



The Baptism of the Lord is the name of the feast day commemorating the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. Originally, the Baptism of Christ was celebrated on Epiphany, which commemorated the coming of the magi, the Baptism of Christ, and the wedding at Cana. Over time, the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord came to be celebrated as a separate feast from the Epiphany.

The Baptism of the Lord is observed as a distinct feast in the Roman Catholic Church and in church communities of the Anglican Communion.

In most parts of the Roman Catholic Church, the feast is observed on the first Sunday after Epiphany.

In the Roman Catholic Church, the day after the Baptism of the Lord marks the beginning of ordinary time.

**Renovation Collection**

This weekend, there will be a second collection for the Renovation Fund. The collection goes towards repairs that need to be done in the parish.

**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 after participating in a Sunday Mass.

**DCDSB - Kindergarten Registration**

**Opens January 6, 2026**

To register your child, they must be turning 4 years of age by December 31, 2026, to register in Junior Kindergarten and 5 years of age for Senior Kindergarten. To complete your online registration, please visit:

<https://osas.dcdsb.ca/Account/Home>

Let us pray for our priest(s) and fellow Parishioners; for the Church and holy vocations; for peace, and salvation of the world; and for all the deceased.

Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your will.



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)

**REMINDER!!!!**

Please remember to date offertory cheques with the year 2026. Please do not use envelopes from previous years or other people’s envelopes, as this causes confusion for our records. If you are a visitor to our parish, please only use the pink visitor envelopes available in the foyer.

**MASS Intentions**

**Saturday January 10 Holy Cross**

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

**Sunday January 11 Holy Cross**

*(Baptism of the Lord)*

**12-noon** In Thanksgiving of Our Lady of Fatima

**Tuesday January 13**

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

**Wednesday January 14 Holy Cross**

**8:30am** †Augusto Chiodo

**Thursday January 15 Holy Cross**

**8:30am**

**Friday January 16**

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

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

**Saturday January 17 Holy Cross (St. Anthony)**

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

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

**Sunday January 18**

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

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

**12noon Holy Cross** †Violanda Mastracci

Are you civilly married or in a common-law relationship, possibly with previous marriages? If yes, contact the priest so that we can see how to help you seek an annulment and/or Marriage in the Church. In this way, eventually, you will be able to receive the Sacraments with a good conscience.



## *Marriage Sunday*

As part of the Marriage Sunday 2026 celebration, Bishop John Boissonneau will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2026.

The Mass will take place at **2:30 p.m. Sunday, February 8, 2026, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto).**

All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2026. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage).

### **Come and See – Discernment Weekend**

We need capable and holy priests. Is God calling you to be a priest? If yes, or if you are discerning, register to attend a discernment weekend at St. Augustine's Seminary. There is a prayerful and supportive environment for young men aged 18 and above to reflect, hear vocation stories from seminarians, and engage in meaningful conversations with seminarians and priests, as well as participate in social gatherings. The next *Come and See* will be February 27 to March 1, 2026.

<https://www.vocationtoronto.ca/comesee>

### **Friars Student Writing Contest 2025**

**(Deadline for entries is January 13)**

**Theme:** "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26).

High school students (ages 13-19 years) 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>.

### **Marriage Prep Course**

**St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, Brooklin**

Friday, April 30, 2026,

Saturday, May 1, 2026 & Sunday, May 2, 2026

For more information, please contact the office:

905 655 3286 Ext 1.

### **ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS**

We have been asked by the owners of The Refuge not to park on the east side of their parking lot at the front. If you do park there, your vehicle will be towed.

### **PARTIAL CLOSURE OF SIMCOE ST. S.**

If you are not aware, this Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, Simcoe St. S. will be partially closed for the replacement of the Simcoe St. S. bridge. Please use Ritson Rd to the East and Stevenson Rd to the West.

We pray to our God that the bridge may be done safely, well, and soon.

### **Plenary Indulgence After the Jubilee**

*The Jubilee year is over, and with it a unique ability to obtain an indulgence. How can we attain an indulgence now, after the Jubilee year has ended? You 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>).



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



You are invited to join us at an ecumenical worship service during the 2026 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church (214 Simcoe St N, Oshawa) on January 22, 2026, at 7 pm. Following the service, light refreshments will be served in the hall (190 Simcoe St N).



### **SUNDAY SOCIAL**

The CWL monthly Coffee Social will take place after the 12noon Mass NEXT WEEKEND. Why not stay for a coffee and a chat with your fellow parishioners? All are welcome!

### **2026 Envelopes**

Thank you to all those who have picked up their envelopes. If you have not had a chance to pick up your box of envelopes, please contact the office during office hours.