World Day of Prayer for Peace

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Peace in Assisi. On October 27, 1986, Pope John Paul II invited Christian leaders and leaders of world religions to fast and pray for peace. The gathering was not political, nor did it seek to make all religions the same. It was a public sign that peace has a spiritual and moral foundation, and that religious communities can stand together against violence while remaining faithful to their own traditions. There were also moments of shared silence, short reflections from faith leaders, and a common appeal against violence, hatred, and indifference.

United in Prayer for Persecuted Christians on Red Wednesday - November 18, 2026

People around the world will mark **Red Wednesday**, an initiative of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). This global day highlights the persecution of Christians and reminds us that religious freedom is a human right. The Archdiocese of Toronto invites the Catholic community to participate in Mass at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. More info: www.acn-canada.org/rw Contact: el@acn-canada.org or (416) 785-0498.

MASS Intentions

Saturday October 24 (Holy Cross)
4:30pm †Jane & Peter Diver
Sunday October 25 (Holy Cross)
12-noon For the People of Our Parish
Tuesday October 27
St. Gregory the Great Adoration at 11:10 a.m.
St. Gregory the Great at 12:10 p.m.
Wednesday October 28 (Holy Cross)
(St. Jude & St. Simon)
8:30am †Anna Pallagrosi, †Martyn Mooney
Thursday October 29 (Holy Cross)
8:30am †Michael Nasso
Friday October 30
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 31 (Holy Cross)
3:30 pm – 4:15 pm Adoration and Confessions
4:30pm Holy Cross For the People of Our Parish
Sunday November 1 (All Saints' Day)
St. Gregory the Great at 8:00 a.m.
St. Gregory the Great at 9:30 a.m.
12noon Holy Cross All Saints'

Monday November 2 (All Souls' Day)
7pm – Special Mass for All Souls' Day at
St. Gregory the Great Parish. All are welcome!

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

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 first meeting night will be held on Wednesday, November 4th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in St. Gregory's Hall. Scan the QR Code to register.

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: https://ocytoronto.org/wyd-seoul-2027. **Registration closes on Monday, October 26.**

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!

First Communion Prep Class #2 at 10:45 a.m.

Sunday, October 25th, 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.

Confirmation REGISTRATION

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 in St. Gregory's Auditorium.

Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your Will.

ALL SAINTS' DAY MASSES

We will have our regular 4:30 pm Mass on Oct. 31st
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, 2026
8:00 am – St. Gregory the Great Parish
9:30 am - St. Gregory the Great Parish
12-noon – Holy Cross Parish

ALL SOULS' DAY MASS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 2026
There will be a special All Souls' Day Mass at 7:00pm – St. Gregory the Great church

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES are in your box of envelopes and at the back of the Church. The envelopes, with the list of names you wish to be remembered, will be placed before the altar and remembered at all Masses during November.

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Book of Remembrance

During November, you are invited to write in the names of loved ones who have died. They will be prayerfully remembered during the month.

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All Souls' Day Mass at Resurrection Cemetery

The Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in the All-Souls' Day Mass on Saturday, November 7, at 2 p.m. The Mass will be held indoors at Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby. All are welcome!

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 partaking in social gatherings. Upcoming dates: November 6 (6:30pm) until November 8 (2 p.m.)
Registration: https://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee

2027 Collection Envelopes



It is once again that time of year! As we are slowly getting the boxes of envelopes ready, we ask that, if you are new to our parish, please register by completing a Registration Form located in the foyer. If you have recently moved, please update the office with your current address, and if you know someone who no longer attends this Church, please let us know. We will be printing the labels shortly. Thank you in advance!

FALL BACK NEXT WEEKEND!



It is once again time to turn your clocks back! It is also a great time to change the batteries in smoke detectors!

CWL Bazaars in the area

St. Gertrude's – Nov. 7th 10-2pm
St. Mary of the People – Nov. 7th 9:30am-2pm

THE CWL BAZAAR IS COMING!!
SATURDAY, NOV. 14TH 9AM TO 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
Saturday, November 14, morning

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

To suppress, badly express, or offer it up?



After Carlo died, his body was brought to his home. Many people, young and old, came to visit. Carlo's mother, instead of being consoled by others, was consoling them. She says, "Mysteriously and truly, my consoling of others in some way even allowed for the pain to be exorcised and transformed into an offering" (https://bit.ly/mysoncarlo, 25).

Faced with any, especially intense pain, whether physical, psychological, or spiritual, two tempting and extreme reactions may be either to express those feelings without any control, or to suppress them. Consequences may be a sort of explosion, or in the latter reaction, implosion, an explosion as if within the person. Both may be devastating.

Instead, Carlo's mother, consoling others, expressed her pain in a way that made it 'an offering to God.' This reminds me of a pressure cooker. It cooks properly only if the lid is on. Without the lid, it will cook, but not under pressure. With the lid, it needs a valve that releases high pressure; otherwise, it could explode. Similarly, in emotional and, more significantly, spiritual life, we need to own and contain our pain, but release it in a proper, controlled way with people who love us, but God first through different forms of prayer.

How do you deal with the inevitable pain of life? Do you vent it in a bad way, do you hold it hidden until it wrecks you, or do you bring it to God and share it well with people who love you? Let us all allow our Lord to help us, ask Jesus to console us, and He will love us and soothe our pain.

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