

Mass Intentions



for the Week

Sept. 25 - Sept. 30, 2017

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| Mon. Sept. 25 th | 8am | +Rose Walsh |
| Tues. Sept. 26 th | 8am | +John Baptist Te |
| Wed. Sept. 27 th | 8am | +Marion Regan |
| Thurs. Sept. 28 th | 8am | +Alalard Angeles |
| Fri. Sept. 29 th | 8am | +Fabian Bautista Jr. |
| Sat. Sept. 30 th | 9am | +Antonio Levato |

PET BLESSINGS



This year we will do pet blessings on Sunday, October 8th at 2pm. We invite you to bring these companions from God's created order.

The blessing of animals is most essentially a thank you to God for their presence in our lives and in the life of the world. Blessings will take place outside under the portico.

Blessings are done on an individual basis, so restless animals will not be required to hover a long time. All are invited.

THE AURORA PRAYER BREAKFAST



The Aurora Prayer Breakfast this year is on Tuesday, October 17 at 7am. The parish has a table and would be more than happy if you participate. There is no cost involved. Let Nancy know in the office if you would like to attend.

LETTERS FOR FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

For families with children in the public or private schools - letters for both sacraments are at the back of the church. First Communion is green and Confirmation is yellow. These letters will explain how to proceed to get your children ready for these sacraments. Children in grade two and seven in our parish schools received these letters last week.

EDGE YOUTH GROUP

We are starting a new youth ministry year and we need volunteers to help us out with the EDGE youth group for grades 6-8.

If there is enough interest and volunteer support, we would like to start a Life Teen youth group as well for high school students.

Our youth need your presence, example, and word. The Lord and His Church needs you to do His work. I, Fr Marijan need you to help so that together we may bring our youth closer to Christ.

For more information speak to Fr Marijan after Mass, call the office at 905-727-4594, or email, associate@ourladyofgrace.com.

This Monday, September 25th from 6-8pm there will be a meeting in Lynett Hall for all volunteers who are interested in helping with this ministry.

Please keep the youth ministry in your prayers, and thank you for your support.



Annual Parish Pasta Dinner

Sponsored by the Aurora Knights of Columbus
Saturday, October 21st
Parish Hall, 6:00 PM
\$15 - Adults \$8 - Children

RESERVE TICKETS ONLINE AT
www.kofcaurora.ca

Tickets can be purchased after all Masses Oct. 7th-8th and Oct. 14th-15th and also by calling the Parish Office

Fresh homemade Italian pasta sauce made by our very own parishioners!



THE NEEDS OF THE CANADIAN CHURCH

This weekend we will have a collection for the Needs of the Canadian Church. Envelopes are available in the foyer and can be placed in the collection basket with the regular donations.

SCHOOL NUMBERS

The numbers for our five elementary schools are listed below. We continue to see a lessening of the number of students in our schools.

Folks moved to Aurora years ago with young families who are now raised and off on their own. In time, these families will sell their houses to young families, if they can afford them, and there should be an increase of children in the schools.

Of course, if the new Aurorans are not Catholic this will impact the schools too. This present trend is common to both public and Catholic schools.

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| Holy Spirit C.E.S. | 310 |
| Our Lady of Grace C.E.S. | 265 |
| St. Jerome C.E.S. | 530 |
| Light of Christ C.E.S. | 280 |
| St. Joseph's C.E.S. | 375 |

BAPTISMS

We are trying a new way of celebrating baptisms in the parish. We are trying to respond to two issues. First the groups can be too large and feel a bit like an assembly line. Also the baptisms are separate from the weekend masses and this is never ideal.

We are limiting baptism events to four babies which will require that we increase them, which we will do by having baptisms after the Saturday evening mass as well.

The first part of the baptism ritual will be done at the beginning of mass and then the baptism itself will happen after the folks leave at the end of mass. We trust that after the initial challenges this will work well.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?

September seems like a good time to ask people if they have thought of becoming Catholic. We have a Becoming Catholic group that meets regularly to learn about the faith and reflect on it. It is a very open process so we welcome folks at any time during the year. If you are an adult who has never been baptised or baptised in a Protestant or Orthodox tradition and now would like to be part of the Catholic church leave your name and contact information at the parish office.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



We remind you that once again we will have a Thanksgiving food drive for the Food Pantry here in Aurora.

Grocery bags will be available at the back and handed out next weekend. Non-perishable food items are required. There is a strong need for canned meats and fish. Other items they are short of are related to babies. They are very short on baby food and diapers in the 5-6-7 sizes.

PAULINE BOOK & MEDIA FAIR

The Daughters of St. Paul will be with us on the weekend of October 28th & 29th for a Catholic Book & Media Fair.

They will bring a selection of Bibles, books, music CDs and DVD movies for all ages from their Pauline Centre in Toronto. This is a wonderful opportunity to get something inspirational for yourself or others.

CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple.

The weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling. Upcoming weekend: October 20-22nd Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga. For more information contact Gerard & Marge McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or 905-792-1925

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP

Once again we would like to welcome all parents, grandparents, caregivers and nannies with children under 5 years of age, to join us on Tuesday's from 9:30- 11:00 am for Our Lady of Grace Children's Playgroup. There is no cost for this program, and all are welcome.

This a wonderful way to connect with other families within the parish while your children enjoy stories, song, crafts and play. Coffee for adults, and peanut free snacks for children will be provided.