

# Saint Gregory the Great Parish

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, 2024



### THE CANDLE OF LOVE

The fourth candle of Advent represents Love, the ultimate love of God that He might send His only Son for us. Called the "Angel's Candle," the fourth candle of Advent is lit the Sunday before Christmas, and it is the color purple, leading us to eagerly await the new Kingdom of God on earth.

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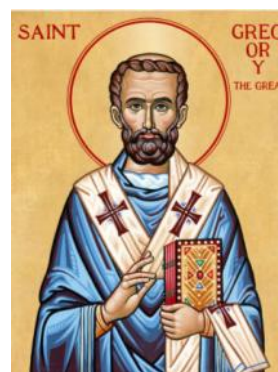
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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### 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

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.

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# Fourth Sunday of Advent

## Masses For The Week



### Tuesday, December 24—Christmas Eve

5:00 pm + Edward and Elizabeth Nugent  
 + William Murphy  
 + Carol-Ann Breton  
 + Leslie Krynicki  
 + Jose and Isabel Sousa  
 Int. Cecilia Molina de Mancia

7:00 pm Deceased Members of the Fontes Family

### Wednesday, December 25—Christmas Day

10:00 am Int. of all Parishioners

Thursday, December 26—No Mass

Friday, December 27—No Mass

### Saturday, December 28

5:00 pm + Maria Sousa  
 + Roberto Barbosa  
 + Maria Angelina Amaral  
 + Rosa Chevez

Sunday, December 29

### Pray for our Priests and Religious

Monday Rev. Jerek Scherber, L.C.  
 Tuesday Rev. Adam Zettel, L.C.  
 Wednesday **Christmas Day—The Nativity of the Lord**  
 Thursday Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I.  
 Friday Rev. Rijo Jose, C.M.I.  
 Saturday **The Holy Innocents**

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**Your generous gift will make our church come alive at Christmas.**



Merry Christmas from Council 4916

Msgr. Paul J. Meyer Council 4916 extends to all our fellow parishioners and their families a most Blessed and

Holy Christmas.

May this Holy season bring Peace, Joy and Happiness to you and your family.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of goodwill"

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

**"Light dawns for the righteous" Psalm 97:11  
 Love, peace and hope may they all be yours  
 this Christmas**

## COME HOME for Christmas

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**

December 22, 2024

*"Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."*

(Luke 1:28-33)

**Reflection:** This is the last Sunday of our preparation for Christmas, the anniversary of Christ's birth. Like Joseph, we can all feel unworthy of the honour of welcoming him into our hearts and our homes. We are indeed unworthy, not because we have little of this world's goods, but because we have so little humility, so little charity, so little faith and trust in God's goodness. Let us try to imitate Joseph and Mary, the humblest of the humble, the kindest of the kindly, and the greatest-ever believers in God's goodness and mercy. We can never hope to equal them, but we can follow them humbly, from afar.

The feast of Christmas should draw the hearts of every child of God towards the furnace of divine love. In the manger, the infinite love of God for us miserable sinners is dramatically and forcefully portrayed before our eyes. In that helpless Baby, represented by a statue, we know that the person, and the power, of the omnipotent Creator and sustainer of the universe lie hidden "He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave" for us. He became a creature, like ourselves, so that he would make us sharers in his divine nature. He came on earth to bring us to heaven. He hid his divine nature so that he could cover us with it.

"Unsearchable indeed are the judgments of God, and inscrutable his ways." But though we are unworthy of his infinite love, it nevertheless stands out as clear as the noonday sun in the Incarnation. We realize that we can never make ourselves worthy of this infinite love, but let us imitate Joseph and accept the honour which God is giving us, as we trust that he will continue to make us daily less unworthy.

Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M

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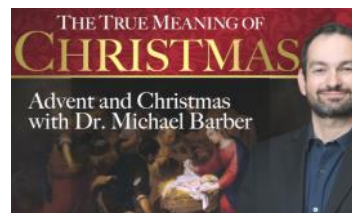
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### **2025 Offertory Envelopes**

Don't forget to pick up your 2025 envelopes found in the Atrium (off the Parish Center). Current envelope users should find a box labeled with their name and address (please check for any errors). If you would like to begin using weekly envelopes there are boxes without labels. Please record your name, contact info and the number of the box you have taken on the sheet of paper found in the box.

***All envelope users are asked to write their name and contact info on the first few envelopes they use in the New Year.***

**Christmas**  
SCHEDULE

**CHRISTMAS EVE—Tuesday, December 24**

5:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS DAY—Wednesday, December 25**

10:00 a.m. (Feast of the Nativity of the Lord)

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

Saturday, December 28 — 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 29 — 10:00 a.m.

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**Bible Verse:** "Therefore the Lord will give you a sign. Behold, a maiden shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Emmanuel." (Isa 7:14)

**Prayer:** O Emmanuel, God with us, the long awaited savior: Come and save us, give us once more the joy of your compassion and mercy. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.