



**God's Blessings**

Amy (Daughter of Deacon Dave MacInnis of St. Gregory's Parish) was raised in a Catholic family that read Bible stories, attended Mass, and prayed together. In her teens, she

developed a love for God as Truth, but while she pursued knowledge of the Truth by studying philosophy and theology, she realized that her desire to know God went far beyond the intellectual. She wanted to know Him the way close friends and family know each other without needing to know every single fact about each other. She longed for a deep, personal relationship with God, which would require spending time with Him in prayer.

But it wasn't until her eight-year-old cousin died of cancer that Amy did some serious soul searching, realized she was in love with Jesus, and began to discern religious life. A couple orders of nuns, consecrated virginity...nothing fit quite right. She thought the doors to religious life had closed, but about five years later, Amy felt a growing restlessness that God was calling her to something more. She had begun attending a Byzantine Catholic parish, and when she discovered there were Byzantine nuns, she spoke to her priest, who sent her a list of monasteries in North America, one of which was Christ the Bridegroom. She began discerning with that community in late 2022, and will be entering the monastery on May 20, 2026.

**Pope Leo's Intentions for April**

**For priests in crisis.** Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

**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.

*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, 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.

**Confirmation**

**Remaining Confirmation Classes at 10:45 a.m.**

*Sunday April 26, 2026*

*Rehearsal & Confessions will be held June 6 at 10am in the Church*

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



Next Saturday, May 2nd, 2026 the students in the first Communion Prep class will attend a rehearsal at St.

Gregory's Parish at 10:00am.

Next Sunday, May 3rd, 2026 at the Noon Mass Fr. Marijan will give First Holy Communion to children of Thomas Aquinas and surround schools. We look forward as a Parish community to this uniquely special event in the life of members of our Parish.

**Southdown Annual Benefit Dinner**

**Thursday May 28, 2026 at Pearson Convention Center, Brampton.**

**Reception: 6:00pm | Dinner: 7:00pm**  
**Tickets: \$200.00 per person**

For more information or to buy tickets, please visit: <https://southdown.on.ca/annual-benefit-dinner-2026/>



# MASS Intentions

## Saturday April 25 (Holy Cross)

6:00pm †Alberto Dantas

## Sunday April 26 (Holy Cross) (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)

12noon For the People of the Parish

## Tuesday April 28

Adoration at 11:10am

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

## Wednesday April 29 Holy Cross

8:30am †Constantino & Carmela Mancuso

## Thursday April 30 Holy Cross

8:30am †Ramos Family

## Friday May 1

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 2 Holy Cross

3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Adoration & Confessions

4:30pm †Armando Oddi

## Sunday May 4 (5<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 For the People of the Parish

### 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.



### ShareLife Sunday is this weekend

So far, we have raised **\$13,199.00** 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).



### 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 [ymstghe@archtoronto.org](mailto:ymstghe@archtoronto.org)



### Thank you!!!

Thank you to all parishioners who stopped by our Bake Sale. We sincerely hope that you enjoyed your baked goods and we appreciate the revenue from the sales. This will allow us to stretch our budget a bit and provide more for those in need through our charitable giving.

### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Information Night

April 30<sup>th</sup>, 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. Please get in touch with 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 30<sup>th</sup>, please visit the Archdiocese of Toronto's CGS webpages or contact Anna Boyagoda at [aboyagoda@archtoronto.org](mailto:aboyagoda@archtoronto.org).

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>)

### Christ's and Carlo's beneficial deaths

As St. Carlo was about to die, his father believed that God would miraculously heal him. But that didn't happen (<https://bit.ly/mysoncarlo>, 24-25). St. Carlo died on October 12, 2006, "the eve of the final Marian apparition in Fatima. We believe that this was no coincidence [his mother writes]" (*ibid*). This makes me think of St. Paul's verse, 'If God didn't spare His only Begotten Son so that He would die for our sins' (Rom 8:32), He would not spare either those, like St. Carlo, who are united to Him. But those who are united to Christ, even today, who continue His mission in the world, who carry their crosses and sufferings to their own personal Calvary, have hope of resurrection for themselves and a helpful desire of salvation for those for whom they offer up their lives, joys, and sorrows. Have you experienced the benefit of Christ and His Saints giving their lives for you, and you receiving those blessings? Moreover, do other people experience the benefits of your sufferings united to those of Christ, for the help of all? In Christ, and only in Jesus, our sufferings find their full meaning and beneficial power.

### 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.