World Day of the Poor - November 15, 2026

The theme is: "The Lord is the refuge of the poor"

Excerpt from Pope Leo's Message:

He writes that the poor are the first to suffer the consequences, and it is no coincidence that their numbers are growing in many societies. The absence of God no longer places people side by side in mutual respect, but places one above the other in a relationship of domination and oppression. Thus, a desecrating logic of abuse and exclusion is laid bare, one that marginalizes and humiliates. Not only individuals but entire populations find themselves in this condition.

Pope Leo is confident that this World Day of the Poor will serve as a significant step toward rediscovering the faces of so many brothers and sisters who seek refuge in God and long to feel at home in our communities. Let us remain faithful to the Word of God, which calls us to a conversion of heart. Read more at https://bit.ly/wdp26

Shepherd's Trust Collection

This weekend, there will be a second collection for Shepherd's Trust. The mission of The Shepherd's Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests have sufficient resources to lead dignified lives after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. The Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for being so supportive of this important work.

WE BURY OUR DECEASED

Please be aware of the need to give a proper Catholic funeral to our deceased. Catholics are not permitted to keep the ashes of the dead at home, to divide them or scatter them. If you have any ashes of your family members, please get in touch with Fr. Marijan so that we may organize a burial and allow our departed to rest in the peace of Christ.

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Book of Remembrance

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

Red Wednesday Mass at St. Michael's

You are invited to assist at the Red Wednesday Mass presided over by Bishop Vincent Nguyen on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond Street, Toronto. This annual observance—marked in cities throughout the world—unites us in prayer and solidarity with persecuted Christians. Holy Cross and St. Gregory's will be illuminated in red light to remind us of the love and martyrdom of Christians around the globe.

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.

World Youth Day Mass 2026

November 21 at 7 p.m.
St. Thomas More Parish, 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 first meeting night will be held on **Wednesday, November 18th** from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in St. Gregory's Hall. Scan the QR Code to register.

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! Chaplaincy in Oshawa, https://oshawacatholic.ca/

World Youth Day Pilgrimage to Seoul, South Korea

The OCY has closed its registration for World Youth Day in South Korea, August 1-10, 2027. You still may seek another Parish to go with. Contact the OCY for more information: https://ocytoronto.org/wyd-seoul-2027.

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) regularly attend Sunday Mass.

First Communion Retreat at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, November 28, 2026 in
St. Gregory's the Great Parish Hall
(190 Simcoe St. N.)

Confirmation Prep Class # 2:

Sunday, November 22, 2026
at 6:30 p.m. in Holy Cross Parish Hall.

RCIA

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 7 pm in St. Gregory's Auditorium.

Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your Will.

MASS Intentions

Saturday November 14 Holy Cross
4:30pm For the People of Our Parish
Sunday November 15 Holy Cross
12-noon †Alberto Dantas
Tuesday November 17
St. Gregory the Great Adoration at 11:10 a.m.
St. Gregory the Great at 12:10 p.m.
Wednesday November 18 Holy Cross
8:30am †Augusto Chiodo, †Vincenzo Cappuccitti
Thursday November 19 Holy Cross
8:30am †Armando Oddo & Oddi Family, †Annie Sambolec
Friday November 20
Confessions & Adoration at
St. Gregory's – 5:45 p.m.-6:45 p.m.
St. Gregory the Great at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday November 21 Holy Cross
(Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
3:30 pm – 4:15 pm Adoration and Confessions
4:30pm Holy Cross For the People of Our Parish
Sunday November 22 (*Christ the King*)
St. Gregory the Great at 8:00 a.m.
St. Gregory the Great at 9:30 a.m.
12noon Holy Cross †Ottavio Osso

Christmas Cards for Sale

The Knights of Columbus are selling Christmas Cards at the back of the Church **NEXT WEEKEND and also November 28/29, December 5/6**. The prices are $2.00 per card or $12.00 per box.

Information for 2027

Mass Intentions

We are now booking Mass Intentions and the Sanctuary Lamp for 2027. Please call or come to the Office during Office hours.

Please note: only one Sunday Mass will be available as the other Sunday Mass intention will be for the people of our Parish.

Envelopes

The envelopes for 2027 will be available next weekend. When they are available, they will be at the back of the Church in alphabetical order.

Mass Books

November 29th is the last Sunday for the 2026 Missals. Please place old ones in the box provided. Missals will be available for a cost of $5 next weekend.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:

Alberto Dantas

Angel Tree

Our **Angel Tree"** is back! Please consider donating gift cards of $20 or more redeemable at various local stores such as Walmart, Superstore, Old Navy, Giant Tiger etc. We will also accept cash which will be converted to gift cards. There will be a box at the front of the Church to put them in until **December 6th.** Thank you for your support!

Faith Formation Study - Theology of the Heart

This Study will take us into a deeper spiritual understanding of the heart and what it means in our Catholic tradition. The Heart appears repeatedly in Scripture, Catholic prayers, and Holy images. It remains central to our relationship with God and our very self. Theology of the Heart will explore this and aim to deepen our relationship with God and our understanding of this important Holy image. This faith formation study will be held every **Thursday 6:30 pm in St. Gregory's hall (190 Simcoe St. N.)**, lead by Paul Coates. Everyone is welcome.

Please keep in mind that we have hungry and homeless people in our community. Please remember that we have an ongoing Food Drive throughout the year.

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!

From the most tragic to the best

In the next sentence, following last week's reflection, St. Carlo's mother Antonia wrote, "It is life's most tragic situations that bring out the best in us and teach us who we really are" (https://bit.ly/mysoncarlo, 27). Normally, nobody wants 'tragic situations' of any kind. Yet our fallen nature, our choices, events beyond our control, and even our sins cause tragedies in our lives of varying intensities. It may be that we have done certain things that we are deeply embarrassed by right now. But Christ somehow marvellously has the power to transform tragedies into joy, making us desire to be better persons. He wants us to discover who He really wants us to be and help us obtain that. Our Lord desires that we allow Him to fulfill His beautiful plan of love in us, in our lives.

It may be that currently you are beaten by a 'tragic situation.' Don't lose heart; ask Jesus to help you, and He will "bring out the best in [you] and teach [you] who [you] really are" in Him (*ibid.*). Or, the Lord brought the best in you from a 'tragic situation.' How can you allow God to accomplish the same through you in your neighbour who is crushed by the cross of life? Our all-loving God wants to 'bring out the best in all of us.' He wants us to be in Him the best persons that He created us to be. Then allow Him to make you the person He wants you to be.

Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your Will.