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Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

12:00 noon

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday: 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesdays: 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.

Saturdays: 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Sacraments:

Baptisms - Please call for appointment

Marriage - Couples planning to be married must contact the parish one year in advance. A marriage preparation course is mandatory.

Pastoral Letters of Reference - Candidate must contact the Pastor one year in advance before a character reference can be issued.

Parish Organizations

Building Committee

Catholic Women's League - cwl.stgregorys@gmail.com

K of C - 4th Degree (Fr. Gregory Kelly Assembly)

Children's, Youth & Adult Choirs

Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers

Ministers of the Eucharist

Parish Finance Council

Pastoral Council

Children's Liturgy

Religious Education: preparation for the sacraments

Volunteer Screening

Other Catholic Organizations:

- Catholic Pastoral Centre

website – archtoronto.org

- Office of Vocations (Serra House)

website – vocationstoronto.ca

- Catholic Cemeteries

website – catholic-cemeteries.com

-The Vatican

website - vatican.theholyysee.com



Palm Sunday

Gospel Readings for the Week & Mass Intentions

Sunday, Apr. 17 Mt 21.1-11 ~ Is 50.4-7 ~ Phil 2.6-11 ~ Mt 26.14-27:66

9:00a.m. Magdaleno & Ric DeLa Cruz, Deceased

10:30a.m. Jose Da Silva, Deceased

12 noon For the parishioners of St. Gregory's, living and deceased

Monday, Apr. 18 Is 42.1-7 ~ Jn 12.1-11

Tuesday, Apr. 19 Is 49.1-6 ~ Jn 13.21-33,36-38

7:30pm– Brian Patrick, Helena Harbridge,
Beatrice Orlando, Tom Sullivan, Deceased

Wed., Apr. 20 Is 50.4-9a ~ Mt 26.14-25

8:30am – Eugeniusz Folda, Deceased

Thursday, Apr. 21 Ex 12.1-8,11-14 ~ 1Cor11.23-26 ~ Jn 13.1-15
Holy Thursday

7:00pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9pm

Friday, Apr. 22 Is 52.13-53.12~ Hb4.14-16;5.7-9- Jn 18.1-19.42
Good Friday

The Lord's Passion, Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion

11:30am – Music by Youth Choir

2:30pm - Music by Sr. Choir

4:30pm – Way of the Cross

Saturday, Apr. 23 Gn 1.1-2.2 ~ Gn 22.1-18 ~ Ex 14.15-
31;15.20,1 Is 54.5-14 ~ Is 55.1-11 ~ Bar 3.9-15,32-4.4~ Ez 36.16-17,18-28 ~
Mt 28.1-10
Easter Vigil

7:00pm – Vigil Mass

Sunday, Apr. 24 Acts 10.34, 37-43 ~ Col 3.1-4 ~ Jn 20.1-18

9:00a.m. Audrey McGregor, Deceased

10:30a.m. Josephine DeFlece, Deceased

12 noon For the parishioners of St. Gregory's, living and deceased

Hosanna

We cry this day "Hosanna!" but, unlike the people of the city of Jerusalem long ago; we need not ask "Who is this?" This is the one who models for us the mystery of life: dying to self so that we might be exalted, raised to new life.

This week we celebrate specific liturgies the meaning of our whole **Christian living**: dying to self so that God can raise us up too. This dying can be as simple as setting aside the time to participate in all the Triduum liturgies or as demanding as to recognize what in our lives we still need to abandon to be exalted as children of God living new life.

Perhaps what we need to abandon is a habit of thinking of ourselves and our own needs first, ahead of others. Perhaps it means not making ourselves the centre of attention. Perhaps what we need to abandon is a lot of clutter we've accumulated that can tend to take our minds off of what is really important. Perhaps we need to abandon the frenetic pace of our lives and cut some things out so we can concentrate on our loved ones more or help out those in need more.

In all of these, what we give up – what we abandon – leads to a new lease on life. Most important, it leads to new and deeper relationships and richer experiences.

Ultimately it can deepen your own relationship with the Son of God who totally emptied himself for each one of us.
Now that is love.



In your prayers please remember:

Patrick Martin, Mary Bowie, Mary Hallam and others who have asked for our prayers.

Sunday, April 17th, 2011

You were asking about **Care of palms**

For this I quote, once again, from Q&A by Fr. John J. Dietzen, The Crossroad Publishing Company, New York, 2005 p411

“Palms distributed on the Sunday before Easter reminds us of our Lord’s death and resurrection, and of our share in his passage from death to life.

Any reverent way of keeping these palms in our homes with this kind of prayerful and devout intention is fine. Some people place them behind a crucifix; others place them with a picture that is particularly meaningful, still others merely hang them on the wall or keep them on a desk or table.

As anything that is blessed palms lose their blessing when they lose their identity. The proper way to dispose of a palm, therefore, is either by burning or breaking it up. The remains may then be thrown away.”

National Catholic Broadcasting Council

The National Catholic Mission 2011, “**The Heart of the Matter**,” will be broadcast on **VISIONTV** on **Monday, April 18th** (Pt. 1) and **Tuesday, April 19th** (Pt.2) at **7:00pm** and repeated at **10:00pm**. It

will feature Fr. Jack Lynch, s.f.m., Fr. Donald Senior, C.P. and Sister Melannie Svoboda, ND. Fr. Lynch will describe what’s really involved in following Christ.



Chocolate eggs

On behalf of Marguerite Bourgeoys family Centre
Thank you for your generosity in the purchasing of the chocolate Easter eggs. In total we collected **\$1,460.00**



BUNDLE UP WEEK-END

The truck will be in the Church parking lot,
Saturday, May 7th & Sunday, May 8th.

The Society is accepting the following items: Baby clothes, children’s wear, accessories, boots, shoes, bedding, drapes, ladies wear and men’s clothing.

Please no furniture, appliances, pots & pans or light fixtures.



FRIENDSHIP LUNCHEON

We will be meeting at the Church on
April 29th and car pooling to Famous People
Players Theatre.

For more information please call Jane O’Brien at
416 239-0450.

All parishioners and their guests are welcome.

Holy Week Schedule

April 22nd – 24th, 2011

HOLY THURSDAY



7:00 pm – Mass of the Lord’s
Supper followed by Adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament until 9pm

GOOD FRIDAY



The Lord’s Passion, Veneration of the
Cross & Holy Communion

11:30am – Music by Youth Choir

2:30pm - Music by Sr. Choir

4:30pm – Way of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY



7:00pm – Easter Vigil Mass

Good Friday collection

For the year 2011, we remember the first community of Jerusalem who made the first steps in living an evangelical life. It has established the foundation for Christian life from which we still live by today. It is nice to say with the psalmist *Jerusalem above all my joys* (136,6).

The mission of the Commissariat of the Holy Land is to help the Christian communities of the Holy Land and is made possible with the generosity of all the Catholics in Canada. Each year your support sustains apostolic and social works and the upkeep of the Holy Sites that have been entrusted to the Franciscans for centuries. An important challenge that we face is the revival of the Church and the mission of the formation of future priests.

During the Good Friday Service, your parish in communion with the Church turns itself towards Jerusalem. It commemorates Jesus, his sorrowful passion and his love for us and all humanity.

That is also where we share a common solidarity towards the Holy Sites and the faithful who live there. That is why Benedict XVI holds out his hand to you in order to participate in a mission that concerns the whole Church!



Easter Flowers

Once again I appeal to all our parishioners to bring their gift of Easter flowers to decorate the Sanctuary. Kindly bring your potted flowers up until Holy Thursday, April 21st.

Parking

In co operation with the management team of St. Gregory Catholic School, the paved area of the playground is available for parking on the weekends. Please take advantage of this privilege / convenience and be considerate in NOT dropping garbage or cigarette ends, as I continue to see in our parking lot. Also, be considerate of others who also come to pray and not be harassed by someone else’s lack of respect.
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