

St. Gregory's Parish

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Weekend Masses	
Saturday:	5:00 p.m.
Sunday:	9:00 and 12 noon (Temporary hours)

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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

Adoration Chapel (Temporary hours)
Every Thursday after Mass until 12 noon
Please consider spending some time with our Eucharistic Lord.

School
St. Gregory's Elementary Catholic School
416-393-5262 Fax 416-393-5189

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.

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website – archtoronto.org
- **Office of Vocations (Serra House)**
website – vocationstoronto.ca
- **Catholic Cemeteries**
website – catholic-cemeteries.com
- **The Vatican**
website - www.vatican.va

2nd Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun., February 28

Manuel De Melo *deceased*
For our parishioners and their families

Mon., March 1

Tues., March 2

For the intentions of front line workers

Wed., March 3

For the intentions of Doug Leger

Thur., March 4

Edward Albert McLean *deceased*

Fri., March 5

Harald Herget *deceased*

Sat., March 6

Alfredo Furgiuele,
Diane Giroux *deceased*

Sun., March 7

Patty O'Brien *deceased*
For our parishioners and their families

Please pray for the sick especially those whose names are recorded in our Parish book of intentions and for the repose of the souls of those who have died; may the souls in Purgatory, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Please call the office if you would like to add an intention in our Parish book of intentions.

"RISE"

How can we have confidence in God during suffering?

Last week in St Gregory's Parish Catechists Julia & Adam Kozak's Lenten Reflections, we spent time meditating on the question, "What is worthy of my time & effort?" and about striving for the Kingdom of God. This week we are reflecting on:

Suffering can help us grow in patience - "Now, discipline always seems painful rather than pleasant at the time, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it." (Hebrews 12:11)

Growing in Compassion builds Resilience - "And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen." (1 Peter 5:10-11)

Vulnerability with God helps us grow in Love - *Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure...* (2 Corinthians 4:16)

God meets us in the middle of our suffering - "fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10)

God's Glory shines brighter through hard times - "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today." (Joseph, speaking to his brothers) (Genesis 50:20)

God has the 'bigger picture' in mind - "In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed." (1 Peter 1:6-7)

Worth suffering for - "Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities." (Isaiah 53:10-11)

Point to ponder this week, *Do I see my own personal suffering as something to run from, or as an opportunity to be formed to the will of God?*

If you would like to receive the Daily Lenten Reflections through your email, please contact Julia at:
LentenReflections@hotmail.com

Fr. Sean's 2021 Lenten Message



Dear Parishioners of St. Gregory's Parish,

Now that we are well into the first week of Lent, I write to you with the utmost hope that the God who delivered His people time and time again from enslavement, bondage, exile and the perils of journeying, God will do likewise through His Only-begotten Son, to His sons and daughters by adoption. This liturgical season in the Church's calendar is one that has been called a time of grace. Where does this grace we hear of come from?

The gospel according to John in the first chapter tells us that *while the law was give through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ* (Jn. 1:17). This grace that the evangelist tells us came in the flesh and dwells among us. Let us encourage each other in the grace who was given us. So while this grace came *through* Jesus Christ, where does it come *from*? I believe in the Father.

During the Lenten journey, Christians often pay much emphasis to the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit but inadvertently, neglect the Father. The sole mission of the Only-begotten Son was to make known in the world of the Father. This year, I want to appeal to you to acknowledge the God/Father and in doing so you give praise to the Son and the Spirit. On Ash Wednesday, I issued a challenge to the children of St. Gregory's School to pray the Lord's Prayer everyday during the Lenten Season. This would account to over about forty *Our Father* prayers per child...not that numbers matter.

While we remain in joyful anticipation of our exodus from the pandemic situation, we are reminded that the Father Almighty who is Creator of heaven and earth, can do all things for those who believe. We are consoled by the words of Jesus, "for your Father knows what you need before you ask him" (Matt. 6:8). With this in mind, let acknowledge the Father who is well please with the beloved Son.

In addition to our homage offered to the Heavenly Father, as a suggestion, let us also ponder the connection between the Christmas season and the season of Lent. These two periods in the church's calendar are linked together. There would be no Lent if it wasn't for the Incarnation – the Season of the Nativity. By the Father's gift of sending His Only-begotten Son into world, God renews the world from the works of the Devil through the redemptive suffering of His Beloved. This is Lent.

Let us participate wholeheartedly, in the season of Christ's redemptive mystery. Let us truly share in the Lord's death and resurrection bringing our baptismal promises to fruition. Ah yes, Lent, it's truly a time of Grace... And so with Jesus, let us say in union with him, "Father, not my will, but thy will be done."

Stations of The Cross

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Each Friday leading up to Good Friday.
Please log in at 2:50pm, we begin at 3pm sharp

Celebrant: Fr. Sean Lee Lung,
Parish Priest St. Gregory's Parish, Toronto

Online Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Adam Kozak

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