



Dear Brothers and Sisters of Christ,
Happy Easter! On Holy Thursday we celebrated Jesus instituting the Eucharist and the

ordained Priesthood, on Good Friday we contemplated Jesus' death, and today we celebrate His Resurrection.

But why do we celebrate Jesus' 'Paschal Mystery' (His Death and Resurrection) every year? It is as if to ask, why do we breathe? We breathe so that we may live here on earth; we celebrate the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection so that living here on earth we may live in Heaven and breathe its fresh air.

Thus, our Christian life is similar to swimming in the ocean. You want to keep your head up, breathe, and swim to the shore. The difficult events, interactions, and crosses of life appear to us as if they might drown us. Christ entered our suffering through His painful and sorrowful Passion to help us be faithful in the struggle to overcome spiritual death when tempted to sin, by the power of His resurrection. Our Lord Jesus conquered death to help us conquer our death, so that even if we swim in 'the waters of death' (Ps 69:1), by His grace we may keep our heads up and breathe the fresh air of Jesus' resurrection.

So that our souls may live, our God gives Himself to us in His Church, the Priesthood, and the Eucharist. For that reason, every year on Easter, and every Sunday on 'small Easter' at Mass we receive Jesus' love for us in His Passion and Resurrection. There we bring our struggles and joys and elevate them to Christ so that we may swim confidently towards the shores of the Heavenly Promised Land.

May the Lord help us all to swim well to the shores of the Heavenly Kingdom, and may He bless and strengthen you and your family in His Church.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Marijan Sisko

Sacramental Prep

First Communion Prep Class #6 at 10:45 a.m.

Sunday April 7, 2024 at St. Gregory the Great Parish Hall (190 Simcoe St. N.)

Confirmation Prep Class #6 at 10:45 a.m.

Sunday April 14, 2024 in Holy Cross Parish Hall.

Renovation Collection

The renovation collection will take place next weekend (April 6/7, 2024) Your monthly contributions help toward projects and repairs that may arise. Thank you in advance for your continuous contributions.

MASS Intentions

Easter Vigil Saturday

March 30

6:00pm

For Our Parish Family

Easter Sunday

March 31

12noon

For Our Parish Family

Tuesday April 2

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

Wednesday April 3

8:30am

†Regina Lima

Thursday April 4

8:30am

†Paul Landry

Friday April 5

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

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

Saturday April 6

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

4:30pm

For Our Parish Family

Sunday April 7

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

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

12noon

†Augusto Chiodo

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!

Totus Tuus Summer Camp 2024

The Totus Tuus summer camp will be taking place at St. Gregory's for both Holy Cross and St. Gregory's Parishes from July 8th to July 12th for students in grades 1-12. An announcement will be coming soon as to when registration will begin and how you can help volunteer. Please see the following link for more information about the camp:

<https://www.totustuutoronto.ca/>

Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your Will.

Recognizing the Risen Lord

These past forty days we've been preparing for this great feast where we will be met with the risen Christ yet how often do we fail to recognize Him in our daily lives? St. Teresa of Calcutta believes that we encounter Jesus through our neighbour as she says "I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, this is hungry Jesus, I must feed him." This Easter, let us rejoice in Jesus' resurrection and seek to find and serve Him in our neighbour by being good stewards.

SL ShareLife

Embrace Jesus' love and compassion through giving.

Jesus' love and example inspire us to extend a helping hand to others, especially those facing the greatest challenges. ShareLife agencies continue to reach out to the most vulnerable members in our community, offering essential services made possible by your compassion and generous contributions.

Our Parish goal is **\$19,500.00**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or at sharelife.org/donate.

A Blessed Easter to you all!

MINISTRY OF MATURING ADULTS 60 +

Immaculate Conception Parish, Port Perry

April 18, 2024 – End of Life Issues – Moira McQueen from Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute University of Toronto.

9:30 coffee / 10:00 session / concludes with free luncheon. Registration is not required. You are most welcome.

Holy Cross Parish

SPRING

Food Drive

Please remember our Food Drive is ongoing throughout the year. Please place all donations at the Altar. Thank you in advance!



*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns this week for:*

Francesca Cappuccitti

*From the
Pastor's
Desk*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
We have received permission to have two multiple intention weekday Masses on Wednesday and Thursday at 8:30 am at Holy Cross, and on Tuesday at 12:10 pm and Friday at 7 pm at St. Gregory's. It means that we may have up to 20 Mass intentions per Mass. That is, if you would like to have a Mass intention for the living or deceased, and someone's name is already there, just reach out to the office so that your Mass intention may be added.



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) be in regular attendance at Sunday Mass.

Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our Church bulletin beginning in May 2024. This helps support the bulletin service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION

The Regional Municipality of Durham has begun construction for the replacement of existing watermain, sanitary and storm sewers, service connections, road construction and pavement rehabilitation on Simcoe St. S. from Olive Ave. to 20 metres north of Metcalfe St. There will be lane closures and at the intersections of John St. and Gibb/Elm St. there will be intermittent road closures to through traffic in both eastbound and westbound directions. For more information, please visit:

www.durham.ca/SimcoeStreetWatermain



For the Sick:

Mary McDermott, Ryan Brown,
Raymond Richard, Rita Globe,
Daniel Zdanowski, Rose Henry,
Maurice Chartrand, Alberto Pinto, Mark Smegal, Jerry Ashworth, Shaunna Herron, Sean Brooks, Paul Gallegos, Eric Gates, Martyn Mooney, Joseph Cassar, Phillip Alberigo.

HAPPY EASTER