Today is Palm Sunday. It celebrates Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem for the Jewish festival of Passover. Great crowds of people lined the streets, waving palm branches to welcome Him. Shortly thereafter, these same people were to desert Him and shout for His death.

Palm Sunday (Vigil) March 28
Mass at 4:30pm – Holy Cross
†Raymond & Irene Richard & Cathy VanderZwet

Palm Sunday March 29
Mass at 8:00am – St. Gregory's
Mass at 9:30am – St. Gregory's
Mass at 12noon – Holy Cross

Wednesday April 1st
Mass at 8:30am – Holy Cross - †Lucia DeSousa

Holy Thursday April 2nd
******NO MORNING MASS******
Mass at 5:00pm – Holy Cross
Mass at 7:00pm – St. Gregory's

Good Friday April 3rd
Celebration of the Lord's Passion:
12-noon – St. Gregory's
followed by Stations of the Cross

3:00pm – Holy Cross
followed by Stations of the Cross

Easter Vigil Saturday April 4th
Mass at 6:00pm – Holy Cross
Mass at 8:30pm – St. Gregory's

Easter Sunday April 5th
Mass at 8:00am – St. Gregory's
Mass at 9:30am – St. Gregory's
Mass at 12noon – Holy Cross

Pope Leo's Intentions for March

For disarmament and peace
Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Pontifical Collection - Good Friday, April 3

On Good Friday, a collection will be taken up at the Holy See's request. It is for the support of the many social, educational, and parish projects of the Church throughout the Holy Land, and it helps to assure the Church's presence and a measure of security and peace for our brothers and sisters.

The Cross of Christ

It is through the crucifixion that Christ defeats Satan and triumphantly attains our salvation, allowing us to enter our heavenly home. As we approach the Holy Triduum, let us take some time each week to reflect on the passion of Christ. We can do this in many ways, such as praying the Stations of the Cross or the sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary, reading the passion narratives in the Bible, or simply gazing upon a crucifix.

About Fasting and Abstinence on Good Friday

Fasting is the limitation of food and drink, typically to one main meal and two smaller meals, with no solid foods in between. (But remember to drink enough fluids!). We fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. We fast because it helps us to pray better. An empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer. Catholics aged 18-59 are bound to fast. Those with impaired health should not fast in any way.

Abstinence is avoiding certain kinds of food or drink, typically meat or other desirable foods. Catholics are obliged to abstain from meat every Friday throughout the year (except solemn feast days). Instead of abstaining, you may substitute special acts of charity or piety on Fridays. We abstain on Fridays because it's the day of Christ's saving death on the Cross; we abstain to share in His work of saving the world. Catholics aged 14 and older are obliged to abstain.
(https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/lent/home/lent/)

Learn how to **obtain a plenary or partial indulgence** in your Parish church (https://bit.ly/sacredindulg), or via Jubilee Year of St. Francis (https://bit.ly/stfra26)

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, April 8,** from 6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in St. Gregory's Hall. For more information or to register, please get in touch with our youth minister, Kim Carson at: ymstghc@archtoronto.org

Help Not Harm: Take Action to Support Bill C-218

You're invited to visit: helpnotharmcanada.ca where you can e-mail your Member of Parliament (MP), asking for their support of Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act), which would amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition. Without this change, MAiD will be available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027.

Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your will.

Sacramental Prep

First Communion rehearsal at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 2, 2026 at St. Gregory the Great Parish Hall (190 Simcoe St. N.)

Celebration of First Holy Communion

Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 9:30am at St. Gregory's

Or

Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 12-noon at Holy Cross Parish

Confirmation Prep Class #6 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.

Register Today for "A Day with Mary"

Please join us on Saturday, May 30, 2026, at Villanova College in King City. This family-friendly day will include Holy Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, the Rosary, confessions, a keynote address and children's catechesis. If you are interested and would like to attend, we are chartering a bus. There are only 45 seats available. The cost: Adults $25, children and youth up to the age of 18: $20. Please contact the office as soon as possible.

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.

Offertory Envelopes for 2026

If you are new to our parish and would like to have a box issued to you, please contact the office during the week, and a box will be assigned to you and placed on the table in the vestibule the following weekend.

With your support of ShareLife, despair turns into hope

The next ShareLife collection will be on April 26, 2026. So far, we have raised ***$5,645.00*** towards our goal of ***$25,500.00***. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, or at www.sharelife.org/donate.

Living in Passion with Jesus like St. Carlo

It's Palm Sunday. The Holy Week has begun. It is the week of the Passion-suffering and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We walk with Him as we participate in the celebrations of the divine liturgies. St. Carlo Acutis also experienced his own passion and death, even intentionally seeking then and there to be closely united to Jesus. St. Carlo's mother says that he "built [this relationship with Jesus] with years lived under the light of God, under his continuously requested protection, under his continuously desired light" (https://bit.ly/mysoncarlo, 23). Do we build our relationship with Jesus, and if so, how? Do we unite our suffering and even future death to His? Do we daily live under the light of God, of His truth and merciful love? Do we also continuously ask for, and seek 'protection of God'? Do we know what we need the protection from? Do we continuously desire God's light in our lives? At times, people think that God doesn't like our desires, even our abilities to wish and desire. Truth is, God wants us to desire what is good for us. Do you desire what God wants to give you? Do you know what God wants to give you? God wants to give you Himself. He is your loving and good Father. Ask Him, and He will give.

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

The staff of The Refuge has 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.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Information Night

April 30th, 7 pm – 9 pm

St. Gregory the Great Parish Hall, 190 Simcoe St. N.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) offered to the youngest children the most essential aspects of our faith, knowing that these truths will nurture their need to love and be loved and their capacity to enjoy God's presence in their lives.

This CGS formation day is for all who are interested or already involved in caring for the spiritual lives of children, in the home, parish or school. **Would you like to catechize children, or do you know how to work with wood or sewing?** Please contact St. Gregory's Parish to RSVP at 905-723-8141.

If interested in learning more but are unable to attend the information sessions on April 30th, please visit the Archdiocese of Toronto's CGS webpages or contact Anna Boyagoda at aboyagoda@archtoronto.org.

St Gregory's is leasing the 2nd floor of the school. If interested, visit https://bit.ly/rentstgsch

World Youth Day Mass 2026

November 21 at 7 p.m.

St. Thomas More Parish

2234 Ellesmere Rd, Scarborough

Celebrant: His Eminence Cardinal Frank Leo

Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your will