

MASS Intentions

Saturday February 3

4:30pm †Mary Plavetich

Sunday February 4 (5th Sunday of Ordinary Time)

12-noon For Our Parish Family

Tuesday February 6

(St. Paul Miki & Companions)

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

Wednesday February 7

8:30am †Ermelinda Pinto

Thursday February 8

8:30am †Lucia DeSousa

Friday February 9

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

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

Saturday February 10 (St. Scholastica)

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

4:30pm †Mary Plavetich

Sunday February 11 (6th Sunday of Ordinary Time)

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

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

12noon For Our Parish Family

Sacrament of Baptism

If you are interested in having your child Baptized, please request a registration form from the priest after attending Sunday Mass.

Sacramental Prep

Did you miss Registration for 1st Holy Communion or Confirmation? It's not too late.
Please attend a Prep Class.

First Communion Prep Class #4 at 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Feb. 4, 2024 at St. Gregory the Great Parish Hall (190 Simcoe St. N.)

Confirmation Prep Class #4 at 10:45 a.m.
Sunday February 11, 2024 in Holy Cross Parish Hall.



CWL CORNER

Monthly Meeting **Tuesday February 6th**.
Rosary at 6:40pm followed by Meeting at 7:00pm in Parish Hall.

All ladies are welcome. Come out and support the CWL of Holy Cross.

Renovation Collection

THIS weekend February 3/4, there will be a second collection for the Parish Renovation Fund.



Marriage Sunday

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebration, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3pm on Sunday February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto).

All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage. For questions, please email formation@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 523

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.

Dominican Friars Youth Interfaith Video Contest 2024 (February 5, 2024 to 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



*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns this week for:
Ermelinda Pinto*

Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your Will.

A Time to Prepare

As we begin to approach Lent, it is good to pray, asking God how does he want us to enter into his holy season. If our Lent in the past has been focused more on giving up, has it been the giving up of some habitual sin in our lives? If our Lent has been more centered around doing more, has it been in loving more intentionally? After Lent we should [ideally] see some significant change in our spiritual lives. Lent is not a forty-day exercise without results. It is our annual pilgrimage to the celebration of our redemption by Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. But after His death on Good Friday, there is His resurrection on Easter Sunday. He died for our sins and rose to new life. Our Lenten journey is to lead to the same mystery in our own lives. Something is to die, so new life can become a reality of our lives now.



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WEDNESDAY

Countdown to Lent

Lent begins February 14th.

Each year in our spiritual journey we need to renew (have a fresh start) and enter into a period of **REPENTANCE, CHANGE OF HEART and PRAYER.**

MASS TIMES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

8:30AM – Holy Cross Parish

7:00PM – St. Gregory the Great Parish

Lent is a time of penance and repentance, or almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.

Stations of the Cross

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!



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.

Job Opportunity in Youth Ministry



St. Gregory the Great and Holy Cross Parishes in Oshawa are looking to hire a full-time youth minister. The deadline for application is February 16, 2024. More information at: (<https://bit.ly/workasYMathHCSTG>) OR, (<https://bit.ly/3vg6lQ4>)



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>



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Pastoral letter on Social Media

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has released a Pastoral Letter titled "Let Your Speech Always Be Gracious" that examines the use of social media through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching (<https://bit.ly/plsmcccb>).

2024 Vitality Webinar Series & Stewardship Sunday

1. Stewardship Treasure Hunt – Feb 8, 1:30pm-3pm. <https://bit.ly/3HEWBly>
2. A Catechesis on Charisms – March 7, 10-11:30am. <https://bit.ly/3Ui6fC4>
3. A Hitchhiker's Guide to Eternity (RCIA) – May 9, 10-11:30am. <https://bit.ly/49cxClo>
4. Building a Culture of Stewardship that Engages all Ages. – June 19, 10-11:30am <https://bit.ly/48QHOA1>

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