

Congratulations

The Parishes of Holy Cross & St. Gregory's would like to congratulate the children who have received Jesus in the Eucharist, the Holy Communion for the first time and their families, all those students from St. Thomas Aquinas, St. John XXIII & neighbouring schools who received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion last weekend. May Jesus and the Holy Spirit fill your hearts and live so that you may faithfully walk with His Church. Feed on Him always in the Eucharist!

Thank you

Thank you to all who helped in any way with First Communion, which took place here at Holy Cross last week, and the CWL of both Holy Cross and St Gregory for their gifts.



Almighty God, we ask Your blessing on each Mother today. Fill their hearts with joy. Surround them with love from family and friends. Grant them health, peace, and fulfillment as they pursue their calling. Let them know their value and worth in Your eyes and ours. Welcome all deceased mothers to your Kingdom. Amen.

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 to ensuring that everyone has access to quality food.

Special Collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works NEXT WEEKEND

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.



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.

Confirmation

Rehearsal & Confessions will be held June 6 at 10am

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

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 1st – Early bird registration opens

July 1st – Regular Registration begins (prices go up)

October 2 – Late Registration Pricing in Effect

November 4th – 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 20**, 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

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 ymstghe@archtoronto.org

DCDSB Seeks Volunteer Community Member to Serve on the Audit Committee

The Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB) is seeking a volunteer community member with financial and business expertise to serve on its Audit Committee for a three-year term, effective immediately. To learn more please visit dcdsb.ca. The deadline to submit a letter of interest and resume is Friday, May 29, 2026.



Your gift can build the path to hope

So far, we have raised **\$15,436.00** towards our goal of **\$25,500.00**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, or at: www.sharelife.org/donate.

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!

MASS Intentions

Saturday May 9 (Holy Cross)

6:00pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday May 10 (Holy Cross) (6th Sunday of Easter)

12noon †Ermelinda Pinto

Tuesday May 12

St. Gregory the Great Adoration at 11:10am

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

Wednesday May 13 Holy Cross

8:30am †Michael Kissel

Thursday May 14 Holy Cross

8:30am †Marcelino Silva

Friday May 15

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 16 Holy Cross

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

4:30pm For the People of Our Parish

Sunday May 17 (Ascension of the Lord)

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

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

12noon †Maricelle Panco

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.



*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns this week for:
Francesca Cappuccitti*

Renovation Collection

This weekend May 9/10, there will be a second collection for the Parish Renovation Fund.



Reception for Amy MacInnis

Next Sunday, after the 12 noon Mass, the CWL will host a reception for Amy MacInnis, Deacon Dave's daughter, who will be entering the Christ the Bridegroom Monastery on May 20th, 2026. All are welcome to attend.

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 as those spots are for tenants of the building. If you do park there, your vehicle will be towed.

St. Jude's Knights of Columbus Corner

General Meeting: May 17th at 7:30 pm.



St. Carlo and Our Lady of Fatima

St. Carlo died on October 12, the eve of the final Marian apparition in Fatima (<https://bit.ly/mysoncarlo>, 24-25). While October has traditionally been the month of the Holy Rosary, May is the month of Mary. Since we are in May, let's continue to reflect together on the significance of Mary and St. Carlo for our lives.

In Fatima, one of the three Fatima children said to the Blessed Virgin Mary, "I have many petitions from many people. Will you grant them?" [She replied,] "Some I shall grant, and others I must deny. People must amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins. They must not offend our Lord any more, for He is already too much offended!" [The child said,] "And is that all you have to ask?" [Mary replied] "There is nothing more" (<https://bit.ly/6fati>). We have many desires and prayers. Even if we don't express them, our hearts crave different blessings, graces, and gifts from God. But to obtain those that are really important to us, it is necessary to 'amend our lives and ask pardon for our sins.' To 'amend' means to improve and fix whatever needs to become good in our lives. Second, 'asking pardon for our sins' is indispensable. Rejecting sin and turning away from sin towards God is God's absolute requirement for our salvation. Next, stopping offending God, as an extension of not sinning, is significant. It is worrisome how, in our time, people, even Catholics, offend God with ease and think it is fine to do so, jeopardizing their eternal destiny. St. Carlo regularly used the Sacraments, especially Reconciliation, and sought to improve His relationship with God. He refused to offend God and taught others to respect God's commandments. For example, he once invited boys to stop blaspheming (<https://bit.ly/mysoncarlo>, 57). Are we improving our relationship with God by loving Him, rejecting sin, and refusing to offend God? There is a beauty in the simplicity of a true Catholic Christian life.