Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Happy Easter!
As I write this just before Holy Week, I reflect on the resurrection of Christ, while just preparing to enter into His Passion and death. Expecting Jesus' resurrection, even in the midst of the most hopeless situations, we expect our resurrection as well.

Isn't that, however, an image of the Christian life? We are here in this 'valley of tears', subject to pain, anxiety, and sorrow. We are worrying not only about the Ukrainian tragedy of war, but also about the Middle East being set on fire, which threatens to spread. There is a concern that conflict might also affect us, at least in terms of the increased cost of fuel, food, and living. There are also dramas often in our personal and family life, at the workplace and school. We, in a smaller or bigger way, experience the reality of the cross.

But with Jesus, there is resurrection! Jesus Christ rose from the terrible suffering and death on the Cross to resurrection and glorified existence. We are offered to unite our sufferings and crosses, pains and death to Jesus in His Passion and Resurrection. He is inviting us to entrust, 'cast all our anxieties into His hands because He cares for us' (1 Pt 5:7). The more we seek to entrust ourselves and unite to Christ, the more we will be able to experience His resurrection.

May our Risen Lord unite us to Himself, and so help and bless the Church and our world with the gifts of resurrection, peace, love, and reconciliation in truth between nations, groups, and individuals. May our loving God bless you and your family.
Yours in Christ, Fr. Marijan Sisko

**Book for Sale:**
***Walking With Christ to the Cross***
**By:** Fr. Lazlo Nagy, **Cost:** $20
Available for purchase at the back of the Church.

**PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING - PAG**
If you wish to use the Pre-Authorized Giving Method for your Offertory envelopes, please pick up a form available in the foyer of the Church. Thank you!

***World Youth Day Mass 2026***
*November 21 at 7 p.m.*
*St. Thomas More Parish*
*2234 Ellesmere Rd, Scarborough*
*Celebrant: His Eminence Cardinal Frank Leo*

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

***Sacrament of Baptism***
If you are interested in having your child Baptized, please request a registration form from the priest after attending Sunday Mass. We ask that couples be registered with the Parish and that the Catholic parent(s) be in regular attendance at Sunday Mass.

**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!

**Sacramental Prep**

***First Communion rehearsal at 10:00 a.m.***
*Saturday, May 2, 2026 at St. Gregory the Great Parish Hall (190 Simcoe St. N.)*

***Celebration of First Holy Communion***
*Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 9:30am at St. Gregory's*
*Or*
*Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 12-noon at Holy Cross Parish*

***Confirmation Prep Class #6 at 10:45 a.m.***
*Sunday, April 12, 2026 in Holy Cross Parish Hall.*

**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**

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

***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.

**Wishing you a blessed Easter**

This Easter Sunday, we hold gratitude for the Lord Jesus, our saviour; and for you who brings the hands of Christ to our brothers and sisters in need. We wish you and your loved ones a blessed and peaceful Easter. The second ShareLife Sunday is on April 26th. So far, we have raised ***$5,645.00*** towards our goal of ***$25,500.00***. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, or at www.sharelife.org/donate.

## MASS Intentions

**Easter Vigil Saturday April 4 (Holy Cross)**
**6:00pm** For the People of the Parish

**Easter Sunday April 5 (Holy Cross)**
**12noon** †Augusto Chiodo

**Tuesday April 7**
**Adoration at 11:10am**
**St. Gregory the Great at 12:10 p.m.**

**Wednesday April 8 Holy Cross**
**8:30am** †Santino Pallagrosi

**Thursday April 9 Holy Cross**
**8:30am** †Carmel Connolly

**Friday April 10**
**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 11 Holy Cross**
**3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Adoration & Confessions**
**4:30pm** For the People of the Parish

**Sunday April 12 (*2nd Sunday of Easter*)**
**St. Gregory the Great at 8:00 a.m.**
**St. Gregory the Great at 9:30 a.m.**
**12noon** †Armando Oddi
***3 pm Divine Mercy at St. Gregory the Great***

***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.

**Renovation Collection**

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

***CWL CORNER***

Monthly Meeting **Tuesday April 7th.** Rosary at 6:40pm followed by Meeting at 7:00pm in Parish Hall. All ladies are welcome. Come out and support the CWL of Holy Cross.

***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.

**"Jesus, my Communion"**

Sometime after St. Carlo's death, his mother Antonia found a note in Carlo's computer. There, he spoke about hope and death. I will focus with you on one of his sayings, "Jesus, my Communion". Jesus is a communion of God and man. He decided to become the *Holy Communion*, the Eucharist, the Body of Christ, the host. Through this Holy Communion, our Lord gives us, creates for us a holy communion with the holy communion of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Jesus gives us access to the power of His life and passion, death and resurrection. Jesus gives us His resurrection when we welcome Him, when we open ourselves, our hearts and lives to Him, our 'good, bad, and ugly.' Jesus gives us a share in His eternal life. Jesus, the Holy Communion gives us a 'communion', a 'union with' God, and especially those who share in His Holy Communion worthily, the Church. He gives us communion with everyone and everything, especially those who do God's will. Can we also say, with St. Carlo, "Jesus, my Communion"?
(https://bit.ly/mysoncarlo, 22)

**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.

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