

Solemnity of St. Michael the Archangel

On September 29, the Church honors St. Michael the Archangel. His is a spiritual warrior in the battle of good versus evil. He is considered a champion of justice, a healer of the sick, and the guardian of the Church. A long tradition identifies St. Michael the Archangel, as the leader who remained faithful to God, and cast Lucifer at God's command. His powerful aid has always been invoked by the Church in time of emergency. The Popes have constantly called on St. Michael as the special protector of the Church whenever great evils threatened God's people. He is patron of the Archdiocese of Toronto.



World Day of Migrants and Refugees

With a focus on minors on the move, Pope XIV has chosen "*Even Just One of These Children*" as the theme for the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. The title is drawn from Matthew 18:5: "*Whoever welcomes one such child in My name welcomes Me*".

Bishop's Collection

THIS WEEKEND (Sept. 26/27, 2026) the Annual Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will be held. Envelopes are located at the back of the Church.



Blessing of Animals – Oct. 3

We will have a blessing of animals on the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi at **St. Gregory's on October 3rd at 9-9:30 am, and at Holy Cross at 9:45 a.m.–10:15 a.m.**; both will be held in front of the entrances to the Church. Please keep your pets safe; if you plan to bring a lion, please keep it caged.

Life Chain 2026

Please join us to silently and prayerfully intercede to the Lord to end abortion and heal our nation, to partner our love and protection with God for local preborn and to witness for the millions lost in Canada through abortion. Life Chain will be held on Sunday, October 4 from 2 – 3 p.m. to show support for the protection of the unborn. Our meeting point is at Simcoe St. N and Adelaide St.



Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Collection

NEXT WEEKEND (Oct 3/4) a collection will be taken up to support the **Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund**. The collection is a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. Funds will support culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and families and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth with a focus on Indigenous spirituality and culture. For more information, go to:

www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation

Spiritus Durham Line Dance

Young adults ages 18-39 from Durham and Scarborough are invited to the Spiritus Durham Line Dance on September 30 from 7 pm to 9:30 pm at Holy Cross Hall.
<https://bit.ly/hclinedance>

RENEW TORONTO YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE - November 20-21, 2026

Join us for our annual RENEW Toronto Young Adult Catholic Conference for young adults ages 19-39.

SAVE THESE DATES!!

October 2 – Late Registration Pricing in Effect

November 4th – Registration Closes

Please visit: <https://www.renewtoronto.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



Fr. Marijan invites young adults ages 19–39 to let us know if they are interested in travelling with OCY for this incredible pilgrimage. If you are interested, please contact: bit.ly/3PofC34

Pope Leo's Intentions for September

For the care of water: Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Attention Students:

Are you headed to university or college this fall? Campus Ministry is waiting for you! Connect with campus ministry to find a welcoming community of friends and faith. Visit <https://bit.ly/3Xrb3qt> or <https://ocytoronto.org/chaplaincyconnect> to check out campus ministry on your campus!



Sacramental Prep

2026-2027

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

1st Communion:

*Wednesday, September 30th, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
at St. Gregory the Great Parish.*

Confirmation:

TBD

RCIA Course

*Would you like to become a Catholic, or are you a Catholic who has not been Confirmed? Join us at the **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.)**. Ask the priest for a registration form after attending the Sunday Mass. Classes are every Tuesday evening at 7pm beginning on October 6 in St. Gregory's Auditorium.*

Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your Will.



THE CWL BAZAAR IS COMING!!
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH
9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

The Catholic Women's League is having their annual bazaar and we need your help.

We will have our regular tables. 50/50 Draw, Knitting, Crafts, Plants, White Elephant, Toys, Books, Face Painting, Bake Table, Penny Table & Tea Room.

- **Donations for the Penny Table must be new with a minimum cost of \$25.00.**
 - **Donations for the White Elephant Table gently used items. NO clothing or large items.**
 - **Drop-off for your items will be Friday, November 13th from 9 am to 12 pm.**
- For more information, please call Adele (Bazaar Convener) at 905-723-9243.**

Come and See – Discernment Weekend

At St. Augustine's Seminary, there is a prayerful and supportive environment for young men ages 18+ to reflect, hear vocation stories from the seminarians and engage in meaningful conversation with seminarians and priests, as well as partake in social gatherings. Upcoming dates: November 6 (6:30 pm) until November 8 (2 p.m.).

Registration: <https://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee>

MASS Intentions

Saturday September 26 (Holy Cross)

(St. Jean de Brebeuf & St. Isaac Jogues)

6:00pm For the People of Our Parish

Sunday September 27 (Holy Cross)

12noon †Giuseppe & Rosaria Bruno

Tuesday September 29

(St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael)

St. Gregory the Great Adoration at 11:10am

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

Wednesday September 30 Holy Cross (St. Jerome)

8:30am †Thomas & Olga Krout

Thursday October 1 Holy Cross

(St. Therese of the Child Jesus)

8:30am

Friday October 2 (The Holy Guardian Angels)

Confessions & Adoration at

St. Gregory's – 5:45 p.m.-6:45 p.m.

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

Saturday October 3 Holy Cross

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

4:30pm For the People of Our Parish

Sunday October 4

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

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

12noon †Alfredo Cerequeira



Please help the hungry and homeless in our community by participating in our

“HOLY CROSS PARISH
THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE”

You can help by donating any of the following with pop-up tabs:

canned vegetables & meats/fish, rice, canned pasta & fruit, soups & stews, brown beans, cold breakfast cereals, cookies, ketchup, pasta & sauce, instant coffee, hot chocolate, peanut butter, sugar, mac & cheese, salt & pepper, baby food.

PLEASE PLACE YOUR DONATION AT THE STEPS OF THE ALTAR. THANK YOU

St. Carlo and losses and consolations

St. Carlo's mother narrates, “I remember that my husband and I were convinced that the Lord would perform a miracle and heal him [St. Carlo] until the very end. But that is not what happened” (<https://bit.ly/mysoncarlo>, 25). There was an expectation of healing, a desire for recovery. But it didn't happen.

In our families there are times when we hope that healing of health or relationships would happen, that something would change for the better. At times it does. But things also take a turn for the worse. As we reflected a few Sundays ago, death is a common lot for all of us.

But Carlo's grandma and parents were not without consolation in all of that. Carlo found a way to console her and, through her, her family.

We suffer and die, but there is consolation for us even there. Our consolation is in Jesus and *is* Jesus, since He came close to us through willing and loving acceptance of the human suffering of every kind, and even a violent, unjust death. Through it, He rose and opened the way of life beyond death for us who desire to be with Him.

Then, has the Lord consoled you in your hurts and losses? He is even there for us. Meet Him there, allow Him to console you, so that He may lead you to life beyond suffering and death.

Help Needed for Sacramental Preparation

We are looking for volunteers to join the Sacramental Teams, including First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please call or email the office if you are interested.

Volunteers needed for Live-Streaming

We are looking for volunteers at 4:30 PM Saturday vigil Mass to help with video-recording and **live-streaming** of the Mass. Contact the office.

Volunteers needed for Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy volunteers are needed for the noon Mass! To volunteer, please contact the office.

Anyone who is interested will have to go through a free Volunteer Screening process through the Archdiocese as per Archdiocesan policy.

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