

Preparing Ourselves for Christ

Lent is a time of preparation that invites us to rise from our sleep and prepare for the Lord's coming. One great way to prepare for His coming is to seek God's cleansing healing in the sacrament of Confession. Let us strive to be reconciled with God, and as stewards, let us try to invite our family and friends to join us.

Stations of the Cross during Lent

All are welcome to join us for Stations of the Cross every Thursday here at Holy Cross at 5:00 pm, and every Friday at St. Gregory's after 7 pm Mass.



Elderly and Housebound

If you have an elderly, frail or ill family member who is housebound, please call the office, give your contact information, and the priest will make a point of visiting to administer their yearly Sacraments during this Lent.

Pope Leo's Lenten Message 2026



You may find Pope Leo's Lenten message for 2026 here, <https://bit.ly/popelent26>

THANK YOU!!!

We at Holy Cross Church would like to take this opportunity to thank ALL those of the Parish who helped in anyway to make the Bishop's Pastoral Visit last weekend run as smoothly as possible, especially the ladies of the CWL and all those in the kitchen.

Mass Intentions

A reminder that we are taking bookings for 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 Mass will be for the Parish.



World Day of Prayer



Friday, March 6, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.  
St. John the Evangelist Parish, Whitby  
Fellowship to follow service in the Parish Centre.

Pope Leo's Intentions for February



For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY  
POWER FROM ON HIGH

Saturday March 14, 2026 – 9am – 5:30pm  
For tickets and information, visit [www.LJHR.ca](http://www.LJHR.ca).



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, February 25**, 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)

**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 #4 at 10:45 a.m.

Sunday, April 12, 2026, in Holy Cross Parish Hall.



Sacrament of Baptism

If you are interested in having your child baptized, please request a registration form from the priest after attending Sunday Mass.

Free Movie Night

Next Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. St. Gregory's Parish Hall.



The Movie will be Disney's *Big Hero 6*. Parent supervision is required for children under the age of 10. There will be popcorn and water for everyone. There is no cost, but donations are always welcome to cover the cost of the license.

*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.*

**Book For Sale**

**Walking With Christ to the Cross**

By: Fr. Lazlo Nagy

Cost: \$20

Available for purchase at the back of the Church.

Lenten Reflection with Sacred Art

All are invited to attend an online Lenten reflection using works of sacred art and the Via Matris. Mr. Les Miller, author of Northern Lights, will lead the reflection. The event will take place on Wednesday, February 25, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. There is no cost, but registration is required: <https://bit.ly/LRSA-RegisterFeb2026>

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

The staff of The Refuge have asked us not to park on the west side of their parking lot, at the front. If you do park there, your vehicle will be towed.

## *MASS Intentions*

### Saturday February 21 Holy Cross

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

### Sunday February 22 Holy Cross (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent)

**12-noon** †Antonio Riberio

### Tuesday February 24

**Adoration at 11:10am**

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

### Wednesday February 25

**8:30am** Wedding Anniversary of  
Thomas & Kelly Sansom

### Thursday February 26 Holy Cross

**8:30am** †Cliff Dunlap, †Carmelita Viray

**5:00pm** **\*\*Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross**

**Friday February 27 Confessions & adoration –  
St. Gregory's – 5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.; Mass at 7 pm**

### Saturday February 28 Holy Cross

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

**4:30pm** †Nano Ganango

### Sunday March 1 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent)

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

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

**12-noon** For the People of Our Parish

### St. Carlo's 'wake-up call'

When Carlo found out that he had type M3 leukemia, he had “a big smile and said, ‘God has given me a wake-up call’” (<https://bit.ly/mysoncarlo>, 17). His mother writes, “He did not allow anxiety or anguish to conquer him. He reacted by trusting in God. And in his trust, he decided to smile” (p. 18). What gave strength to St. Carlo to smile in the face of tragic news, that he would basically die soon? Could it be that he believed and trusted in God who raises even the dead to life? Carlo would not have that faith if he didn't draw it like fresh water from the springs of life in the Church. Do you, and if so, where do you nourish your faith? If you continually draw close to and seek unity with Christ in His Church as Carlo did, you can also face any difficulty in life, even with joy and hope.



### The Beginning of ShareLife 50 Years ago

In 1976, Archbishop Philip Pocock made a courageous moment-of-conscience decision, choosing to stand firmly for life, dignity, and Gospel values. That decision gave birth to ShareLife and to a mission that has been carried forward, year after year, through the dedication of parish communities like ours.

### ShareLife Dates for 2026 Campaign:

March 22, April 26 & May 31

Envelopes for these collections will be available 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>).

**NEW!** There is a new **Jubilee Year of St. Francis**. The faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence by making a pilgrimage to a Franciscan church or a place of worship dedicated to St Francis, under the usual conditions. The sick, those who care for them, the elderly, and the homebound may also receive an indulgence. To learn more, go to



<https://bit.ly/stfra26>

**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 Prep Course

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

April 30, 2026, May 1, 2026 & May 2, 2026

For more information, please contact the office:

905 655 3286 Ext 1.

### Online Bereavement Introductory Program

February 25 - March 18, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Register at: <https://nbb0226.eventbrite.ca>

### Online Separated/Divorced Introductory Program

February 26 - March 19, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Register at: <https://nbsd0226.eventbrite.ca>

For more information, please contact:

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### Read Cardinal Leo's Lenten Message

**2026**

<https://bit.ly/cardleolent26>

