, please contact the office during the week, and a box will be assigned to you and placed on the table in the vestibule the following weekend.

'Prepare yourself and don't worry.'

Close to his death, as St. Carlo was arriving at the hospital in Monza, he said to his mother, "'I'm not getting out of here alive. Prepare yourself.' He said these words to me because he did not want me to arrive at the moment of his death unprepared. He also explained that he would send me many signs from heaven, and so I should not worry" (https://bit.ly/mysoncarlo, 24). The Saints are unique copies of Christ, His living imitations. Here, St. Carlo was like our Lord, who also prepared His and our Mother Mary for His death. She needed to prepare Her Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart. Jesus wanted His Mother to be ready for His life-giving death. St. Carlo, like Jesus, would send many signs from Heaven. Hence, Carlo said to his mother, 'There is no need to worry.' Instead, she needed to trust in the Lord. We, like St. Carlo, are invited to imitate Christ. We know that we also 'are not getting from here alive', from this earth. We need to be ready, always, for the hour of our death. Jesus is with us, so we don't need to worry. We need to trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. Then, are we ready for the Lord's coming and trusting in Him? Are we prepared to follow in the footsteps of the Lord and His Saints, even St. Carlo?

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. 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.

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.

Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your Will.