



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Happy Easter!

A few days ago, we celebrated the death of Christ. He truly lived, suffered, and died for us, so that He may be close to us in our lives, suffering, and death. But Jesus' death is not the end. It is rather a beginning, a passage to Heaven. Those who are united to Christ in His suffering and death, are also united to Him in His resurrection.

Jesus indeed rose from the dead in His blessed humanity so that with Him we may rise to the newness of life. The power of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection will not be effective only on the general day of resurrection, or in Heaven, but also in our here and now. Jesus' resurrection helps us to overcome hopelessness, sin, and death; it enables us to be victorious with Him and in Him, in all good and difficult circumstances of our lives.

Let us seek, therefore, beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, to be united to Christ in the worship of the Church, so that with Him we may overcome every obstacle, live and be united to Him forever, us and our families.

Happy Easter to you.

Fr. Marijan Sisko

## Sacramental Prep

### First Communion Prep Class #8 & Rehearsal

*Saturday May 3, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.*

*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.*



On Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the Noon Mass Fr. Marijan will give First Holy Communion to children of Thomas Aquinas and surround schools. We look forward as a Parish community to this uniquely special event in the life of members of our Parish.

### 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!

## 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 23, 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/ymstghc> or scan QR code. For more information or to register, please contact our youth minister Kim Carson at: [ymstghc@archtoronto.org](mailto:ymstghc@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/>

## SPRING FLING CARD PARTY

St. Mary of the People Parish Hall, 532 Stevenson Rd. N., Oshawa - Monday, May 12 at 7 p.m. 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.

## ShareLife

### Thank you for being a beacon of hope.

On Easter Sunday, we thank you for being a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters in need by supporting ShareLife. In their darkest hours, you are right beside them. As we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord this Easter Sunday, let us open our hearts to all.

Our Parish goal is **\$21,000.00**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or at [www.sharelife.org/donate](http://www.sharelife.org/donate)

A Blessed Easter to you all!

Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your Will.

### The Paradox of the Cross

The beautiful truth of our faith is that God was able to bring about the greatest good of the resurrection through the seemingly utter defeat of the crucifixion. The famous Portuguese proverb says that “God writes straight with crooked lines.” As stewards, let us not be discouraged when we face crosses and trials but instead trust that God will transform these difficulties into many little Easter mornings.

## MASS Intentions

### Easter Vigil Saturday (Holy Cross)

April 19

6:00pm For the People of Our Parish

### Easter Sunday (Holy Cross)

April 20

12noon For the People of Our Parish

### Tuesday April 22

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

### Wednesday April 23

8:30am †Thomas & Olga Krout, †Maria Cassano

### Thursday April 24

8:30am †Giuseppe & Rosaria Bruno,  
†Santino Pallagrosi

### Friday April 25

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

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

### Saturday April 26

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

4:30pm For Our Parish Family

### Sunday April 27

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

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

12noon †Ottavio Osso

### 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)

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

### Extraordinary Graces of Divine Mercy

“In three places in her *Diary*, St. Faustina records our Lord's promises of specific, extraordinary graces:

-I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession [beforehand] and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy (#1109).

-Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life [Eucharist] on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (#300).

-The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (#699).” <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/>  
That is, one may go straight to Heaven if one dies soon after confessing well and receiving Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday.

A plenary of partial indulgence may also be obtained.

### Attention All Parishioners

It has come to our attention that some people are receiving on the hand and 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. 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.

### 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.

### St. Jude's Knights General Meeting:

Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.



### Jubilee Pilgrimage with Cardinal Leo

The Archdiocese of Toronto Jubilee 2025 Committee is organizing a week-long pilgrimage to Rome with Cardinal Leo, taking place from November 10 – November 17, 2025. The pilgrimage will include visits to Rome's major basilicas and Holy Door, daily Mass and a day trip to Assisi. Registration begins online beginning April 24 at 10am. Space is limited. For full registration details, to view a detailed itinerary and learn more about this prayerful journey to Rome, visit:

<https://bit.ly/ArchTORome2025>



### Food Drive - Holy Cross Parish

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

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