

Most Rev. Bishop Nguyen's Pastoral Visit

Most Rev. Bishop Vincent Nguyen will be here for a Pastoral visit next weekend. He will preside at some of the Masses here and at St. Gregory's. There will be a small reception in Holy Cross Hall after the 12 noon Mass on Sunday, February 15th. All are welcome!



Marriage Sunday

To Married Couples throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto: As we celebrate Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto, I wish to extend my prayers and best wishes to all married couples. This is a wonderful occasion to honour your commitment, fidelity and public witness to the sacrament of holy matrimony. Each day that you say "yes", you affirm the vows made on your wedding day to support one another through the joys and struggles of life's journey.

It is not an easy path, and a good marriage requires patience, trust, forgiveness and mutual support. I encourage you to also ensure that prayer remains central to your relationship, ever mindful of God's role in the sacramental bond that accompanies your life-long commitment.

May we find inspiration in the life and personal sacrifice of our loving Mother Mary and her spouse, Joseph, and also those married couples you encounter each day; parents, grandparents, relatives and friends who are faithful witnesses, celebrating their relationships and authentic love for one another.

May your love and shining example extend to your families and all those you meet, reminding us of the profound impact your deeply committed relationship can have on others each and every day. May God continue to bless you now and always.

Sincerely Yours in Jesus with Mary,

Francis Cardinal Leo

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.

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.

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.



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: ymstghc@archtoronto.org



Sacrament of Baptism

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

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, February 8, 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.

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.

World Day of the Sick – February 11

This year's theme is ***"The Compassion of the Samaritan: loving by bearing another's pain."*** If you would like to read Pope Leo's message, please bit.ly/3LLk1LQ.

St. Carlo's motto, 'Not me, but God.'

St. Carlo Acutis, whose relic we have at St. Gregory's church, often said, almost poetically rhythmically, *'Non io, ma Dio'* ('Not me, but God'). 'Not me, but God' was his life's motto. As if he wanted to say, 'to me God is the most important, more than I am to myself.' Or, 'Is there any good thing that I have done? It was not I but God who did it in me, God who helped me.' Thus, St. Carlo was humble.

A question for reflection: can I say, and not just say, but do I live, 'not me, but God?' What is preventing me from having and keeping God in the first place in my life?

May St. Carlo pray that we may also say and live, 'not me, but you, Jesus; you, my God.'

Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your Will.

A Time to Prepare

As we begin to approach Lent, it is good to pray, asking God how He wants us to enter into his holy season. If our Lent in the past has been focused more on giving up, has it been the giving up of some habitual sin in our lives? If our Lent has been more centered around doing more, has it been in loving more intentionally? After Lent, we should [ideally] see some significant change in our spiritual lives. Lent is not a forty-day exercise without results. It is our annual pilgrimage to the celebration of our redemption by Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. But after His death on Good Friday, there is His resurrection on Easter Sunday. He died for our sins and rose to new life. Our Lenten journey leads to the same mystery in our own lives. Something is to die, so new life can become a reality in our lives now.



Countdown to Lent

Lent begins February 18th.

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

8:30 AM – Holy Cross Parish

7:00 PM – 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 19th**) at 5:00 pm. All are welcome!



17th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference

Saturday March 21, 2026 from 9am to 4pm
Le Treport Banquet Hall, Mississauga. Closing Mass will be celebrated by: Most Rev. Ivan Camilleri.

Please call Dorothy Pilarski at: 416-907-1042.

Register at: <https://dwf2026.eventbrite.ca>

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.



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.

Renovation Collection

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



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>



MASS Intentions

Saturday February 7 Holy Cross

4:30pm For the People of Our Parish

Sunday February 8 Holy Cross

12-noon †Ermelinda Pinto

Tuesday February 10 (St. Scholastica)

Adoration at 11:10am

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

Wednesday February 11 Holy Cross

8:30am

Thursday February 12 Holy Cross

8:30am

Friday February 13: Confessions & adoration –

St. Gregory's – 5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Saturday February 14 Holy Cross

(St. Cyril & St. Methodius)

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

4:30pm

For the People of Our Parish

Sunday February 15 Holy Cross

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

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

12-noon

†Ottavio Osso

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