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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 - www.stgregorytorontocwl.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 & Mass Intentions

Sun, April 1 Mk 11.1-10~Is 50.4-7~Phi 2:6-11~Mk 14.1-15.47

9:00a.m. Antonio Liotta, *Deceased*
10:30a.m. Rosalia & Nicodemo Ierfino, *Deceased*
12 noon For the parishioners of St. Gregory's, living and deceased

Mon., April 2 Is 42.1-7 ~ Jn 12.1-11

Tue., April 3 Is 49.1-6 ~ Jn 13.21-33,36-38

7:30pm – Dominic DeVita, *Deceased*

Wed., April 4 Is 50.4-9 ~ Mt 26.14-26

8:30am – Marianne Horn, *Deceased*

Thursday, Apr. 5 Ex 12:1-8,11-14~1Cor11.23-26 ~ Jn 13.1-15
Holy Thursday

7:00pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, Apr. 6 Is 52.13-53.12 ~ Heb 4.14-16;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. 7 Gn 1.1-2.2 ~ Gn 22.1-18 ~ Ex 14.15-31;15.20,1
~ Is 54.5-14~Is 55.1-11 ~ Br 3.9-15,32-4.4 ~ Ez 36.16-17, 18-28 ~ Mk 16.1-8
Easter Vigil

5:00pm – Vigil Mass

Sunday, Apr. 8 Acts 10.34,37-43 ~ Col 3.1-4 ~ Jn 20.1-18
Easter Sunday

9:00a.m. +Al & Dorothy O'Leary
10:30a.m. +Manuel De Melo
12 noon For the people

Reflection

CONFESSION IS A SOURCE OF TRUE PEACE AND JOY

Vatican City, 18 March 2012 (VIS) - Before praying the Angelus with pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square today, the fourth Sunday of Lent, the Pope dedicated some remarks to the importance of sacramental Confession during this liturgical period which, he said, is "a time in which to pay greater attention to the voice of God".

On the horizon ahead of us during Lent is the profile of the cross of Christ, "the apex of the love which brings us salvation. ... Jesus was raised on the cross so that anyone in danger of dying because of sin, by turning in faith to the One Who died for us, would be saved".

Benedict XVI explained how God's merciful love is infinite and reaches so far as the giving of His only Son as a pledge for our sins. We therefore have a great responsibility. "Each one of us must, in fact, recognize we are sick in order to be healed. Each must confess our sins, so that the forgiveness of God, already given on the cross, can have an effect on our hearts and our lives".

"Sometimes", the Pope went on, "man loves the shadows more than the light, because he clings to his sin. But it is only by opening himself to the light, by sincerely confessing his sins to God, that he can find true peace and true joy. It is, then, important to make regular use of the Sacrament of Penance, especially during Lent, in order to receive the Lord's forgiveness and intensify our journey of conversion".

Dear Friends in Christ

We begin this week the most solemn time of the year, when we celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection. To prepare yourself to celebrate worthily, and with JOY, have you received the Sacrament of Penance since last Easter?

In your prayers please remember:

Toni Baglieri, Anna Paul, Estelle Cowie, Barbara Hart, Henry Caravaggio and others who have asked for our prayers.



Holy Hour in our parish
Every
1st Friday & 1st Tuesday
Upcoming dates:

Tuesday, April 3rd -6pm-7:15pm
Please join us and bring a friend



Mass of Chrism

Chrism Mass

You are welcome to join our priests and laity on Tuesday April 3rd at 11:00am at St. Michael's Cathedral.

It is at this mass that the oils used at Confirmation, Baptism and Anointing of the Sick are blessed.



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at
7:00pm.



Chocolate eggs

On behalf of Marguerite Bourgeoys family Centre
Thank you for your generosity in the purchasing of the chocolate Easter eggs.

Pre-Authorized Giving in our parish

You can plan your giving to St. Gregory's in advance for the whole year and you can continue to support your parish when you are away on holiday by signing up for Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G.) as many have done to date. For more information on this please pick up a GREEN leaflet at the back of the church. THANK YOU



St. Gregory's CWL Members
and all Ladies of the Parish
are cordially invited to the annual
Catholic Women's League Spring Luncheon
Sunday, April 15, 1:15pm
Weston Golf and Country Club

50 St. Phillip's Road, (Royal York Rd, north of Dixon Rd)
Tickets \$35, available after Masses from March 24.

Mr. Bill O'Brien will speak about his recent pilgrimage on El Camino to Santiago de Compostela



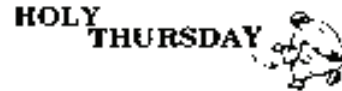
Good Friday collection

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in the Holy Land
Fr. John



Holy Week

Schedule
April 5th - 7th, 2012



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



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



7:00pm - Easter Vigil Mass

Triduum

"Triduum" comes from two Latin words (*tres* and *dies*) that mean "a space of three days". But since we have four days with special names - Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday - the "three" may be confusing to some.

The confusion is cleared up when we understand how the days are reckoned. On all high festival days the Church counts a day in the same way as Jewish people count days and festivals, that is from sundown to sundown. Thus, the Triduum consists of three twenty-four-hour periods that stretch over four calendar days.

Therefore, the Easter Triduum begins at sundown on Holy Thursday with the Mass of the Lord's Supper and concludes with Easter evening prayer at sundown on Easter Sunday; its high point is the celebration of the Ester Vigil.

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 5th.

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