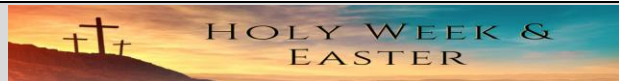




Today is Palm Sunday. It celebrates Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem for the Jewish festival of Passover. Great crowds of people lined the streets waving palm branches to welcome Him. Shortly thereafter these same people were to desert Him and shout for His death.



### **Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup>**

Mass at 8:30am – Holy Cross

†Antonio & Emma Giarrizzo, †Armando Oddi, †Anne Kissel

### **Holy Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**\*\*\*NO MORNING MASS\*\*\***

Mass at 5:00pm – Holy Cross

Mass at 7:00pm – St. Gregory's

### **Good Friday April 18<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Celebration of the Lord's Passion:**

12-noon – St. Gregory's  
followed by Stations of the Cross

3:00pm – Holy Cross  
followed by Stations of the Cross

### **Easter Vigil Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup>**

Mass at 6:00pm – Holy Cross

Mass at 8:30pm – St. Gregory's

### **Easter Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Mass at 8:00am – St. Gregory's

Mass at 9:30am – St. Gregory's

Mass at 12noon – Holy Cross

### **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.

## **Sacramental Prep**

### **First Communion Prep Class #8 & Rehearsal**

Saturday May 3, 2025 at 10:30am

at St. Gregory the Great Church (214 Simcoe St. N.)

### **First Holy Communion**

Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 9:30am at St. Gregory's &

12noon at Holy Cross

### **Confirmation Prep Class #8 at 10:45 a.m.**

Sunday April 27, 2025 in Holy Cross Parish Hall.

### **About Fasting and Abstinence on Good Friday**

**Fasting** is the limitation of food and drink, typically to one main meal and two smaller meals, with no solid foods in between. (But remember to drink enough fluids!). We fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. We fast because it helps us to pray better. An empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer. Catholics aged 18-59 are bound to fast. Those with impaired health should not fast in any way.

**Abstinence** is avoiding certain kinds of food or drink, typically meat or other desirable foods. Catholics are obliged to abstain from meat every Friday throughout the year (except solemn feast days). Instead of abstaining, you may substitute special acts of charity or piety on Fridays. We abstain on Fridays because it's the day of Christ's saving death on the Cross; we abstain to share in His work of saving the world. Catholics aged 14 and older are obliged to abstain.

[\(https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/lent/home/lent/\)](https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/lent/home/lent/)

### **The Cross of Christ**

It is through the crucifixion that Christ defeats Satan and triumphantly attains our salvation, allowing us to enter our heavenly home. As we approach the Holy Triduum, let us take some time each week to reflect on the passion of Christ. We can do this in many ways such as praying the Stations of the Cross or the sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary, reading the passion narratives in the Bible or simply gazing upon a crucifix.

### **Pontifical Collection - Good Friday, April 18**

On Good Friday a collection will be taken up at the request of the Holy See. It is for the support of the many social, education, and parish projects of the Church throughout the Holy Land, and it helps to assure the Church's presence and a measure of security and peace for our brothers and sisters. Please give generously to support the Church of the Holy Land and our brothers and sisters in their need.

### **Attention All Parishioners**

It has come to our attention that some people, receiving on the hand, carry the Sacred Host back to their seats. This is forbidden. Please be sure to consume Jesus, truly present in the Sacred Host, right after you receive him, in such a manner that the priest may see that you have placed Communion in your mouth. You must consume the Host in the front of the minister of communion, right after receiving it. There are people who wish to steal consecrated Hosts. If you see anyone walking away without having consumed the Sacred Host, please alert the priest.

**Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your Will.**



### The Youth Corner

St Gregory the Great and Holy Cross have started a group for our youth in grades 6-8. Our next gathering will be **Wed. April 16, 2025** from 6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in St. Gregory's Hall. EDGE usually runs every other Wednesday. Download registration form: <https://linktr.ee/ymstghe> or scan QR code. For more information or to register, please contact our youth minister Kim Carson at: [ymstghe@archtoronto.org](mailto:ymstghe@archtoronto.org)



### Young Adults at

#### St. Gregory The Great & Holy Cross Socials and Faith Formation

**Who:** ages 18-39. **Next social is May 3**

**Socials:** Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 6:30-9:30pm

**Faith Formation: WISDOM** A nine-part faith formation program. Next meeting is **May 17**, 6:30pm – 9:30pm

**Where:** St. Gregory's Parish Hall 190 Simcoe St. N.

**Connect and Register:** [stgregsandholycrossya@gmail.com](mailto:stgregsandholycrossya@gmail.com)

**Instagram:** @stgregsandholycrossya

<https://linktr.ee/stgregsandholycrossya>



### Totus Tuus Summer Camp 2025

The Totus Tuus summer camp will be taking place here at St. Gregory's for both Holy Cross and St. Gregory's Parishes from **July 6<sup>th</sup> to July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025** 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.totustuustoronto.ca/>



Looking to make new friends? Want a chance to hang out with other like-minded students? If you attend Ontario Tech University, Durham College or Trent University (Durham/GTA), join us at St. Joseph the Worker Parish for this free monthly event. Join us for 5pm Mass every second Saturday of the month, followed by our social with free dinner, fellowship, games and more!

<https://oshawacatholic.ca/>

## ShareLife

**You empower youth to embrace God.**

So far, we have raised **\$7,278.50** toward our goal of **\$21,000.00**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or at: <https://sharelife.org/donate/>

Thank you for living the Gospel through ShareLife!

### THANK YOU!!

The CWL would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who donated towards their Clothing Drive which took place last weekend.



### Collection for Dr. Simone – A Lenten Project

Dr. Andrew Simone has asked for donations of paper, pencils and personal hygiene soap. Dr. Simone is the founder of Canadian Food for Children. This organization is a charity which collects funds and food for starving children around the world. Please place any donations to the left of the Altar.

### **THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND.**

### Jubilee 2025: Lenten Pilgrimage

Why not consider a Lenten Pilgrimage to one of our designated Pilgrimage Churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto during this special year of blessings? A listing of these churches and resources for your visit can be found at: [www.archtoronto.org/jubilee](http://www.archtoronto.org/jubilee). The site also provides information for those wishing to receive a Plenary Indulgence through their visit to a Pilgrimage church. Please note that it is not necessary to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the same day as your visit to the Pilgrimage church, but can be celebrated in your own parish "within several days before or after your visit."



### Register Today for "A Day with Mary"

This **FREE** outdoor event is taking place Saturday, May 31 on the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Villanova College in King City. There will be food, music, fellowship, and Holy Mass celebrated by our Archbishop, His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo. For more information and to register: [www.archtoronto.org/mary](http://www.archtoronto.org/mary)

### Archdiocese Day of Palliative Care

The last Sunday of October will be recognized as the Archdiocesan Day for Palliative Care. It is to raise awareness and increase education surrounding end-of life care. The Archdiocese Formation of Discipleship has rolled out a program called '**Horizons of Hope**'. A brochure entitled, "**Palliative Care and a Catholic Response to Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide**" will be available and will explain the basics of Palliative care covering the dignity of human life until natural death.

### SPRING FLING CARD PARTY

St. Mary of the People Parish Hall, 532 Stevenson Rd. N., Oshawa - Monday, May 12 at 7pm. Doors open at 6:30. Progressive Euchre (optional), 50-50 draw, prizes & a light lunch. Tickets: \$10.00. Call Elsa at 905-728-2077 or purchase tickets at the door. Hosted by St. Mary's Catholic Women's League.

*Let us pray for our priest(s) and fellow Parishioners; for the Church and holy vocations: that there may be holy bishops, priests, deacons, and religious; holy marriages, families and holy single people; for repentance, salvation and peace in the world; and for all the deceased.*

**Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your Will.**