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Fourth Sunday of Advent — December 24, 2023

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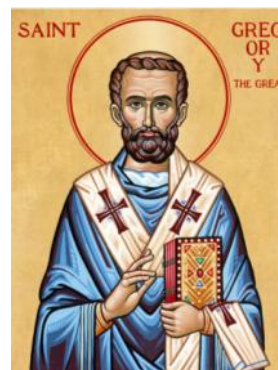
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# Peace



## PASTOR

Fr. Khalid Karomi

## PASTORAL AND SUPPORT TEAM

Mrs. Maria Ditner, Office Administrator

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Lord's Day

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sundays @ 10:00 am

### Weekdays

Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Wednesday Thursday & Friday @ 8:15 am

## DEVOTIONS

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday—6:00pm—6:45 pm

### Rosary

Sunday @ 9:30 am

Tuesday @ 6:20 pm

Saturday @ 4:30 pm

### Divine Mercy Chaplet

Tuesday @ 6:00 pm

### Blessing of Expectant Parents

Fourth Sunday of the month following Mass

SUBMISSIONS to the bulletin due  
TUESDAY AM

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed

Tuesday — Friday: 8:30am—4:00pm

## SACRAMENTS

**Baptism:** Please call to arrange the appropriate preparation at least two months in advance.

### Reconciliation:

Saturdays 10:00 am — 10:30 am

Tuesdays 6:00 pm — 6:30 pm and by appointment.

### First Holy Communion & Confirmation:

Please contact the Parish Office 519-623-3111

**Marriage:** Please contact the office at least one year in advance of expected date.

### Holy Orders :

Contact Fr. Khalid Karomi at the Parish Office or contact Fr. Mike King at the Diocese at 905-528-7988

### Anointing of the Sick:

Please contact the Parish Office 519-623-3111

When entering a hospital please register as a member of St. Gregory's Parish. When confined at home, contact the parish.

**St. Vincent De Paul Society - Voucher Program**  
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## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Masses For The Week



**Tuesday, December 26—NO MASS**  
**Wednesday, December 27—NO MASS**  
**Thursday, December 28—NO MASS**  
**Friday, December 29—NO MASS**

**Saturday, December 30**  
**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**  
**8:00 am    2,000 Hail Mary**  
**5:00 pm    + Delfin da Rosa**  
**+ The Fontes Family**

**Sunday, December 31**  
**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**  
**10:00 am    Int. of all Parishioner**

**Monday, January 1 -    The Solemnity of**  
**Mary, The Holy Mother of God**  
**10:00 am    + Edward and Elizabeth Nugent**  
**+ Antonio and Maria Fontes**



**COME HOME**  
for *Christmas*

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We know that at Christmas our hearts will be full – we want our pews to be full also! Parishes across the Diocese are being encouraged to invite all the faithful to Come Home for Christmas. We all know people who have fallen away from regular Mass attendance, and Christmas provides a privileged occasion to welcome them home. All parishioners are encouraged to join in this effort to extend a warm invitation to return.

Invite family and friends to attend Christmas Mass

***Christmas Eve Masses***

***5:00pm and 7:00pm***

***Christmas Day Mass***

***10:00am***

**COME HOME for Christmas**

### **2024 Offertory** **Envelopes**



Envelopes are located at the main entrance of the church.

Current envelope users should find a box labeled with their name and address (please check for any errors).

If wanting to start with an envelope set you will find non labeled sets on the same table. Please write you name and phone number on the first couple envelopes you submit. Also complete the

**Those looking to support St. Gregory before the end of the year, please insure that your donation is received prior to December 29th so that proper tax receipts can be issued.**

**Teach us to give and not count the cost.**  
- St. Ignatius of Loyola

### **Sunday Offering**

EFT weekly Collection.....	\$595.00
Knights of Columbus ....	\$1,000.00
December 17, 2023 .....	\$1,322.95

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**The Eucharist! That is your centre, your life, your death. It is God with us in person.**

—St. Peter Julian Eymard

**2024 Living with Christ Sunday Missal  
CAN BE FOUND AT THE ENTRANCE  
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### **ARE YOU REGISTERED IN THE PARISH?**

Even though you attend Mass at our parish, you may not be registered if you have not submitted a registration form in the past. Please register your family in preparation for Baptisms, First Communion, Confirmation, weddings, pastoral references, etc. Registration forms are available in the hallway across from the Parish Hall or by contacting the office for the forms 519-623-3111

### **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED:**

The Church Office will be closed between Tuesday, December 26—Friday December 29th. All Message will be checked periodically

December 24, 2023

No man or angel could make us adopted sons of God and heirs of heaven. It was necessary, in God's plan for us, that his divine Son should become man, should share our humanity so that we could share his divinity. Could infinite love have gone any further? Our creation, the fact that we exist as human beings on earth, is a great gift to us on the part of God. Of what value could eighty, a hundred, even seven hundred years of a continuously happy life on this earth be for us if we learned that we had to depart life forever one day?

In a world tormented by sin and its evil effects our normal span of life would be less satisfying. However, when God created us, he so planned that our stay here would be but a stage, a stepping stone in fact, toward our everlasting home. We are well aware indeed of the lengths to which God's love has gone in order to make us his children and heirs to his kingdom. Are we, however, grateful to him for the love he has shown us? Are we honestly and sincerely trying to make ourselves worthy of the great future he has in store for us? Today is a suitable occasion to look right into our hearts, to see how we stand with God. During the week we shall be keeping the feast of Christmas. The Baby in the manger will remind us of what God has done and is still doing for us. What are we doing in return? Have we shown our gratitude by living as true followers of Christ?

If most of us must answer: "no," this is the time to change our course and return to the right road once more. God is asking this of us today. Shall our answer be: "behold here I am Lord, your humble and grateful servant, let it be done to me according to your word"? —Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL 2024 season starts January 25, 2024 7:00pm – 9:00pm with the film Gather, an intimate portrait of the movement among Indigenous communities to reclaim their spiritual, political, and cultural identities through food sovereignty. The dynamic duo of Kitty R Lynn Lickers and Dr. Adrienne Xavier from McMaster University's Indigenous Studies will be guest speakers. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule of events at: <https://reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com/> A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

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Canadian Food For Children

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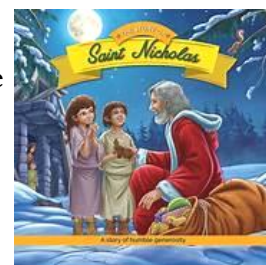
Thank you for your support!

### **FORMED Pick of the Week**

Go to <http://formed.org>

Once on the home page it will ask you "how do you want to sign in" click on "Sign in as a Parishioner" it will take you to the next screen. Type in Saint Gregory the Great, Cambridge and choose us. The next screen type in your name and email and you are in.

**Watch:**



**2,000 HAIL MARY'S**  
**Saturday, December**  
**30th, 2023**

**Starting with Mass at**  
**8:00am and Exposition**  
**of the Blessed Sacrament**



*Our Lady of the Sacred Heart*  
Praying of the  
2000  
Hail Mary

The Hail Mary's will run the whole day until the 2,000 have been prayed approx. 8:30pm  
During the 5:00pm Mass the reciting of the Hail Mary's will continue in the parish hall. Once Mass is completed the reciting of the Hail Mary's will return to the church.

Anyone (families, children, seniors) can join us for the whole day, half day, a couple of hours or whatever time works for you.

The Hail Mary's can be said in different languages  
The gathered prays this private devotion to Our Lady, asking her for any kind of favours, and trusting that God will grant them through our Lady's powerful intercession.

**All are welcome to participate**

**Book your 2024 MASSES and have a Mass said for a loved one.**

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On the brink of Jesus' coming into the world, we anticipate, yet try to remain grounded in this present moment. Let us not neglect the gift of this very time and place; our waiting, our joy, our expecting; these are gifts! May we embrace them and reverence the goodness of this moment. Just as Mary journeyed to see her cousin Elizabeth in final preparation for Jesus' coming, we gather with our loved ones and those with whom we can share our joy as we look toward the miracle of Christmas.



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