

Saint Gregory the Great Parish

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First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

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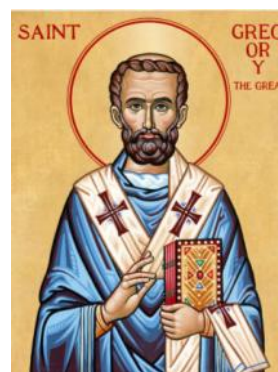
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

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.

SUBMISSIONS to the bulletin: TUESDAY AM

Visit us online www.saintgregoryparish.com

First Sunday of Advent

Masses For The Week



Tuesday, December 3

7:00 pm + Leslie Krynicki
 Int. of Leonardo Fernandez
 Int. of Salina Goncalves
 Int. of Virginia S.

Wednesday, December 4

8:15 am Deceased Members of the Melo Family

Thursday, December 5

8:15 am + Maria Ofelia Ceron

Friday, December 6

8:15 am + Jose Antonio, Judite & Antonio
 Da Costa

Saturday, December 7

5:00 pm + Patricia Nugent
 + Maria Olivia Barbosa
 + Christina Duval & Sarah Pimpel
 + Brother Chris McCartney, O.S.A.

Sunday, December 8

10:00 am Int. of all Parishioners

Pray for our Priests and Religious

Monday	Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
Tuesday	Rev. Carlos Diaz
Wednesday	Order of Preachers (Dominican, O.P.)
Thursday	Rev. Fulbert Jonas Ahouansou
Friday	Rev. John Van Hees
Saturday	Engaged Couples

Raffle Tables

November 30th—December 8th

Tickets are 3 or \$5.00. Great items are on display. All monies raised will support St. Gregory the Great.

Gregory the Great.

Thank you for your faithful support.

Choir—Christmas is coming and we need your voices. Join the Choir. All interested can reach out to Cathy or call the office 519-623-3111 or email stgreg@rogers.com

Sunday Offering

EFT weekly Collection.....	\$579.00
November 24, 2024	\$1,461.05

Thank you for your Generosity!

Calling all Ladies of the Parish:

Christmas Dinner at Swiss Chalet

101 Dundas St.,S. Tuesday, December 3rd at 6pm.
 Please confirm your attendance to the office at 519-623-3111 or by email: stgreg@rogers.com.
 All ladies of the parish are invited to take a break, relax with friends and enjoy food together. Look forward to seeing everyone. Merry Christmas!

Knights of Columbus Council 4916 invites all Brother Knights and Guests to their Christmas Party on Saturday December 14/24 at St Mary's Church Hall after the 5:00 pm Mass.

It is a catered hot meal: chicken, salad and dessert. Cost-\$20/person. Please indicate your intent to attend and payment by December 7/24 to George Harris 519-621-3665, Bernie Legault 519-650-1048, Scott Power 519-755-4293 or Paul O'Neill 519-277-5138. All cheques are payable to "Knights of Columbus Council 4916". Limited number of tickets available.

Fr. Khalid is looking for volunteers to assist with the Fire Safety Program. This is a new program from the Diocese of Hamilton to insure that all who visit the church are kept safe. Anyone with any previous knowledge or experience in fire safety or any one else who is interested. Please speak with Fr. Khalid or leave a message with the office 519-623-3111

First Sunday of Advent – December 1, 2024

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, @ 905-528-7988. vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



**2025 Living with Christ Sunday Missal
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 ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH
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December 1, 2024

Advent: Each year, we begin our Advent season with a strong reminder: we are preparing ourselves for the return of Jesus who has already come among us, sharing our humanity. We hear St. Paul exhorting us to let the Lord come more fully into our lives this Advent, so that his love in us may increase and overflow into the lives of those around us. We hear Jesus telling us be vigilant and pray for strength. Do not let your heart become distracted by the anxieties of daily life. We all know how easy it is to become frightened and anxious as we look around us and see the signs of our times. There is much happening in our world and in our own lives - that can distress us. That is why Jesus encourages us to stand erect and raise our heads. Our redemption is at hand. Advent is a season of waiting, a season of expectant hope. As disciples of Jesus, our waiting is always active and alert. We are looking for Jesus wherever he wants to be found. We must learn to discipline ourselves daily and to be aware of Jesus within us then we can reach out in loving kindness to anyone who needs to experience God's loving presence in their lives. We have to be accepting and thankful whenever Jesus chooses to surprise us with his love given through others. This discipline of vigilant waiting only happens when we choose to be prayerful in our daily living. Perhaps this Advent season could be well spent learning this prayerful discipline. It is not difficult. All we must do is choose to take a few moments several times each day to be aware and thankful for Jesus' great love within us. That awareness and our thankfulness will make it easier to choose to reach out with Jesus' love to those around us. As we learn this discipline, we will understand why we can be confident in the face of the distress in our world. Jesus' love within us makes us ready whenever he chooses to return. — Oblates.org

COME HOME for Christmas

Light the candles on the ADVENT WREATH
A Sign up sheet is available at the main entrance of the church. A beautiful way to start Advent

"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope." - **Pope Benedict XVI**



This month we are collecting:
Cooking Oil
Thank you for your support!

ANGEL TREE

Please return all gifts by Sunday, December 8.
You can still assist the Angel Tree program by providing funds so that each family can receive a food voucher along with their gift.
Envelopes are available by the Angel Tree.
All funds are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Join us for a Christmas Sing-a-long with Michael Kelly Cavan @ St. Mary's Church (56 Duke St. West, Kitchener) Sunday, December 8th from 2-3:30 p.m. Hosted by the St. Mary's Truth & Reconciliation Action Circle. All proceeds will support Healing of the Seven Generations Christmas appeal for Indigenous families in our region. Cookies, coffee, hot chocolate in parish hall following. Free will offering graciously accepted All welcome.

Prayer Vigil for the Unborn

Thursday, December 5, 2024 10:00am—11:00am

Opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted.

All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own!

Parking - across the road, Schneider Park.

For info. Call Cathy: cmlamers@rogers.com

Heartache to Healing – Grief Support Group - Coping with Christmas

Grieving the loss of a loved one at any time is difficult but it can seem all the worse as we approach the Christmas season. This time of year often reminds us of our loved ones who are no longer with us along with feelings of loss and sadness. We may begin to worry about our sense of belonging and how we are going to cope without our loved one.

Join us as we watch a video and discuss ways to cope while still being able to find joy in each moment trusting that there will be brighter days ahead.

Date: Wednesday, December 4th 2024

Time: 7 – 8:30 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm)

Location: St. Michael Parish (Parish Centre – basement) – 80 University Ave. W., Waterloo, ON
info & register (519-884-9311 parish@stmichaelw.ca)

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Saint Gregory
Sherrie Rellinger
Principal
519-621-6770

Saint Augustine
Bryan Cinti
Principal
519.740.3530

Secondary

Monsignor Doyle
Rich Stehlik,
Principal,
519.622.1290

- Candle 1 ("The Prophet's Candle") is purple, lit during the first week of Advent, and symbolizes hope
- Candle 2 ("The Bethlehem Candle") is purple, lit during the second week of Advent, and symbolizes peace
- Candle 3 ("The Shepherd's Candle") is pink or rose-colored, lit during the third week of Advent, and represents joy
- Candle 4 ("the Angle's Candle") is purple, lit during the fourth week of Advent, and represents love
- Candle 5 ("Christ's candle") is white, lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, and represents the Advent child, Jesus