

Mass Intentions



for the Week

September 23 - September 28, 2019

Mon. Sept. 23 rd	8am	+Gerry McDonald
Tues. Sept. 24 th	8am	+Stephanie Kiel
Wed. Sept. 25 th	8am	+Rose Walsh
Thurs. Sept. 26 th	8am	+Jack McAteer
	8:40am & 10am	Cardinal Carter CHS
Fri. Sept. 27 th	8am	+Helen Canzano
Sat. Sept. 28 th	9am	+Adalard Angeles

PET BLESSINGS



It is a regular date in the parish now on a Sunday close to the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4) to invite households to bring their pets for blessings.

This year we invite you to come on **Sunday, October 6** between 1:30pm and 3:00pm. We will be in front of the Catherine Ave. house.

All pets are welcome. Share this information with your friends and neighbours who do not attend Our Lady of Grace. As with all blessings the central prayer is gratitude for the good things that are brought into the life of the household by this gift of God's creation.

NEEDS OF THE CANADIAN CHURCH

This annual collection will be taken up next weekend with the regular collection. The collection is used by the Canadian Conference of Bishops for concerns that they have in the management of the church across the country.

HURRICANE RELIEF

Envelopes marked "Humanitarian Relief" are available at the entrances to the church for anyone who wishes to make a donation to assist the people of the Bahamas in wake of Hurricane Dorian. Give all pertinent information if you wish to receive income tax credit and put the envelope on with the regular collection.

REFLECTING ON THE PARISH

Fr. Frank has been preaching on stewardship in the context of parish life the past three weeks.

The next step in this process is to talk to parishioners. These conversations would be in groups of four or five households at a time. The focus of the conversation will be parish life. We will acknowledge all the good we do but also talk about where we should be going as a parish. As our new church will be very present in the heart of Aurora, are there ways we wish to realize our presence as a community?

We will secondly talk about the challenge of being available for ministry in the lives we live. Those who are coming to a meeting will be given a questionnaire in advance which will help them to be oriented to the meeting.

Those who would like to volunteer to come to a meeting can email the parish or sign up on the yellow sheet on the clipboard by the kitchen. We will be calling households to invite them if few sign up.

Households headed by a couple, ideally both will come. The invitation is for adult members so in some cases babysitting will be required.

LIFE CHAIN

Aurora Life Chain will resume this year. The prayerful demonstration will be held at the Yonge & Wellington intersection, on Sunday, October 6, 2019, from 2-3pm. Participants are welcome to park at Our Lady of Grace.

For questions, contact Gianfranco, at (416)949-1857.

AROUND OUR SCHOOLS



School life is in full swing once again. The numbers attending our seven schools are as follows, St. Jerome - 485, Light of Christ - 300, Holy Spirit - 345, Our Lady of Grace - 233, St. Joseph - 325, Cardinal Carter High School - 1318, St. Maximilian Kolbe High School - 1157.

We look forward to another year of school-parish activities.

AN EVENING AT THE SEMINARY

Monday, October 7 - 4:45 p.m. St. Augustine's Seminary 2661 Kingston Rd., Toronto
Have you ever thought about becoming a priest? An evening at the seminary offers discerners a glimpse into the place where priestly formation begins. The evening includes holy Mass in the beautiful seminary chapel, dinner, a talk by Director of Vocations, Fr. Chris Lemieux and a tour of the seminary.

EMAIL: vocations@archtoronto.org WEB: www.vocationstoronto.ca

OUR LADY OF GRACE'S FIRST PUB NIGHT

Our Lady of Grace will have its' first pub night on October 9th at Father's Moustache, 15570 Yonge St. Aurora beginning at 8pm.

It will be a time for socializing and discussion on faith issues. The general topic will be, "What I Don't Understand about the Sacraments is....."

Please email questions to the parish in advance of the evening. Our email is office@ourladyofgrace.com

ITALIAN ROSARY AT RESTHAVEN



The Italian speaking residents at Resthaven have expressed a desire to begin a Rosary group in their native tongue. We are looking for a group of Italian speaking parishioners who would be willing to lead the Rosary in Italian once a month on a weekday at 10:30 am. If you would like to participate, please contact Sandra at sandra@ourladyofgrace.com or call the office at 905-727-4594.

YOUTH HIKE

On Sunday, October 20th at 1:30pm to 5pm we invite youth from Grades 7-12 to join us for a hike. Please wear comfortable footwear and weather appropriate clothing. Meet here at the church and invite a friend to come along!

WELCOME BACK BBQ



Sunday, September 29th after the 10am & 12 noon masses the Aurora Knights of Columbus will be serving peameal bacon on a bun. Cost: FREE but donations are welcome in support of Knights of Columbus charities.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP



We would once again like to welcome all parents, grandparents and caregivers with children under the age of 5 to join us beginning Sept. 24th on Tuesday's from 9:30-11:30 upstairs in the 16 Catherine Ave house for Our Lady of Grace Children's Playgroup.

This group is a wonderful way to connect with families in the parish and community, while your children enjoy songs, crafts, and play. Peanut free snacks are provided. There is no cost for this program and all are welcome. We will continue to meet in the Catherine house for the remainder of the renovations and hopefully return to a renovated Parish hall in the new year!

PIANIST FOR MASSES AT NURSING HOMES

We are seeking a volunteer pianist to play for our residents at our nursing homes at monthly Mass. A selection of familiar Catholic hymns will be available for anyone who is interested in volunteering. Those interested can call the parish office 905-727-4594

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2020

Information will be made available at the end of October.

CHALICE TANZANIA MISSION

One of our parishioners, Dianne White, is participating in a mission to Tanzania in October, through Chalice, a registered Canadian Catholic charity focused on child, family, and community development.

She is seeking fundraising to support the communities the mission will be visiting. Dianne pays for all of her trip herself, including travel, accommodations and meals so all of any donation goes directly to Chalice.

If you would like to make a donation, you can do so online at chalice.ca/travel-on-a-mission-with-us, or by depositing money into a box that Dianne will have outside the Catherine Ave door after the mass on the weekend of September 28/29th

Envelopes are available at the doors if you would like to receive a donation receipt.