



NOVENA FOR POPE FRANCIS

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops have made available a Novena for Pope Francis <https://bit.ly/pray4francis>.

This provides an opportunity for the Catholic faithful to unite in prayer during the nine days of mourning for the Holy Father.



Access a site with information about Pope Francis, the College of Cardinals and the Conclave. www.archtoronto.org/popefrancis



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

Priestly ordinations and pilgrimage to the cathedral

Three men will be ordained to the priesthood on May 10, 2025, at 10 am at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. Join us on a pilgrimage to the Cathedral and the ordinations. The suggested departure time from Oshawa Go Train Station is 8:09 am.

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

Confirmation Rehearsal & Confession at 10:30am

Saturday May 31, 2025 in Holy Cross Parish

Sacrament of Confirmation

Sunday June 1st at 12noon Mass



Catholic Education Week – May 4

"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.

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.



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 14, 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 June 7**

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

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Totus Tuus Summer Camp 2025



The children and youth of the parish are invited to join us for Totus Tuus (Latin for Totally Yours) this summer. Totus Tuus is an Archdiocesan program whereby seminarians and young adults travel to different parishes, spreading the Good News of our Lord through catechesis, Mass, confession, songs and games! The grade school program, for children entering grades 1-6, runs Monday-Friday from 9am – 2:30pm, from July 7th to July 11th.

The Intermediate/High School program for Grades 7-12 runs July 7 to 11, Sunday-Thursday from 7pm–9pm. The cost is: \$40 for Gr. 7-12 & \$70 for Gr. 1-6 for the entire week. If not possible, freewill offering will be accepted. Visit: <https://www.holycrossosshawa.ca/totus-tuus-2025/> for Registration Form or contact 905-723-8141, or, stgregorythegreat@archtoronto.org. More information is also available at 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

Children's liturgy volunteers are needed for the noon Mass! To volunteer, please contact the office.



CWL CORNER

Monthly Meeting **Tuesday May 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 Date Change

Due to the ShareLife Collection this 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.



The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is **THIS WEEKEND** (May 4). So far, we have raised \$10,125.50 towards our goal of \$21,000.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or at:

www.sharelife.org/donate

Share life invites you to **28th Annual ShareLife Golf Tournament**, taking place at **Eagles Nest Golf Club** in Maple, Ontario, on **June 2, 2025**. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/golf25SL>

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/>

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>



Holy Cross Parish Spring Food Drive

Please remember our Food Drive is ongoing throughout the year. Please place all donations at the Altar. For those of who do not know, the items we receive we donate to food banks at **Simcoe Hall Settlement House, New Life Seventh Day Adventist** and now to **Gate 3:16**. Thank you in advance!



Mother's Day Social

Knights of Columbus & Nigerian Community Social

Next weekend (Mother's Day), the Knights of Columbus along with the Nigerian Community, will be hosting a Sunday Social after the 12-noon Mass in the hall. All parishioners are welcome.

Diaconate Mutual Aid Fund Dinner

Guest Speaker: Bishop Vincent Nguyen

Tuesday June 3rd, 2025

The Royalton Event Centre,
8201 Weston Rd, Woodbridge

Tickets are \$125.00 per person which includes an open bar and a delicious three course Italian dinner. Please call: 416-934-3400 ext. 304

MASS Intentions

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

4:30pm †Danny Sampogna

Sunday May 4 Holy Cross

12noon For the People of Our Parish

Tuesday May 6 (St. Francois)

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

Wednesday May 7

8:30am All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday May 8

8:30am †Francesca Cappuccitti

Friday May 9

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

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

Saturday May 10

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

4:30pm For the People of Our Parish

Sunday May 11 (Mother's Day)

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

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

12noon †Ermelinda Pinto

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



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.

Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your Will.