



Congratulations, Paul Butka, our Sacristan since 1988 at St. Gregory's and four years at Holy Cross and counting. Cardinal Leo honoured Paul with the St. Michael's Award for outstanding service during the solemn Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral.

<https://bit.ly/stma26>

Life Chain 2026 this Sunday

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.



Renovation Collection

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Parish Renovation Fund.

Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Collection

THIS 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

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/>



World Mission Sunday Collection

October 17/18

Calling all 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 the 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 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

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. **Survey will be open until October 16th.**

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



First Communion Prep Class #1 **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 at 7 pm 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 October 3 (Holy Cross)

6:00pm For the People of Our Parish

Sunday October 4 (Holy Cross)

12noon †Alfredo Cerqueira

Tuesday October 6

St. Gregory the Great Adoration at 11:10am

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

Wednesday October 7 Holy Cross

(Our Lady of the Rosary)

8:30am †Peter Hewett

Thursday October 8 Holy Cross

8:30am For the health of Althea

Friday October 9

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 10 Holy Cross

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

4:30pm †Raymond & Irene Richard &

†Cathy VanderZwet

Sunday October 11

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

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

12noon For the People of Our Parish



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

Holy Spirit Novena for Life

Holy Spirit, At the dawn of creation,

You brought order out of chaos,

Light out of darkness, Life out of nothingness.

Breathe on us once again,

And change the culture of death Into a Culture of Life.

Inspire in your people, A spirit of generous welcome,

For each and every life, No matter how unexpected or dependent That life may be.

Holy Spirit, You are the Advocate. As you fill us with Yourself, Make us advocates

For the unborn and all the vulnerable.

Until we are all united, In the endless life and joy, Of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen



The Sanctuary Lamp
burns this week for:
For Thanksgiving

St. Gertrude's Fall 2026 Adult Faith Formation Bible

Study Program: The Pivotal Players – Vol. 1

Join St. Gertrude's on Thursday, October 15, through December 3 at 7 pm in their Parish Hall or via ZOOM. Each evening, there will be an engaging video presentation, lively discussion, and fellowship. The highly recommended but optional Study Guide is \$40.00. Register via St. Gertrude's website, at their Parish Office or after their weekend Masses. Contact Beth Cook: bethcook905@outlook.com for more information.

CWL CORNER

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



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

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