Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church

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Doug Steele

EUCHARIST: 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

John Lyn

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

PARISH MINISTRIES:

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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		
Children's Liturgy	Jane Cobbold	Renovation Committee	Elizabeth Steele
Collection Counters	Parish Office	Retrouvaille	416-281-6007
Community Life	Wendy Frappier	Rosary	After weekday Mass
Euchre	Agnes Carrey	St. Vincent de Paul Society	Lisa DiSera
Family Playgroup	Sandra Fortini		Joan Brooker
Finance Council	Dave Tate	Volunteer Screening	
Funeral Choir	Madeleine Swain	Welcome Table	Annette Crisson

PARISH SCHOOLS:

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Our Lady of Grace	905-727-5631	St. Maximillian Kolbe H.S.	905-727-5652
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Light of Christ	905-727-5400	York Catholic District	905-713-2711
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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

Welcoming Arms

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 for the Intentions Week

Mon. Oct. 4 th	8am	+ Daniel & Miguel Hojos
Tues. Oct. 5 th	8am	+ Giuseppe & Maria Giannotti
Wed. Oct. 6 th	8am	+ Ugene Krysa
Thurs Oct 7 th	8am	+ Lucille Lanthier
Fri. Oct. 8 th	8am	Luisa Ovduji - Sp. In.
Sat. Oct. 9 th	9am	+ Don Borin

SL ShareLife

"Live the Gospel" on ShareLife Sunday

We encourage you to give during this weekend's special collection. You can also donate online via the parish website by clicking the blue DONATE button at: https://olgraceau.archtoronto.org/ or at sharelife.org. By doing so, you'll be making a real difference in the lives of poor and marginalized members of our community.

Monthly Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) is a convenient way to spread your ShareLife contribution throughout the year. Simply submit a void cheque in a ShareLife envelope to the parish office or drop it in the offertory basket. Contact ShareLife at slife@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3411 if you have any questions about preauthorized giving.

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



PET BLESSINGS - TODAY! Everyone is welcome. Stop by between 1 and 3pm.

CANADIAN BISHOPS STATEMENT OF APOLOGY

The Canadian Bishops at their plenary session just over a week ago issued an apology to the indigenous people of Canada and especially those who have been impacted by residential schools. Copies of the apology are available at the back where you pick up your bulletin. The apology is also on the parish website.

RENOVATION OF THE HOUSE AT 16 CATHERINE ST.

The contract for the renovation of 16 Catherine St. has been awarded to an Aurora firm, Greyfields Construction. We hope that this project will start to unfold actively over the next period of time. We thank all who have assisted with moving this project forward.

CONFIRMATION - THIS WEEKEND

We congratulate the 70 young people who were confirmed this weekend. These are folks who may have enrolled up to 2 years ago and have been caught in the covid problem. We will be seeking enrollment of new confirmation candidates in January.

UNBAPTIZED CHILDREN

Do you have a school aged child who has not yet been Baptized a Catholic?
We are forming a group of unbaptized children and children baptized in other Christian traditions whose parents now wish them to belong to the Catholic church. If you have a child who has not been baptized, we encourage you to call the office at this time.

CLASSROOM VISITS

We will be resuming classroom visits in our elementary schools in October. The theme for this year will be the miracles of Jesus. In compliance with the requirements as they stand now only the five members of pastoral team will be visiting the schools.



MASSES FOR SCHOOLS

First masses for the seven schools in the parish will be recorded this coming week. They will be both live-streamed and recorded and the schools will choose how to share them with their students.

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.

IS OUR GOD TOO SMALL?

Friday, October 15 - 7 p.m. to Sunday, October 17 - 1 p.m.

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering

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PHONE: 905-839-2864

UPDATE ON WELCOME TABLE MINISTRY

Our Lady of Grace, along with five other local Christian churches, has been participating in serving hot meals to low-income families in York Region weekly for the last 15 years. Early in the pandemic (April 2020), the Ministry known as Welcome Table pivoted from a sit-down buffet style meal to hot meals packed up in takeout containers distributed at the door. The Ministry has been going strong since then and not missed a beat, thanks to restaurants and organizations that have provided cooked food at cost, financial donations, as well as volunteers. Welcome Table recognizes the Town of Aurora, Powell Contracting, Food in Motion, Aurora Legion, COBS Bread Bakery, Catharina's Kitchen, Bijoy's Restaurant, and Swiss Chalet (Henderson), who have among others, helped significantly over the last 18 months. As pandemic restrictions started to ease, volunteer chefs/sous chefs were able to work together again in the Trinity Anglican Church kitchen and prepare meals on site. Thank you for ongoing efforts.

Recognizing the efforts of the entire volunteer team, thanks also to those who donate home baking and plastic grocery bags, as well as those who bag donated COBS bread and assemble the hot meals. Year round, every Wednesday volunteers work together to serve in this important community Ministry. Consistently about 120 meals are provided weekly to guests that arrive by car or on foot to pick them up. Unsure of what the future holds, the Ministry will continue to serve take out style for the foreseeable future. Should you wish to learn more, donate, or volunteer find us online at www.welcomingarms.ca or contact Keri at 905.726.1483.

COMMUNION AT 11:15 A.M.

For those who watch the 10 a.m. broadcast of the mass, you can receive communion at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday. Just go into the church and the ministers will be in at 11:15 a m.

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