

Let us pray for late Pope Francis and Conclave

We pray for Pope Francis, who faithfully served the Church as the Successor of Peter: that the Lord may welcome him into the joy and peace of His eternal kingdom.

Let us also pray for the College of Cardinals, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit as they elect the next Successor to St. Peter.

We exhort you to offer private prayers, works and almsgiving for the successful election of a new Pope. The simple custom of frequently praying the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be for this intention is encouraged. The election of the new Pope should be prayed for in the recitation of the Rosary.



Easter at Holy Cross is truly a joyous family celebration. It takes many helpers doing great things to ensure Holy Week and Easter are joyful and meaningful celebrations. Thank you to all involved especially our Music Ministry, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Videographer, Sacristan, Altar Servers and Ushers for their participation. Also thank you to our cleaners and decorators and especially, you our parishioners who came out in faith to share and celebrate!

Sacramental Prep

First Communion Prep Class #8 & Rehearsal
at 10:45 a.m.

*Sunday May 3, 2025 at St. Gregory the Great Church
(214 Simcoe St. N.)*

First Holy Communion

*Sunday May 4th, 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.

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!



Next Sunday, May 4th, 2025
at the Noon Mass our
children attending St.

Thomas Aquinas and other schools will receive their First Holy Communion. Let us pray for them and their families that they always may receive it worthily and well.

We expect that there will be an increase in the number of Mass attendees. Hence, we ask you to be patient and to arrive ahead of time.



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. May 8, 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



Young Adults at

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

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

Socials: Every 1st 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

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 6th to July 11th, 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 for Volunteers

We are proud to report that our Edge Youth Group continues to grow every month. We are currently looking for more volunteers, especially adults. To find out more information, please contact our Youth Minister Kim Carson at: ymstghe@archtoronto.org

Catholic Education Week – May 5, 2025

"Pilgrims of Hope"

Together, our parishes, educators and families sow and nurture the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, encouraging them to live lives of holiness and Christian witness as one body in Christ.

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 is now open. For registration details, to view a detailed itinerary & learn more, visit:

<https://bit.ly/ArchTORome2025>



Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your Will.

Divine Mercy Sunday

On April 27, Divine Mercy Sunday, Deacon Dave will lead us in prayer from 3 pm to 4 pm at St Gregory's church. There will be a prayer of chaplet of divine mercy and adoration.

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 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 or partial indulgence may also be obtained.

Renovation Collection Date Change

Due to the ShareLife Collection next weekend, the Renovation collection for this month will take place the weekend of May 10/11. Your monthly contributions help toward projects and repairs that may arise. Thank you in advance for your continuous contributions.



Charity Golf Tournament

Sacred Heart Academy invites you to join them for a day of golf, fun, and community spirit to help raise funds to support their providing quality education rooted in faith and values. For more information scan the QR code or go to:

<https://www.sacredheartdurham.com/>

National Volunteer Appreciation Week APRIL 27-MAY 3, 2025



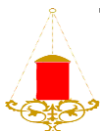
This is a time of thanks and appreciation for our volunteers who selflessly serve our parish community with their unique gifts that weave our community together, following the example of Jesus and in response to His call to service for each of us.



The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is **May 4 (NEXT WEEKEND)** So far, we have raised **\$10,025.50** towards our goal of **\$21,000.00**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or at sharelife.org/donate

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



*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns this week for:*

Santino Pallagrosi

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.

MASS Intentions

Saturday April 26 Holy Cross (Divine Mercy)

4:30pm

For the People of Our Parish

April 27 Holy Cross Divine Mercy Sunday

12noon

†Ottavio Osso

Tuesday April 29

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

Wednesday April 30 (St. Marie de L'Incarnation)

8:30am

†Constantino & Carmela Mancuso

Thursday May 1

8:30am

†Georgina Pisani

Friday May 2 (St. Athanasius)

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

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

Saturday May 3 (St. Philip & St. James)

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

4:30pm

†Danny Sampogna

Sunday May 4

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

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

12noon

For the People of Our Parish

Marygrove Camp & Ozanam Camp



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul operates two overnight camps for Children, Marygrove Camp for girls and Camp Ozanam for boys. Marygrove welcomes girls aged 5 to 13 for an 8-day camping adventure on the shores of Georgian Bay and Camp Ozanam welcomes boys aged 7 to 12 for a 7-day camping adventure on Deer Lake in South River. Marygrove sessions run from July 4th to August 27th and Ozanam runs from July 15 to Aug 13th. Anyone interested should call 905-720-0003.

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