

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:

Altar Guild	Parish Office	Liturgical Ministries	Elizabeth Marriott
Altar Servers	George Martin	Marriage Preparation	416-921-1163
Becoming Catholic	Brenda Chang	Music Ministry	Dan Smith
Capital Campaign Committee	Grace Volkening	Pastoral Council	Jason Gennaro
Catholic Cemeteries	416-733-8544	Pastoral Visitors	Sandra Fortini
Catholic Family Services	905-770-7040	Prayer Group	Anita & Edwin Andrade
Catholic Women's League	Lori Thompson	Renovation Committee	Elizabeth Steele
Children's Liturgy	Jane Cobbold	Retrouvaille	416-281-6007
Collection Counters	Parish Office	Rosary	After weekday Mass
Community Life	Wendy Frappier	St. Vincent de Paul Society	Lisa DiSera
Euchre	Agnes Carrey	Volunteer Screening	Joan Brooker
Family Playgroup	Sandra Fortini	Welcome Table	Annette Crisson
Finance Council	Dave Tate	Welcoming Arms	Doug Steele
Funeral Choir	Madeleine Swain		
Knights of Columbus	John Lyn		

PARISH SCHOOLS:

Our Lady of Grace	905-727-5631	St. Maximillian Kolbe H.S.	905-727-5652
Holy Spirit	905-713-6813	Cardinal Carter H.S.	905-727-2455
Light of Christ	905-727-5400	York Catholic District	905-713-2711
St. Jerome	905-727-6593	School Board	
St. Joseph	905-727-5782		

PASTORAL TEAM

Father Francis V McDevitt, Pastor
Father Arthur Lee, Associate Pastor
Sandra Fortini, Pastoral Associate
Deacon Doug McManaman
Deacon Pat Colangelo

STAFF

Pamela Tsang, Parish Secretary
J.R. Lagman, 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 20 to 25, 2021

Mon. Sept. 20 th	8am	+ Armand Boissonneault
Tues. Sept. 21 st	8am	William Omare - Sp Int
Wed. Sept. 22 nd	8am	Charles Omare & Family - Sp. Int.
Thurs. Sept. 23 rd	8am	+ Giuseppe, Incoronata, & Rocco Colangelo
Fri. Sept. 24 th	8am	+ Rane Simon
Sat. Sept. 25 th	9am	+ Pilar Maddela

ShareLife

Will you help us reach our ShareLife goal?

We have currently raised \$115,019.04 toward our parish goal of \$146,000.

"Our goal can be met, but only with your help. I invite you to join today's generation of heroes by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability."

- Cardinal Thomas Collins

October 3 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously during the special collection or anytime at sharelife.org.



COFFEE SUNDAYS

We would like to begin regular coffee after the 8:15 and 10:00 am Sunday Masses while the weather is good and we are able to gather as a community outside. To do this we need volunteers who are willing to set up before each Mass, serve, and clean up after. We have had 2 families come forward. If you would like to participate in these events, please contact the office. Thank you.

PLEASE VOTE

It is the privilege of citizens to vote. Let us embrace the privilege. It is a privilege that is twinged with the sacred. Taking on the task of determining how we will be governed is very much about our own hopes in life and our advocacy of the well-being of the society in which we live. Let us keep all the candidates in our prayers of gratitude. It is so vital that women and men allow their names to stand for election as part of the lively debate that we are called to as a democracy.

STEWARDSHIP

You will find in your bulletin today a letter from Cardinal Collins on Stewardship. This initiative was begun before Covid and was set aside because of other concerns. I think that church people hear the word Stewardship and think we are talking about money. That is often the case. However, you will find that Cardinal Collins is inviting us to take another look at stewardship as our relationship with the fuller church and essentially our relationship with Christ.



ANIMAL BLESSINGS

As in former years we will mark the Feast of St. Francis with animal blessings on Sunday, October 3. The feast is Monday, the 4th. You are invited to bring animal companions to the piazza at the front of the church between 1 and 3. Share this information with friends and neighbours who may not be too invested in their spiritual lives but see one clear link with the sacred and divine through the consolation and joy that their animals give them. We will be happy to welcome their presence.

THE COVID CLINIC

The covid clinic last week was a real success. 187 folks received the vaccine. Let us pray for the amelioration of this scourge of our time.

ARE YOU NERVOUS ABOUT BEING AT MASS?

We have the hall set up with the screen to deal with overflow. It seems that there may be those who may make their way back to mass if they can have a clear distance from others. This is not to suggest that people have not been stellar in distancing themselves while in the church. The hall may provide that at the present time. We can make the hall available at the first 4 weekend masses for those who want that distance, and we will make it a point of always sending someone down with communion. We will not have the hall open at 7pm because the crowd does not justify it. This may not be possible in the long haul as crowds continue to increase. We are happy to observe the continued growth of the Sunday crowd at mass. It is also truly encouraging to see that we have had almost no need to speak to people about masks we truly appreciate your great cooperation.

COMMUNION AT 11:15 A.M.

We have over the past number of months offered communion to those watching mass online between 11 and 11:30 on Sunday morning. Those who attend have dwindled to a single digit group. We are going to change our practice and instead of being there for the half hour we will be there at 11:15 every Sunday for those who have gathered for communion. We, of course, look for the day when all of these efforts will become history.



CONGRATULATIONS TO FIRST COMMUNICANTS

This is the second weekend of First Communion masses. Congratulations to the children and their families on this important day in your child's life and in the life of the parish. All of these are children who have had to delay First Communion because of Covid. Thank you to their parents for their attentiveness bringing this day to reality.

NEEDS OF THE CANADIAN CHURCH

This annual collection will be taken up next week. The proceeds are to assist the Canadian Bishops in organizing and bringing to completion the special works in education and support that are required in our country.

ELDERS AND SHUT INS

We are seeking support with communion and visitation of the elders who are unable to attend mass. The ideal goal is that a relationship is created between a parishioner and a household or an institution. The easiest way to do this is that one individual or couple go every week. Ideally, we are searching for people who will integrate into their Sunday the care of some of the parish elders. Five volunteers come forward thus far. Please call Sandra if this is something you can do.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

This is the process by which an unbaptized adult or an adult from of another Christian tradition enters the church. It involves some work on your own as well as classes (online at present) that are led by a number of parishioners. If you are interested in "Becoming Catholic" be in touch with Fr. Frank by contacting the office at your convenience.



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