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Third Sunday of Easter May 4, 2025

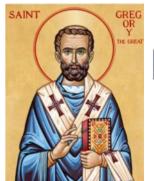


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MASS SCHEDULE

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: TUESDAY AM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed

Tuesday — Friday: 8:30am—4:30pm

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. Mark Morley 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.

Third Sunday of Easter



Tuesday, May 6

7:00 pm + David Whitehead

+ Jose Maria Moura + Heather McGarth Int Ivani Mejia Mancia

Int. Jacob

Wednesday, May 7

8:15 am CANCELLED

9:00 am Mass @ St. Augustine School (Gym) 12:30pm Mass-St. Gregory School (in Church)

Thursday, May 8

8:15 am + Antonio & Maria Fontes & Family

10:30 am Mass at Stirling Heights

Friday, May 9

8:15 am + Joao & Emilia Moreira & Family

Saturday, May 10

5:00 pm + Maria Gutierrez

+ Albino Andrade

+ Maria Ofelia Ceron

+ Antonio Pereira

+ Delfim da Rosa & Maria Lourdes Moura

Sunday, May 11

10:00 am Int. of all Parishioners

Pray for our Priests and Religious

Monday Rev. Michael King

Tuesday Rev. Veselko Kvesic, O.F.M.

Wednesday Sisters of Charity of SVDP of Zagreb

Thursday Rev. Bradley Markus Friday Rev. Khalid Karomi Saturday Rev. David Reitzel

Msgr. Paul J. Meyer Knights of Columbus Council 4916 welcomes all Brothers to our May Meeting on Thursday May 8/25 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church Please come and join your Brother Knights.

Fire Drill: Saturday May 10th after Mass. Right after Mass we will do a practice run leaving the building in a safe and calm way. Explanations will be provided from the altar on May 10th. See attached info on who to call if you see or smell a fire.

Sunday Offering

Thank you for your Generosity!

March for Life Reflection on past Elections: A society does not change solely through the ballot box, but **through prayer**, **education**, **personal**, **family and community action**.

<u>1. Civic duties:</u> Praying for authorities – prayer is an often underestimated spiritual duty.

Actively inform yourself read/listen reliable sources, Write to elected officials – clearly express your opposition or support for laws affecting life, get involved locally—school boards, municipalities. Support pro-life, pro-family, pro-faith movements Participate in public actions – marches for life, prayer vigils.

2. Family duties:

Raise a family open to life—rooted in faith. Educate your own children in the fundamental truths about God, the soul, sexuality, and vocations. Establish daily family prayer – rosary, morning and evening prayers, attend Sunday Mass

Set an example of a stable and faithful marriage Care for vulnerable family members.

3. Charitable actions:

Supporting centers for pregnant women donations, listening, volunteering.

Feeding the hungry, clothing the poor, visiting the sick and prisoners – corporal works of mercy. Participate in vigils that support life – peaceful and prayerful presence.

Support rehabilitation projects – for single mothers, prisoners, the homeless.

Conclusion: sow, day after day Yes, voting is useful, But it can only be one lever among others, not an excuse for daily disengagement.

It is the small gestures repeated with fidelity – prayers, testimonies, local commitments – which change mentalities and renew people.

This is how a **culture of faith, family and life** is born, a culture that is deeply rooted... and therefore sustainable. From Quebec March for Life

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul operates a Thrift Store at 75 Dundas St., N. (Canadian Tire Plaza) which has supported those in need for many years. This spring, our Thrift Store is in need of donations of gently used furniture, house wares (particularly microwave ovens & casserole dishes), and walkers.

Open: Monday to Saturday, 9am - 5pm Phone: 519-629-0103. Come in and say "hi" to our friendly staff, drop off your gently used donations, and browse through our SSVP Thrift Store for interesting finds.

Gospel Reflection: This time, instead of responding, "depart from me, for I am a sinful man," Simon Peter leaps out of the boat and rushes to Jesus as soon as he hears "It is the Lord!" We are all sinful, and often our first response to Jesus is "depart from me, for I am sinful!" But Simon Peter teaches us that the best response is, instead, to rush toward the Lord who is merciful and who loves us. He is the one who can heal us. Simon Peter needed much healing. He had denied Jesus at his Crucifixion and, even after seeing Jesus twice after the Passion, still tried to return to his former way of life. And the second portion of today's Gospel show us how Jesus gave Simon Peter exactly the healing that he needed.

Jesus asks Simon Peter, three times, "Do you love me?" When Simon Peter says yes, Jesus instructs him to feed and tend his flock. Simon Peter, in reparation for his denial of Jesus, is given the chance to express his love for Jesus. This love will be expressed not by words-anybody can say he or she loves a person-but by actions. Simon Peter will love Jesus by tending and feeding his flock, by being a shepherd of the followers of Jesus. This image, God placing a shepherd over his people, was used to describe the Davidic kings, Ezekiel 37:24, God says, "David my servant shall be a king over them; they shall all have one shepherd." Jesus continues, telling Simon Peter that he will, indeed, follow in the path of the Cross as Simon Peter promised to do before the Passion. Finally, Jesus says Simon Peter, "Follow me." This is the most important command of them all: To love Jesus, to shepherd his flock, and to follow the path of the Cross, Simon Peter will have to follow Jesus in all that he does and stay close to him. In following Jesus every day for the rest of his life, Simon Peter will be doing what he failed to do at the Cross. May we all have the courage to repent like St. Peter did! Fr. Matthew Siegman

Sacrament of First Holy Communion:

Congratulations to our 44 children who received their First Holy Communion (Saturday, May 3rd). Let us keep these children, and their families, in our prayers that they will regularly receive the Eucharist.

Is your child interested in becoming an Altar Server?

We would like to welcome children in grade 4 and up to become Altar Servers during Masses.

Training is provided.

Please contact the parish office for more information.



This month we are collecting:

Macaroni & Cheese
Iodized Salt, Shoes,
Peanut Butter, Soap and Flour

Thank you for your support!

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON - May 11, 2025 starting at 1:45pm.

Dear Parishioners of St. Gregory and St. Behnam Church. The St. Behnam Ladies Committee is pleased to offer an open buffet "oriental" luncheon for Mother's Day in the parish hall. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for children ages 4—10.

Tickets available from Karla Bulbula and Maria Ditner (secretaries). All are invited.

RETREAT AT THE CARMEL: The Carmel of

St. Joseph Guild is hosting their annual retreat at the Carmelite Monastery on Saturday, May 24, 2025:

"Hope" is the theme for the Retreat. The retreat will give you an opportunity to experience the graces and blessings of the Jubilee Year.

A light lunch and refreshments will be provided. Visit St. Joseph website: www.thecarmel.ca for more info. If you haven't registered yet, please do so, as space is limited. RSVP *before May 16* either by phone: 519-884-6700 or email: saintagatha@thecarmel.ca

Bulletin Ads: We are in the process of updating our bulletin sponsor program. For a nominal annual fee, local businesses can support our Parish and help offset the cost of preparing our parish bulletin. If you are a representative of a business that is in a position to support this initiative, please reach out to the parish office for details.

To community members of Saint Gregory's, please consider acknowledging the sponsorship in the event you patron our bulletin advertisers.

On Wednesday, May 7th the Cardinal's will start the process of choosing a new pope.

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit guide them.

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Rich Stehlik, Principal, 519.622.1290 Lord, as the Church enters this time of transition, we ask for the guidance of Your Holy Spirit. Pour forth Your wisdom upon the College of Cardinals as they gather to discern Your will for the successor to the Chair of St. Peter.

Grant them clarity of mind, purity of heart, and courage of spirit, that they may choose a shepherd after Your own heart, one who will lead Your flock with wisdom, holiness, and love.

May the new pope be a faithful witness to Your truth, a compassionate minister to all in need, and a unifying presence in our divided world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and Amen. ever.