



We re-light the candle of hope and now also light the second purple candle of love. We know that God

is love. We remember with thankful hearts the gift of Jesus, who came as a babe in a manger, lived and loved among us, was killed on a cross, and arose! Love endures forever.

As it is the second week of Advent, we must think of Mary and her anticipation as she awaited the birth of Our Lord and Saviour. Similarly, we should be anticipating and preparing the way of the Lord. We hear John the Baptist calling us to prepare our hearts to greet the Lord.

### CWL Membership Dues

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



### St. Michael's Choir School presents REJOICE!!!

Saturday, December 13 at 7 PM

Tickets are now available at [www.masseyhall.com](http://www.masseyhall.com)  
Please use Promo Code: **STARLIGHT**.

For ticket information, please call the Massey Hall  
Box Office at 416-872-4255.

## Christmas Food Drive

### "HOLY CROSS FOOD DRIVE"

You can help by donating the following:

#### ALL CANNED GOODS, POP TABS ONLY

Canned vegetables, meats, rice, canned pasta & fruit, soups & stews, brown beans, oatmeal, cookies, gravy, ketchup, pasta & sauce, instant coffee, hot chocolate, tea, peanut butter, sugar, baby food, boxed stuffing, boxed mashed potatoes, boxed milk, tuna & crackers, cake mix, dishwashing detergent.

**PLEASE PLACE YOUR DONATION AT THE STEPS OF THE ALTAR. THANK YOU!**

### Angel Tree



Thank you to all those Parishioners who have donated gift cards towards the Angel Tree. 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 is a box at the front of the Church to put them. **THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND!!** Thank you for your support!



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, December 17<sup>th</sup>**, 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 #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.

### Friars Student Writing Contest 2026

High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to submit a 450-500-word essay and should consult the resources of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 at <https://bit.ly/WPCU2026>. Entries can be submitted by January 12, 2026, at:

<https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>.

For information, please contact: 416-934-3400 x. 527 or [ecumenicalandinterfaith@archtoronto.org](mailto:ecumenicalandinterfaith@archtoronto.org)

### Donating Securities

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is the gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and an increased support of various archdiocesan charities such as your Parish, ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary and others.

For further information, contact the Development Office at: [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org).

### 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](mailto:holyfamilywh@archtoronto.org) for more details or to register. Deadline to register is Dec. 10, 2025.

**Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your will.**





# Holy Cross CWL Christmas Cookie Sale THIS WEEKEND AFTER BOTH MASSES



All proceeds will go to support the CWL's many charities.

## Renovation Collection

This weekend, there will be a second collection for the Parish Renovation Fund.

## **Advent Confessions**

In preparation for Christmas, and especially for the worthy reception of the Eucharist, two priests will hear confessions:

### December 17 – St. Gregory the Great Parish

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### December 18 – Holy Cross Parish

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Holy Catholic Church wants us to have confession minimally once a year. Thus, in *Catechism of the Catholic Church* number 2042, we read, “The second precept [of the Church] (“You shall confess your sins at least once a year.”) ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation, which continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness”. Refusing to confess at least once a year, we prevent ourselves from receiving the Eucharist.

## Pope Leo's Intentions for December

### **For Christians in areas of conflict**

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

## Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

### Christmas Eve:

4:30pm -Holy Cross; 7:00pm – St. Gregory's

### Christmas Day:

8:00am – St. Gregory's; 9:30am – St. Gregory's

12noon – Holy Cross

New Year's Eve: 4:30pm - Holy Cross

10:30 p.m. - St. Gregory's

(11:30 p.m. – 12:15 a.m. Adoration)

### New Year's Day:

8:00am – St. Gregory's; 9:30am – St. Gregory's

12noon – Holy Cross

## Carolling at Hillsdale Estates and Terraces

Join us in singing carols at Hillsdale Estates at 10 am - 10:30 am on December 9<sup>th</sup> and at Hillsdale Terraces on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am – 11:30 am.



## Thank you!!!!

A great big **THANK YOU** to all parishioners who purchased Christmas cards. Thank you for your support.

## *MASS Intentions*

### Saturday, December 6 Holy Cross

4:30pm For the people of Our Parish

### Sunday December 7 Holy Cross (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent)

12-noon †Ottavio Osso

### Monday December 8 (Immaculate Conception of BVM)

Exception: St. Gregory the Great at 9:00am

### Tuesday December 9

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

### Wednesday December 10 Holy Cross

8:30am †Leslie Kissel, †Rinaldo & Cesina Amoroso

### Thursday December 11 Holy Cross

8:30am †Earl Marshall

### Friday December 12 (Our Lady of Guadalupe)

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

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

### Saturday December 13 Holy Cross (St. Lucy)

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

4:30pm Holy Cross †Antonio & Emma Giarrizzo

### Sunday December 14 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent)

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

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

12noon Holy Cross For the People of Our Parish

## ATTENTION ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH

Please keep your purses with you at all times, especially when you leave your seat for Communion. Thank you!

## 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 Mass will be for the Parish.

## Envelopes

2026 envelopes are available and are in alphabetical order. Please also consider signing up for pre-authorized giving.

## Missals

Available at the back of the Church for a cost of \$5.00

## Calendars

Available for a minimum donation of \$2.00 each.

## Donations for 2025

Donations must be received in the Parish Office by December 28, 2025 to be receipted for the 2025 taxation year. Any donations received after December 28 will be recorded for the 2026 taxation year.

Have a good day, a great week and remember to give yourself the gift of time with Jesus.

Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your will.