

**Most Rev. Bishop Nguyen's Pastoral Visit**

Most Rev. Bishop Vincent Nguyen will be here for a Pastoral visit on February 13, 14, & 15. He will preside at some of the Masses here and at St. Gregory's. There will be a small reception in the hall after the 12:00 noon Mass on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome!



**World Day for Consecrated Life**  
**February 2**

Please pray for Holy vocations to religious and consecrated life. To read Cardinal Leo's Message, please scan the QR code.

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

**MASS Intentions**

**Saturday January 31 Holy Cross (St. John Bosco)**  
**4:30pm** For the People of Our Parish

**Sunday February 1 Holy Cross**  
**12noon**

**Tuesday February 3: Adoration at 11:10am**  
**St. Gregory the Great at 12:10 p.m.**

**Wednesday February 4 Holy Cross**  
**8:30am**

**Thursday February 5 Holy Cross (St. Agatha)**  
**8:30am**

**Friday February 6 (St. Paul Miki & Companions)**  
**Confessions at St. Gregory's – 5:45 p.m.-6:45 p.m.**  
**Mass St. Gregory the Great at 7:00 p.m.**

**Saturday February 7 Holy Cross**  
**3:30 pm – 4:15 pm Adoration and Confessions**  
**4:30pm Holy Cross** For the People of Our Parish

**Sunday February 8**  
**St. Gregory the Great at 8:00 a.m.**  
**St. Gregory the Great at 9:30 a.m.**  
**12noon Holy Cross** †Ermelinda Pinto

**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.

*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.*



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 11**, 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: [ymstghe@archtoronto.org](mailto:ymstghe@archtoronto.org)

**Mass Intentions**

A reminder that we are taking bookings for Mass Intentions and the Sanctuary Lamp for 2025. 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.



**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 #3 at 10:45 a.m.**  
*Sunday, February 1, 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.

**Sacrament of Baptism**



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

**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.



**FREE Webinar Estate Planning**

How to avoid problems in your Will, with Power of Attorney and proper Estate Trustee selection. You will also learn how to create your personal Catholic legacy. Scan QR Code to Register.

**FIRST CLASS RELIC OF ST. THOMAS STOLEN FROM A TORONTO SYRO MALABAR CHURCH**

Help us recover the relic of St. Thomas the Apostle! If you happen to see it abandoned or someone trying to sell it, please inform the Church authorities at 416-701-9996, 647-768-1884, or Crime Stoppers at 416-222-8477.

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



### *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).**

Registration and other important information can be found at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage).

#### St. Carlo Acutis is with us!

Did you know that we have permanently acquired a first-class relic of a millennial, St. Carlo Acutis, at St. Gregory the Great Church in Oshawa? He was born May 3, 1991, and died October 12, 2006. If you would like to come and pray, simply reach out to our priest, deacon, or sacristan and ask if they can bring the relic for you to venerate and request prayers. To introduce him to you and inspire you with his life, I will share some of his sayings over time in our Parish Bulletin. He said, "To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan." To be with Jesus, to be near Him, that was Carlo's plan. To be close to Jesus, that is also possible for you. What is your plan for life? Are you (trying to be) close to Jesus? Jesus wants to be close to you, even united with you.



### Countdown to Lent

**Lent begins February 18<sup>th</sup>.**

Each year in our spiritual journey we need to renew (have a fresh start) and enter into a period of **REPENTANCE, CHANGE OF HEART and PRAYER.**

#### MASS TIMES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

**8:30AM - Holy Cross Parish**

**7:00PM - St. Gregory the Great Parish**

*Lent is a time of penance and repentance, or almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.*

#### Stations of the Cross during Lent

There will be Stations of the Cross every Thursday (beginning Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>) at 5:00 pm. All are welcome!



#### CWL CORNER

Monthly Meeting **Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Rosary at 6:40 pm followed by a meeting at 7:00 pm in Parish Hall. All ladies are welcome. Come out and support the CWL of Holy Cross.



### Renovation Collection

**NEXT** weekend February 7/8, there will be a second collection for the Parish Renovation Fund.

#### 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.



#### 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>



#### 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.



#### Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto

CCAT is offering scholarships for new immigrants and refugees wanting to pursue further and/or continuing education. Applications are now being accepted. Deadline is April 30, 2026. Please submit all applications to: [info@ccat.ca](mailto:info@ccat.ca). Visit [www.ccat.ca/scholarships](http://www.ccat.ca/scholarships) for more information.