



This Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, at the Noon Mass, Fr. Marijan will administer First Holy Communion to the children of Thomas Aquinas and the surrounding schools. We look forward as a Parish community to this uniquely special event in the life of members of our Parish.

## Confirmation

Rehearsal & Confessions will be held June 6 at 10am

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** June 7<sup>th</sup> at 12-noon  
with Most Rev. Bishop Vincent Nguyen

### Pope Leo's Intentions for May

#### **That everyone might have food**

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoiding wasting food and ensuring that everyone has access to quality food.

#### Catholic Education

Week- May 3-8, 2026

#### Pilgrims of Hope: On the Path to Holiness



During Catholic Education Week (May 3-8, 2026), we give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in our province. Catholic schools foster supportive communities where children can experience the joy of God's love and understand the Christian mission in the world. Let us journey with our parishes, educators and families to sow and nurture the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, encouraging them to live lives of holiness and Christians witness as one body in Christ. To indicate your support of Catholic education and sign up for email updates, visit: [www.togetherinfaith.ca](http://www.togetherinfaith.ca)

*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.*

#### 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.

#### Holy Cross Parish Spring Food Drive

Please remember our Food Drive is ongoing throughout the year. Please place all donations at the Altar. The items we receive, we donate to **food banks** at *Simcoe Hall Settlement House, New Life Seventh Day Adventist, and Gate 3:16*. Thank you in advance!

### RENEW TORONTO YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE - November 20-21, 2026

Join us for our annual RENEW Toronto Young Adult Catholic Conference for young adults ages 19-39. This year, don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to learn how to defend the faith. Throughout the conference, you will get the opportunity to connect with fellow young adults and reignite your spiritual journey through impactful sessions and workshops.

#### SAVE THESE DATES!!

**June 1<sup>st</sup> – Early bird registration opens**

**July 1<sup>st</sup> – Regular Registration begins (prices go up)**

**October 2 – Late Registration Pricing in Effect**

**November 4<sup>th</sup> – Registration Closes**

Please visit: <https://www.renewtoronto.org>



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, May 6,**

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)



#### World Youth Day Mass 2026

November 21 at 7 p.m.

St. Thomas More Parish, Scarborough

Celebrant: His Eminence Cardinal Frank Leo



#### World Youth Day Pilgrimage to Seoul, South Korea



We invite young adults ages 19-39 to let us know if they are interested in travelling with OCY for this incredible pilgrimage.

The WYD 2027 theme is: "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Chosen by Pope Francis, this theme encourages young people to place their hope and confidence in Christ in a world often marked by anxiety, division, and rapid change.

As we begin preparing for Seoul 2027, OCY looks forward to hearing from young who may wish to take part in this exciting journey.

#### Totus Tuus Summer Camp 2026



Yes, we are back here once again at St. Gregory the Great. Camp will start Sunday,

August 9th-13th, for kids in grades 7-12 in the evening and day camp, from Monday, August 10th-

14th, for grades 1-6. Registration will open soon, but for now, please save the date. We are also looking for

volunteers to prepare meals, as well as host our missionaries. We are also looking for student volunteers to help out with the day camps. (hours can be earned) For

more information, please email Kim at

[ymstghc@archtoronto.org](mailto:ymstghc@archtoronto.org)

**Special Collection for the Pope’s Pastoral Works May 16/17**

This collection was established by the bishops of Canada in 1970. The Papal Charities allow the Pope to contribute to various charitable causes around the world, particularly in aid of the victims of war, famine and natural disasters. By contributing to the Pope’s Pastoral Works, the faithful of Canada give a universal dimension to their charity.



**Your gift to ShareLife can build the path to hope**

So far, we have raised **\$14,146.00** towards our goal of **\$25,500.00**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, or at: [www.sharelife.org/donate](http://www.sharelife.org/donate).



**CWL CORNER**

Monthly Meeting **Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</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.

**MASS Intentions**

**Saturday May 2 (Holy Cross)**  
6:00pm †Armando Oddi

**Sunday May 3 (Holy Cross) (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)**  
12noon For the People of the Parish

**Tuesday May 5**  
**St. Gregory the Great Adoration at 11:10am**  
**St. Gregory the Great at 12:10 p.m.**

**Wednesday May 6 Holy Cross**  
8:30am †Mr. & Mrs. Rigo & Intentions of Paul Butka on his 67<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**Thursday May 7 Holy Cross**  
8:30am All Souls in Purgatory

**Friday May 8**  
**Confessions & Stations of the Cross at**  
**St. Gregory’s – 5:45 p.m.-6:45 p.m.**  
**St. Gregory the Great at 7:00 p.m.**

**Saturday May 9 Holy Cross**  
3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Adoration & Confessions  
4:30pm For the People of Our Parish

**Sunday May 10 (6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)**  
**St. Gregory the Great at 8:00 a.m.**  
**St. Gregory the Great at 9:30 a.m.**  
12noon †Ermelinda Pinto

**PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING - PAG**

If you wish to use the Pre-Authorized Giving Method for your Offertory envelopes, please pick up a form available in the foyer of the Church. Thank you!

**Renovation Collection**

NEXT weekend, May 10/11, there will be a second collection for the Parish Renovation Fund.

**Exercising Our Priestly Call**

The Catechism says that “the faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ’s mission as priest, prophet, and king.” The primary and essential act that priests perform is to offer sacrifices. Let us strive to be an authentic steward by sacrificing our time and gifts for Christ, especially in the little things, just as He sacrificed Himself for our salvation.

**Sacrament of Baptism**

If you are interested in having your child baptized, please request a registration form from the priest after attending Sunday Mass. We ask that couples be registered with the Parish and that the Catholic parent(s) regularly attend the Sunday Mass.

**“A Day with Mary”**

**The deadline to register for the bus is May 5 at noon.**  
**If there is not much interest, we will carpool.**

Saturday, May 30, 2026, at Villanova College in King City. 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.

**Mary’s son Carlo**

Last week, we reflected that “Carlo’s heart stopped beating at 6:45 a.m. on October 12, the eve of the final Marian apparition in Fatima. [His mother writes,] We believe that this was no coincidence” (<https://bit.ly/mysoncarlo>, 24-25). St. Carlo died the day before the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared the last time to the three children in Fatima. We are in the month of May, which is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and our Mother. Mary desires that all people may be the children of God, that they come to God and live with Him. In Fatima, Mary appeared faithful to Her Son’s mandate, ‘Here is your son’ (Jn 19:26), by which Jesus entrusted the beloved disciple and all of us to Her. In calling Carlo to eternal life on that special day, our God wanted to show that Carlo was in the loving care of Mary, that She was his mother.

Let us ask ourselves, do we allow our Heavenly Mother to take care of us, to lead us to Her Son, to teach us to love Him as she loves Him? In Fatima, Blessed Virgin Mary invited the three shepherds to pray the Rosary daily. Do you have the habit of praying the Rosary? If not, pick it up, it will help you to see Jesus as Mary sees Him, to love Him as she loves Him, to desire and love the good and virtue that she loves, that her son Carlo loved then, and now from Heaven.