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Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Tuesday: 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesdays: 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.
Saturdays: 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. or upon request

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.

Planning to be a Catholic Teacher?

It is critical for you to know that to be hired to teach in any Catholic school board in Ontario, as part of your application for employment there must be a letter of reference from your pastor. If you (or if your adult child) is planning to apply to teach in a Catholic School, it is highly recommended you contact the pastor one year before letter is written. Please plan to have a conversation with your pastor early in the process and you will avoid disappointment and stress at the time when applications are to be submitted.

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

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.theholysees.com



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Readings & intentions

Sun., Jan. 31 Jer 1.4-5,17-19 ~ 1 Cor 12.31-13.13 ~ Lk 4.21-30

9:00am Vilson Almeida *deceased*

11:00am For our parishioners and their families

Mon., February 1 2 Sm 15.13-14,30;16.5-13a ~ Mk 5.1-20

Tuesday, February 2 Mal 3.1-4 ~ Lk 2.22-40

The presentation of the Lord

7:30 pm For a special intention

Francisco Ornelas,

Frank Costa & family

deceased

Wed., February 3 2 Sm 24.2, 9-17 ~ Mk 6.1-6

Saint Blaise & Saint Ansgar

9:00 am Henry Caravaggio *deceased*

Thur., February 4 1 Kg 2.1-4, 10-12 ~ Mk 6.7-13

9:00 am For the intentions of
Monsignor Mariano Polito

Friday, February 5 Sir 47.2-11 ~ Mk 6.14-29

Saint Agatha

9:00 am Emil & Freda Zakrecki *deceased*

Sat., February 6 1 Kg 3.4-13 ~ Mk 6.30-34

Saint Paul Miki and Companions

5:00pm For the intentions of Jeffrey Jarvis

Souls in Purgatory

Gabriel Pisani, Sabina Pisani *deceased*

Sun., February 7 Is 6.1-2a,3-8 ~ 1 Cor 15.1-11 ~ Lk 5.1-11

9:00am Maureen Ayling

deceased **11:00am** For our parishioners and

Please pray for the sick

Megan Williams, Gail Grundle, Raymond Constantin,

Ross Martin.

**And for the repose of the souls of those who have died
especially: Joseph McGoey**

Saint Anthony of Egypt

St. Anthony was born in 251 in a small village in Egypt. When he was twenty years old, his parents died. They left him a large estate and placed him in charge of the care of his younger sister. Anthony felt overwhelmed and turned to God in prayer. Gradually he became more and more aware of the power of God in his life. About six months later, he heard this quotation of Jesus from the Gospel: "Go, sell what you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven" (Mark 10:21). He took the words as a personal message in answer to his prayer for guidance. Anthony sold most of his possessions, keeping only enough to support his sister and himself. Then he gave the rest of the money to people who needed it.

Anthony's sister joined a group of women living a life of prayer and contemplation. Anthony decided to become a hermit. He begged an elderly hermit to teach him about the spiritual life. Anthony also visited other hermits so that he could learn each one's most outstanding virtue. Then he began his own life of prayer and penance alone with God.

When he was fifty-five, Anthony built a monastery where monks could worship and serve God together. Many people heard of his holiness and came to him for advice. Anthony would tell them how they could become closer to God. Once he said, "The devil is afraid of us when we pray and make sacrifices and when we are humble and good. He is especially afraid when we love Jesus very much. He runs away when we make the Sign of the Cross."

St. Anthony visited Paul the hermit (whose feast is celebrated on January 15). He learned a lot from the example of Paul's holy life. Anthony died after a long, prayerful life. He was 105 years old. St. Athanasius wrote a well-known biography of St. Anthony of Egypt. (St. Athanasius's feast day is May 2.)

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God was first in St. Anthony's life. Sometimes we can think we need everything we see advertised on TV to make us happy. But no amount of money or things can make us really happy. Only loving and serving God can.

Taken from 'Saint A Day', an application on iTunes

World Day of the Sick (Our Lady of Lourdes)



**On Thursday,
February 11th at**

7:00pm we will have a special Mass with blessing for those who are ill.

If you have a friend or family member who is not able to come on their own to Mass, this is a good time, if you can, to arrange to bring them to church for a blessing and the gift of the Eucharist.

Pancake Breakfast

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Project Hope and St Gregory's Parish Update

St. Gregory's Parish has been accepted to receive and integrate one refugee family under the guidance of the Office for Refugees Archdiocese of Toronto (ORAT).

There will be an important meeting on **Thursday, Feb 4th, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm** in our Parish Hall.

This meeting is open to all interested in contributing towards this effort.

An initial resettlement group of volunteers from St. Gregory's has been formed in order to proceed. We do not have our family profile or expected time of arrival yet.

We are seeking and welcoming the support of all. This might include sharing some skills and/or time around areas needed such as getting housing, job searching, healthcare, transportation, integration into schooling, the family's culture supports, learning English as a second language, translation, and many other needs.

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Fr. John

2015 Tax Receipts

This year Fr. John will personally distribute the 2015 tax receipts after Sunday Masses.
They are now available.



FIRST TUESDAY

February 2nd

Holy Hour & confessions – 6:00pm

Benediction - 7:15pm

Mass – multiple intentions - 7:30pm

FIRST Friday

February 5th

Holy Hour – 8:00am -8:55am

Mass – 9:00am



Fifty Years and growing

For a number of months, myself and the pastoral council debated the idea that J.P. Antonacci introduced to us; to write a book on the history of St. Gregory's Parish. It took numerous interviews and months of gathering information, including old pictures, to have quality information to in turn share.

And that is what this book is about. It recognizes the roots of our parish and those who, with the Grace of God, made it possible. The social and religious events that brought the community together as well as give all of hope for many tomorrow as a community of faith. Why not get your own copy and enjoy a simple and informative read.

Fr. John



ASH WEDNESDAY

February 10th, 2016

9:00am – During regular Mass

9:30am - With students & staff of

St. Gregory Catholic School

**7:00pm – 1st communion & Confirmation
candidates will be in attendance.**

All are welcome.



No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering religious life or priesthood.

If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca**

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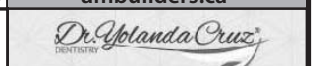
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