

# Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church

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**EUCCHARIST:** Weekends: Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8:15am, 10am, 12 noon, 7pm  
Weekdays: Monday - Friday 8am, Saturday & Holidays 9am  
First Friday: Adoration 12pm until Mass at 7pm  
**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 4-4:30pm or by request

**SACRAMENTS:** Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation & Marriage: Please contact the office.

**PARISH MINISTRIES:**

<b>Altar Guild</b>	Parish Office	<b>Liturgical Ministries</b>	Elizabeth Marriott
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<b>Community Life</b>	Wendy Frappier	<b>St. Vincent de Paul Society</b>	Lisa DiSera
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<b>Finance Council</b>	Dave Tate	<b>Welcoming Arms</b>	David Fong
<b>Funeral Choir</b>	Madeleine Swain	<b>Youth Ministry</b>	Fr. Eduardo de Oliveira Paixão
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**PARISH SCHOOLS:**

<b>Our Lady of Grace</b>	905-727-5631	<b>St. Maximillian Kolbe H.S.</b>	905-727-5652
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**PASTORAL TEAM**

Father Francis V. McDevitt, Pastor  
Father Eduardo de Oliveira Paixão, Associate Pastor  
Sandra Fortini, Pastoral Associate  
Deacon Doug McManaman  
Deacon Pat Colangelo

**STAFF**

Nancy McDonald, Parish Secretary  
Pedro Zuca, Custodian

**WELCOME**

If you are making Our Lady of Grace your parish, please register by contacting parish office 905-727-4594 or complete a registration form found in the foyer of the church.



**Mass Intentions**



**for the Week**

**September 21 - September 26, 2020**

Mon. Sept. 21st	8am	+Carmelina Cozzolino
Tues. Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8am	+Steven O'Hara
Wed. Sept. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8am	+Giuseppe & Maria Giannotti
Thurs. Sept. 24 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+Cara Cox
Fri. Sept. 25 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Kariza Reyes Spec. Int.
Sat. Sept. 26 <sup>th</sup>	9am	+Antonio Levato

**WEB SITE REFLECTIONS**

During the time of lockdown each week there was a reflection on the website. We would like to bring that feature back, not with the parish clergy providing the reflection but members of the parish.

People of the parish come from a diversity of backgrounds and there is no doubt that the vast majority of us reflect on the experience of living with the scriptures in the back of our mind.

We would like to form a team of ten to twelve who would take on this ministry. Each week the reflection would be on the scriptures of that Sunday. Each reflection would be between 500 and 700 words maximum.

We have had seven parishioners come forward to participate in preparing a weekly reflection for the website. We can still take a few more

If you think this is something you would like to take a stab at let Fr. Frank know.

**BECOMING CATHOLIC**

One of the processes we need to get focused on as soon as space is available is getting those who are considering becoming Catholic together.

We do not do RCIA specifically, but a process of catechesis that we call Becoming Catholic. We welcome those interested in the faith to come forward at any time. If you wish to know more about the process give Fr. Frank a call.

**SL ShareLife**

**September 20, 2020**

**ShareLife agencies need your support during Covid-19**

Vita Centre is a ShareLife-funded agency that provides practical support, education and counselling for pregnant and parenting young women in Peel Region. "In a post-Covid environment, the biggest challenge that we will face is ensuring we have an adequate amount of funding to continue our programs," says Tanya Pereira, Executive Director of Vita Centre. With your support, Vita Centre can continue to ensure young mothers and their babies benefit from a healthy start.

**October 11 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.**

**UPDATE ON WELCOME TABLE**

After the initial shut down of the pandemic, Welcome Table was able to restart in the summer months by serving take-out meals graciously provided by local restaurants and caterers.

As an added treat the Able Network provided fresh produce that was given out to guests with their meals.

Beginning September 23rd Welcome Table chefs will begin cooking from the kitchen at Trinity once again, following the COVID guidelines laid down by the Diocese and Province, but they will continue to distribute meals outdoors for the safety of guests and volunteers.

Please note that there is a vacancy for volunteer cooking positions.

What is required at this time is: shopping for, and preparation of, the main dish only to feed about 100 people once a month.

If you or someone you know is interested please contact Barb Allan. Her email is [barballan@rogers.com](mailto:barballan@rogers.com)

**THANK YOU, PEDRO**

Pedro Zucca was the custodian at Our Lady of Grace for fifteen years. He retired in mid-March at the beginning of the Covid lockdown. We thank Pedro for his years of service and dedication to Our Lady of Grace Parish.

**WELCOME J R**

Ferdinand Lagman was born in Antipolo, Philippines. He lives in Aurora with his wife Dianne and their young daughter. They are expecting a son on October 8. Ferdinand goes by the name J R, like J.R. Ewing. (he shares his name with his father).

J R has been working as custodian at the church for over two months. Our arrangement is that we have a custodian 20 hours a week. J R also works for the York Region Catholic School Board. A warm welcome to J R.

**ONLINE AURORA PRAYER BREAKFAST**

Beginning at 8am on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. For more information go to [www.prayforthem.ca](http://www.prayforthem.ca)

Speaker: Maranatha Weeks -Her impactful experience - "A Nurse on the Front Lines".

**GETTING BACK TO NORMAL PARISH LIFE**

We are waiting for the work to be done in our hall and meeting rooms. We will then be able to organize some activities and respect the expectations of social distancing.

We hope this will not be too far into the fall. There is much to be done as a parish.

**PET BLESSINGS**



We will undertake pet blessings on Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:30pm to 3pm on the piazza at the front of the church.

No appointments are necessary, just come with your animal companions.

We will be blessing this year on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

Animals and owners of all shapes and sizes are welcome.

**ARE WE ANOINTING THE SICK AND THE FRAIL?**

The pager system for Southlake is still in use. The two Newmarket parishes, Bradford and Aurora share the pager on a six-week schedule.

Throughout the pandemic we have continued to be called to the hospital for those who are grievously ill.

This does not extend to taking communion to the hospital or any of the nursing homes. That limitation will probably persist for the near future.

Of course, for anyone who is going for surgery we are anointing at the church and will visit private homes on request where there are those who are seriously ill.

**INTERLOCKING STONE IN THE PARKING LOTS**

It would be reasonable to presume that the interlocking stone in the parking lot is some form of creative design for visual reasons. Actually, the interlocking stone is mandated by the city for water management purposes.

Instead of all of the water during a rain running across the pavement and into the sewers a certain amount will be absorbed into the ground in the areas with interlocking stone.

**THE PETITION BOX**



The petition box has become an integral part of the life of the parish. In normal time the box is carried up at mass and placed before the altar as a way of reminding us to pray for the many needs that are contained in the box. Since we are not having a procession of gifts at this time, the box is remaining at the back.

Starting this week, the box will be put at the front before Saturday's mass and will remain there for the five masses.

It will be at the back during the week. If you bring a petition or write one out at the table at the back, just come forward and put it in the box before mass.

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