



The Feast of the Holy Family

(Dec. 28)

There was a time in the history of the Church when those who chose marriage and family life were considered to be following Jesus in a less perfect way. The more perfect way was the priesthood and religious life. Now, the family has been described by Pope John Paul II as one of the tabernacles of the presence of Christ in the world. As members of Christian families, we are called to give witness to Gospel values as we go about our business of earning an income, raising children, working in community activities, or enjoying retirement years. Above all, we are called to love and respect each member of the family in an unconditional manner.

Father, help us to live as the holy family, united in respect and love. Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home.



*The Sanctuary Lamp  
burns this week for:*

*Francesca Cappuccitti*

**Sacramental Prep**

First Communion Prep Class #5 at 10:45 a.m.

Sunday, February 22, 2026 at St. Gregory the Great Parish Hall (190 Simcoe St. N.)

Confirmation Prep Class #1 at 10:45 a.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.



CWL CORNER

Monthly Meeting **Tuesday January 6<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

Christmas Office Hours

The Parish Office is closed and will re-open on Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026. If there is an emergency that you need a priest right away, please call St. Gregory’s Parish at 905-723-8141 or email, [stgregorythegreat@archtoronto.org](mailto:stgregorythegreat@archtoronto.org)

**MASS Intentions**

Saturday December 27 Holy Cross

**4:30pm** For the People of Our Parish

Sunday December 28 Holy Cross

*(Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)*

**12-noon** †Augusto Chiodo

**\*\*\*New Years’ Eve\*\*\***

*(Nativity of the Lord)*

**4:30pm** For the People of Our Parish

**10:30pm – Young Adults (Everyone is welcome)**

**11:30pm – Adoration (Everyone is welcome)**

**\*\*\*New Year’s Day\*\*\***

*(Mary, the Holy Mother of God)*

**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

Friday January 2

Confessions at St. Gregory’s – 5:45p.m.-6:45 p.m.

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

Saturday January 3 Holy Cross

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

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

Sunday January 4 (Epiphany)

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

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

**12noon Holy Cross** In Thanksgiving for Jesus

*Thank You!*

We at Holy Cross Church would like to take this opportunity to thank **ALL** the volunteers of the Parish who give of their precious time, effort and talent. We would like to thank: all Councils, Sacristan, Altar Servers, Cleaners, Counters, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers and Music Ministers. **THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN!**

Envelopes

2026 envelopes are still available in the foyer of the Church and are all in alphabetical order. Also, consider signing up for pre-authorized giving (PAG). Forms are located in the foyer.

Missals and Calendars

2026 Missals and calendars are still available.

Donations for 2025

Donations must be received in the Parish Office by December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, to be receipted for the 2025 taxation year. Any donations received after December 25<sup>th</sup> will be recorded for the 2026 taxation year.



**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
THE MOTHER OF GOD (Jan. 1)**

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is a feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the aspect of her motherhood of Jesus, Christ, whom she had circumcised on the eighth day after his birth according to Levitical Law. Christians see him as the Lord and Son of God. In Canada, Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.



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, January 14**, 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](mailto:ymstghc@archtoronto.org)

**HEART TO HEART GALA**

February 28, 2026, Cocktails at 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm.  
Deer Creek Golf & Banquet Facility, Ajax.  
Tickets are \$125 each. Visit <https://trellis.org/heart-to-heart-gala-2026> to purchase tickets.



**Young Adults 18-39 St. Gregory's  
Socials and Faith Formation**

December 31<sup>st</sup> the Young Adults and all are invited to a special Mass at St. Gregory's Church at 10:30 pm, followed by Adoration from 11:30 pm-12:15 am; **Social to follow for young adults only, at St. Gregory's Hall**, 190 Simcoe St. N. You can connect at [stgregsandholycrossya@gmail.com](mailto:stgregsandholycrossya@gmail.com)  
Instagram: @stgregsandholycrossya  
<https://linktr.ee/stgregsandholycrossya>

***Week of Prayer for Christian Unity***

January 18-25 marks the annual celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year's theme is, "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the hope of your calling: (Ephesians 4:4). Join Rev. John A. Boissonneau on Sunday, January 18, 2026, at 4 p.m. at Runnymede United Church, 432 Runnymede Rd. Toronto.

**Friars Student Writing Contest 2025  
(Deadline for entries is January 13)**

**Theme:** "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26).  
High school students (ages 13-19yrs) in the Catholic School Boards are invited to participate in this annual event. Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2025 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions. Students are to consult the resources at <https://bit.ly/3zOVHly> to gain insight into the meaning and purpose of the theme. Entries are to be submitted to: <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>.



You may read here Cardinal Leo's Christmas Message, <https://bit.ly/CardLeoChrist25>

**Attention All Parishioners**

**Starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, our Renovation Fund Collection will move from the first Sunday of the month to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. Our first collection for 2026 will take place on January 10/11.**



**Closing of the Jubilee Year at  
St. Gregory the Great Church  
at 9:30am Mass**



This Sunday, December 28, 2025, we will close the extraordinary Jubilee Year at St. Gregory the Great church, a Jubilee site Parish. We are immensely grateful to the Lord Jesus, our Cardinal Leo and the Jubilee Committee for organizing the Jubilee activities and allowing us to have the Jubilee Year at St. Gregory's. There were so many moments of grace, through the prayers, the Sacraments of Confession and Communion, visitations, fasts, and almsgiving. We sought reconciliation and plenary indulgences for ourselves and the faithful departed, especially our dear family members and friends. I hope that we have used this opportunity well, that we have helped many souls in Purgatory to go to Heaven, and that they - now Saints - will pray for us.

**But how can we have a plenary indulgence after the Jubilee ends?** We may receive a partial indulgence in many ways. To obtain a plenary indulgence associated with a church or oratory, when devoutly visiting them, recite one Our Father and the Creed. It is required: sacramental confession, eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intention of the Pope. Next, all attachment to sin, even venial sin, should be absent. These works are highly recommended: 1) adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for at least one half an hour; 2) devout reading of the Sacred Scriptures for at least one half an hour; 3) the pious exercise of the Way of the Cross; 4) the recitation of the Marian Rosary in a church or public oratory or in a family group, a religious Community or pious Association (<https://bit.ly/sacredindulg>).

So, as we conclude this Jubilee Year, let us pray for our Parish family: that the blessings we have received may inspire us to become ever more welcoming, forgiving, and generous, and that we may carry the spirit of Jubilee into the year ahead through acts of charity, prayer, and joyful service. Amen.

**Thank you, Jesus**, for the past year, for our lives. Forgive anything that needs to be forgiven. Bless us and the whole world in the New Year, and all the days of our lives! Amen.