

Stations of the Cross during Lent

Please join us for Stations of the Cross every Thursday here at Holy Cross at 5:00pm, and every Friday at St. Gregory's after the 7:00pm Mass. All are welcome!



MASS Intentions

Saturday February 17

4:30pm For Our Parish Family

Sunday February 18

12noon †For Jesus

Tuesday February 20

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

Wednesday February 21

8:30am †Augusto Chiodo

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

Thursday February 22 (St. Peter)

8:30am †Antonio & Emma Giarrizzo

5:00pm **Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross

Friday February 23

Confessions at St. Gregory's - 6 p.m.-6:45 p.m.

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

Saturday February 24

Confessions here 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

4:30pm For the Parish Family

Sunday February 25

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

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

12noon †Our Lady of Fatima

Elderly and Housebound

If you have elderly, frail or ill family member who is housebound, please call the office, give your contact information and the priest will make a point of visiting to administer their yearly Sacraments during this Lent.

Sacramental Prep

First Reconciliation for First Communion

Saturday, February 24, 2024 at 10:30am

Confirmation Prep Class #5 at 10:45 a.m.

Sunday March 3, 2024 in Holy Cross Parish Hall.

Preparing Ourselves for Christ

Advent is a time of preparation that invites us to rouse from our sleep and prepare for the Lord's coming. One great way to prepare for His coming is to seek God's cleansing healing in the sacrament of Confession. Let us strive to be reconciled with God and as stewards, let us try to invite our family and friends to join us.

Pope Francis' Lenten Message 2024: 'Lent is a Season of Conversion, a Time of Freedom'

Pope Francis has centered his Lenten message for 2024 on the Book of Exodus, choosing "*Through the Desert God Leads Us to Freedom*". By it the faithful are encouraged to journey from bondage to spiritual renewal and freedom.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/lent/documents/20231203-messaggio-quaresima2024.html>

Cardinal Collins' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship

Section One: The Meaning of Stewardship

Cardinal Thomas Collins' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship is organized into four sections, with the first being The Meaning of Stewardship in the Christian Life. This section explores the reality that we are invited by God to be good stewards of His gifts. "If we truly have the spirit of stewardship, we will not let God's gifts go to waste, and we will not selfishly cling to them, but use them graciously to serve others, and in doing so give glory to God." To read the full pastoral letter please visit:

www.archtoronto.org/stewardship

SL ShareLife

Support our vulnerable youth through ShareLife

In this time of Lent, we ask you to think of our brothers and sisters in need - especially our vulnerable youth who call the streets their home.

"Your gift ensures youth experiencing or at risk of homelessness have access to individualized support and variety of programs and services to meet their complex and diverse needs," says Mark Aston of Covenant House Toronto. "With your caring support, youth have safe space to turn to and a supportive team to help them plan their own path." Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, or at www.sharelife.org/donate.

ShareLife Collection Dates:

March 17 | April 28 | June 2

Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your Will.

AN INSPIRATION FOR LENT

Get inspired, especially at this time of Lent and beyond, with an excellent and copyright-free e-book, audiobook, or a quality article. There are various resources for children and youth, adults, and the elderly, for faith formation, or a quality distraction. (<http://bit.ly/Catholicbooks>)



Help the youth in our community



Holy Cross CWL is preparing to help our neighbours, "The Refuge". They are in need of specific items to help sustain the youth who are living on the streets. To assist the CWL in serving these young people we are asking you, to purchase and donate items which The Refuge needs. The specific items they currently require are: **Packaged** toes warmers, hand warmers, disposable rain ponchos and emergency thermal blankets. Please bring your donation next weekend. You can also contact the President Cathy: 905-571-1796.



Join Us at Faith Formation Study: Theology of the Body - Part 2 - Redemption of the Body

You are invited to join us for a Faith Formation Study: Theology of the Body of St. John Paul II, presented by Paul Coates, (M.Div.). In Part II we will reflect on the mystery of Redemption of our bodies by our Lord Jesus Christ. Join us at St. Gregory's Parish Hall (190 Simcoe St. N., Oshawa), for eight Thursdays, until March 21, 2024, except March 14, from 7 pm to 9 pm. The cost is \$40 per person, students may make a donation, and everyone is welcome!

REGISTER AT: <https://bit.ly/TOBSTGTWO>

Are you civilly married or in a common-law relationship, possibly with previous marriages? If yes, contact the priest so that we can see how to help you seek an annulment and (or) Marriage in the Church. In this way, eventually, you will be able to receive the Sacraments with good conscience.



Free Catholic Estate Planning Webinar Saturday, February 24, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Learn: How to avoid problems in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection.
Please register using the scan this QR code

Come & See – Discernment Weekend
Retreat March 15-17, 2024 at St.
Augustine's Seminary
Friday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. until
Sunday, March 17 at 2 p.m.

This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary.

To register www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee. For more information, vocations@archtoronto.org

Join our new Sunday noon choir!

Due to interest and enthusiasm among some of our Parishioners regarding singing at Mass, we are looking for volunteer singers to sing in our mixed choir (adults, youth, and children). Our Sunday noon musicians Karen and Allan will have a tryout for potential choir members immediately after the Sunday Masses. The rehearsals for the choir singers will be one hour before Sunday noon Mass. The singers will be expected to come to church by 10:50 am on Sundays. Even if you are not sure how, come and (learn to) sing.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Please contact the Parish office if you have not received your income tax receipt.

Dominican Friars Youth Interfaith Video Contest 2024 (Runs until April 15, 2024)

Theme: "This is a time when the world needs more love and compassion than ever."

Students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate. Students are encouraged to make a three-minute video encapsulating the theme. Register website and submit their entries by filling the details on the submission form at:

<https://www.catholicregister.org/videocontest>.

CONTACT: interreligious@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527

St. Gertrude's Parish Lenten Retreat with Fr. Paul Burchat

Feb. 26th – 28th, Monday, Tues. & Wed. Nights

We welcome Fr. Paul Burchat of Madonna House for our Lenten parish mission.

This will take place on the Mon. Tues. Wed. evenings Feb. 26-28th starting each night at 7:30pm.

The topics for the 3 nights will be: 1) Sin and Conversion, 2) The Prodigal Son, 3) Spiritual Warfare.

Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your Will.