



As we enter autumn, the season of change, we celebrate a time of giving thanks to

Almighty God for the bounteous gifts we have received. May all of us find time in our busy schedules to bow our heads before God and reflect on the blessings unique to each of us as individuals, families, communities, and the Church. **HAVE A GREAT THANKSGIVING!**

RENOVATION COLLECTION

The renovation collection will take place THIS weekend. Your monthly contributions help fund projects and repairs as they arise. Thank you in advance for your continuous contributions.



World Mission Sunday is **NEXT WEEKEND, October 17/18**. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church that provides emergency aid when disasters strike, care for refugees in war-torn countries, and provides rural health clinics and transportation for priests, catechists, religious and lay pastoral workers. It provides financial support for the daily needs of all missionaries. Please pray for the missions and be generous on World Mission Sunday.



Apply to St. Michael's College School

St. Michael's College School is Ontario's only independent Catholic school for young men from Grades 7 to 12. Open Houses will be held on Thursday, October 15th and Tuesday, October 20th, beginning at 7 pm. They offer a generous Financial Assistance Programme that provides financial aid to qualifying students. To register:

<https://stmichaels.openapply.com/>

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.

Hey Grade 9-12 students!

Adoration, praise, and worship with confession from 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm for Grades 9-12 at St. Gregory's Church on November 19. Following this, there will be a social in St. Gregory's hall until 8:30 pm.

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.

November 4th – Registration Closes

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

World Youth Day 2026 Mass

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

Help Shape DCDSB's New Multi-Year Strategic Plan

As we begin developing the Durham Catholic District School Board's (DCDSB) next Multi-Year Strategic Plan, we want to hear from you. Your feedback will help shape our priorities and guide the future of Catholic education in Durham Region. <https://bit.ly/26DCDSBMYSPP>

For more information about the Multi-Year Strategic Plan process, timelines, and engagement opportunities, visit: dcdsb.ca/StrategicPlanning.

Thank you for sharing your voice and helping shape the future of DCDSB.



First Communion Prep Class at 10:45 a.m.

Sunday, October 18th, 2026 at St. Gregory's the Great Parish Hall (190 Simcoe St. N.)

Confirmation Registration:

Wednesday, October 28th, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in Holy Cross Parish Hall.



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 Sunday Mass. Classes are every Tuesday evening at 7 pm in St. Gregory's Auditorium.

Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your Will.



SUNDAY SOCIAL & RECEPTION FOR PAUL BUDKA

The CWL monthly Coffee Social will take place after the 12noon Mass **NEXT WEEKEND**. At this social we will also be honouring Paul Budka after he received the St. Michael Award. Why not stay for a coffee and a chat with your fellow parishioners? All are welcome!



St. Jude's Knights of Columbus Corner
October General Meeting:
Sunday, October 18th @ 7:30pm

MASS Intentions

Saturday October 10 (Holy Cross)

4:30pm †Raymond & Irene Richard & Cathy VanderZwet

Sunday October 11 (Holy Cross)

12noon For the People of Our Parish

Tuesday October 13

St. Gregory the Great Adoration at 11:10am

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

Wednesday October 14 Holy Cross

8:30am †Vito Maglione

Thursday October 15 Holy Cross (St. Teresa of Jesus)

8:30am †Augusto Chiodo, Health of Phyllis D'Souza

Friday October 16 (St. Marguerite D'Youville)

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 17 Holy Cross (St. Ignatius of Antioch)

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

4:30pm For the People of Our Parish

Sunday October 18

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

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

12noon †Domenico & Carmela Aloe

Cardinal Leo's Thanksgiving Message

Visit <https://bit.ly/cardthanks25> to view a Thanksgiving message from Cardinal Francis Leo.

Municipal Elections 2026 – Cast Your Vote!

A municipal election will be held on **Monday, October 26, 2026**. All Catholics are strongly encouraged to vote for a Catholic School Board Trustee.

To help you learn about the candidates, Cardinal Leo has permitted them to distribute literature after weekend Masses from **October 3/4 through October 24/25**.

At the polling booth, verify that you are registered as a **separate school supporter**. If your status is incorrect, ask for an **Application to Amend Voters' List**, which you can complete and submit right at the polling station. Thank you for your involvement!

THE CWL BAZAAR IS COMING!!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH - 9AM - 2PM



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 Penny Table/White Elephant items:

Saturday, November 7 before and after mass

Sunday, November 8 before and after mass

Thursday, November 12, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Friday, November 13, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Drop off for Baked Goods:

Friday, November 13, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

For more information, please call Adele (Bazaar Convener) at 905-723-9243.

He died? Where is he now?

When Carlo died, his grandma somehow knew it. She said to her daughter, Carlo's mother, "that she already knew [that Carlo died], because she had heard Carlo's voice tell her: 'Grandma, I am in heaven with the angels. I am very happy. Don't cry, because I will always be there beside you'" (<https://bit.ly/mysoncarlo>, 25). It is good that the Church is always very skeptical about these types of death experiences because it is difficult to verify them. They are a matter of personal experience, which, as long as they don't contradict the Church's teaching, may be received as a private consolation with a grain of salt.

It may matter to us, though, that after death, we will find ourselves in the presence of the just and merciful Judge Jesus. There, our options are narrowed to Heaven, for those who, like St. Carlo, have been purified during their life here on Earth; Purgatory for those who are not holy enough to enter Heaven but are without grave sin; Hell for those who knowingly and willingly reject the truth and mercy of God. Let us pray and cooperate with the grace of God, that all of us may seek and receive Heaven, 'happiness with angels,' and, if necessary, only make a quick stop in Purgatory. Oh, how good it would be if we could say after our death with Carlo, "I am in heaven with the angels. I am very happy" (*ibid*)! Is there something we should do about it, to have such an amazing destiny?



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/chaplc> to check out campus ministry on your campus!

Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your Will.