

World Day of the Poor - November 16, 2025

Theme is: "You Are My Hope"

Excerpt from Pope Leo's Message:

He writes that the structural causes of poverty must be addressed and eliminated. "Helping the poor is a matter of justice before a question of charity," insists the Holy Father, quoting St Augustine, who observed: "You give bread to a hungry person; but it would be better if none were hungry, so that you would have no need to give it away."

Pope Leo urges us all to "offer new signs of hope" that will bear witness to Christian charity, which is the "is the greatest social commandment." He draws attention to the many "quiet signs of hope" - in care homes, community centres, soup kitchens, homeless shelters and low-income schools – that often go unnoticed.



Shepherd's Trust Collection

This weekend, there will be a second collection for Shepherd's Trust. The mission of The Shepherd's Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests, are provided with sufficient resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. The Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

WE BURY OUR DECEASED

Please be aware of the need to give a proper Catholic funeral to our deceased. Catholics are not permitted to keep the ashes of the dead at home, to divide them or scatter them. If you have any ashes of your family members, please get in touch with Fr. Marijan so that we may organize a burial and allow our departed to rest in the peace of Christ.



Book of Remembrance

During November, we are invited to pray for and write in the names of loved ones who have died. They will be prayerfully remembered during the month.



FREE ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, November 29, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Learn how to avoid problems with your Will, Powers of Attorney, Estate Trustee selection, how to create your own legacy, and about our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals. To register: scan the QR code, follow this QR link: <https://qrco.de/WebNov29> OR send an email to: Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar November 29" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.



Holy Cross and St. Gregory's are once again offering a



Program for our youth in grades 6-8. Our next meeting night will be held this **Wednesday, November 19th**, from 6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in St. Gregory's Hall. For more information or to register, please contact our youth minister, Kim Carson at: ymstghc@archtoronto.org

Sacramental Prep

First Communion Registration at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 23, 2025 at St. Gregory the Great Parish Hall (190 Simcoe St. N.)

Confirmation Registration at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 11, 2026 in Holy Cross Parish Hall.

RCIA Course

Would you like to become a Catholic, or are you a Catholic who has not been confirmed? Join us at the **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.)** at **St Gregory's Hall (190 Simcoe St N)**. Ask the priest for a registration form.



A Faith Formation Study by CCCB
Exploring the Themes of the Papal Bull
on the Jubilee Year 2025

We are exploring themes that will help us celebrate the Jubilee Year on Thursdays from 7 pm at St. Gregory the Great Hall, 190 Simcoe St N.

Presenter: Paul Coates & Fr. Marijan

Suggested Donation: \$30.00.

For more info & to register:

<https://bit.ly/stgiys> or scan the QR Code.



Jubilee Year 2025

With just a few weeks left in our Jubilee Year, which concludes on Dec. 28, 2025, Cardinal Leo encourages each parish or individual to consider a visit to one or more of the designated Pilgrimage Churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto. A listing of these churches and resources for your visit can be found at: <https://bit.ly/archjpc>

For those wishing to receive a Plenary Indulgence through their visit to a Pilgrimage church, please visit: <https://bit.ly/archtopi>

Marriage Preparation Course

Holy Family Parish, 91 Ribblesdale Dr., Whitby

Friday, January 16, 2026: 7pm to 9pm

Saturday, January 17, 2026: 9am to 12pm

Friday, January 23, 2026: 7pm to 9pm

Saturday, January 24, 2026: 9am to 12pm

Please email holyfamilywh@archtoronto.org for more details or to register. Deadline to register is Dec. 10, 2025.

Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your Will.

Pope Leo's Intentions for November

For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.



MASS Intentions

Saturday November 15 Holy Cross

4:30pm For the People of Our Parish

Sunday November 16 Holy Cross

12-noon †Carma DeSousa

Tuesday November 18

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

Wednesday November 19 Holy Cross

8:30am †Giuseppe & Rosaria Bruno,

†Vincenzo Cappuccitti

Thursday November 20 Holy Cross

8:30am Family of E. C. Greg- Chiodo A., His

Daughter 's & Father's Health, & Blessings for immediate Family and Mother on her Birthday

Friday November 21

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

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

Saturday November 22 Holy Cross

3:30 pm – 4:15 pm Adoration and Confessions

4:30pm Holy Cross For the People of Our Parish

Sunday November 23

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

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

12noon Holy Cross †Mario & Maria Cassano

Free Movie Night

The next free movie night will be **Saturday, November 29th, at 6:30 p.m. in our Parish Hall.** This month's featured movie will be *A Christmas Carol*. Parent supervision is required for children under the age of 10.

There will be popcorn and water for everyone. Donations are always welcome to cover the cost of the license.



St. Jude's Knights of Columbus Corner

November General Meeting:

Sunday, November 16th @ 7:30pm



**The Sanctuary Lamp
burns this week for:**

Alberto Dantas

HEART TO HEART GALA

February 28, 2026, Cocktails at 6pm, dinner at 7pm.

Deer Creek Golf & Banquet Facility, Ajax.

Tickets are \$125 each. Visit <https://trellis.org/heart-to-heart-gala-2026> to purchase tickets.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

The CWL will be holding a Christmas

Cookie Sale on December 6 & 7 following the Masses. \$15.00 for a large plate.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

CWL Membership Dues of \$40.00 are due. You are more than welcome to place your envelope in the collection basket at Mass.

United in Prayer for Persecuted Christians on Red Wednesday - November 19, 2025

People around the world will mark **Red Wednesday**, an initiative of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). This global day highlights the persecution of Christians and reminds us that religious freedom is a human right. The Archdiocese of Toronto invites the Catholic community to participate in Mass at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. More info: www.acn-canada.org/rw
Contact: el@acn-canada.org or (416) 785-0498.



Angel Tree

Our "Angel Tree" is back! Please consider donating gift cards of any value redeemable at various local stores such as Walmart, Superstore, Old Navy, Giant Tiger etc. We will also accept cash which will be converted to gift cards. There will be a box at the front of the Church to put them in until **December 7th**. Thank you for your support!

Information for 2026

Mass Intentions

We are now booking Mass Intentions and the Sanctuary Lamp for 2026. Please call or come to the Office during Office hours.

Please note: only one Sunday Mass will be available as the other Sunday Mass intention will be for the people of our Parish.

Envelopes

The envelopes for 2026 will be available next weekend. When they are available, they will be at the back of the Church in alphabetical order.

Mass Books

November 30th is the last Sunday for the 2025 Missals. Please place old ones in the box provided. Missals will be available for a cost of \$5 next weekend.

Calendars

2026 Calendars will be available at the back of the Church next weekend for a donation.