# Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church

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**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

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

#### PARISH MINISTRIES:

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#### PASTORAL TEAM

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

## **STAFF**

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#### 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.



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Mon. Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ Giuseppe & Maria Giannotti
Tues. Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ Aguis Family
Wed. Dec. 8 <sup>th</sup>	8am 7pm	+ Deceased Members of the Parish
Thurs. Dec. 9 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ Patricia Reid Fetherston
Fri. Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ Edilberto R. dela Cruz Sr.
Sat. Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup>	9am	+ Linda Joerges

## PARISH FEAST DAY

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Wednesday December  $8^{th}$  is the parish feast day. As in past years we will have a second mass in the evening at 7 p. m. to mark this important day in the life of our parish.

#### CHURCH HOURS

The church will now be open till 9 p.m. With the increase of activities around the church it seems that it is more practical to just have it open. If an activity goes beyond 9, the participants can easily get out, but the door will lock behind them. On weekends the church is closed after the last mass.

## CHILDREN'S MISSALS

Children's Missals have arrived and can be purchased for \$10.00 each at the back of the church. There is a limited number available, so we encourage you to act now if you want a copy of this excellent book as a stocking stuffer.

### ADVENT CONFESSIONS

In addition to every Saturday at 4 pm, we will have confessions on Tuesday December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 - 8:30 pm and Christmas Eve from 10 am to noon. We will include an examination of conscience in the bulletin in the coming weeks.

## **ENVELOPES FOR 2022**

Next week, December 12, envelopes will be available for the coming year. We gently remind everyone that it is much easier for us in accounting if you hold off using the envelopes till the new year. The rest of this year could be filled out by using the blue envelopes that are by the door.

## JESSE TREE

Our Jesse Tree is now up in the Narthex until Christmas. We are supporting Rose of Sharon, Street Haven, and Good Shepherd Centre through financial support, gift cards, and warm winter ware. You may select a tag from the tree and return your gift to the church or make a donation online from the front page of our website. Thank you for your continued support.

## 75TH ANNIVERSARY PHOTO DIRECTORY

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the 75th Anniversary Parish PhotoBook. Our next week of photo sessions is in January. Visit our website to register for your photo to be a part of this historical moment in the life of our parish. We need full support to make this a success.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Wednesday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm we will be having our Christmas Concert and we hope that you can come. Everyone is welcome to join us in the church for an evening of music. Registration is not required as it will be based on first come first serve. Additional seating will be available downstairs. There will be a free will offering towards the Capital Campaign.

## CANADA POST CHRISTMAS STAMPS

The CWL reminds us that postage stamps with a religious theme are available at your local post office.

## THE IMAGE OF MARY OF PERPETUAL HELP

This icon well known in the Catholic of the west was almost undoubtedly created in the Eastern rites. Mary and Jesus are not in proportion. The artist is emphasizing Mary's importance in the life of the church. Jesus seems to look away to one of the two angels that carries the instruments of crucifixion. Actually, in our church Jesus seems to look to the cross itself. His sandal hanging from his foot is to reflect the anxiety that he caries in the knowledge of his death. The anxious child's hands are in this mother's hands.

## SCHOOL MASSES

School Masses will be recorded on December 10<sup>th</sup> for distribution to the elementary and high schools. Each school will decide how to most effectively use the mass during this time of Advent.

## CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS AND BLESSING OF BABY JESUS

It is time to make Christmas decorations for the parish Christmas tree. As in past years we only want homemade decorations. If the ornaments reflect your culture or home country all the better. The tree will be up on the 19th in the Narthex. From 2:00 - 3:00 pm on the 19th we will be blessing your nativity Baby Jesus. We invite you and your children to bring in this piece of your nativity set to the church on this day.

# "GOD WITH US: ENTERING INTO THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS"

The Catholic Women's League invites all parishioners to participate in an Advent Reflection Series, via Zoom, on Monday evenings from November 29 to Dec. 20. The series will run from 7:30-8:30 pm.

To register, please visit our website <a href="http://www.olgauroracwl.org">http://www.olgauroracwl.org</a>.

#### **CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE**

## Parish Confession

December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. with visiting priests.

December 24<sup>th</sup> at 10am to 12 noon

## **Christmas Eve Masses**

Friday, December 24<sup>th:</sup>
4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 8:00 pm and 10:00 pm
(No midnight mass)

## **Christmas Day**

Saturday December 25<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 noon (No 7:00 pm mass)

## Feast of the Holy Family Sunday December 26th

Sunday December 26<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am, 10:00 am, and 12:00 noon (No 7:00 pm mass)

## **Live Stream**

Christmas Eve at 6:00 pm
Christmas Day at 10:00 am
Communion offered on Christmas Day
at 11:15 am for those who
participated from home.

## The Solemnity of Mary

Friday December 31st at 5:00 pm Saturday January 1st at 10:00 am and 12:00 noon (No 5 pm mass)

## **POINSETTIAS**

Once again, we invite you to bring in the poinsettias in remembrance of people who will not be with us at Christmas. Please leave the poinsettias in the upper Narthex by the Jesse Tree, and we will decorate closer to Christmas.

## CLASSROOM VISITS

The miracle story from the Life of Jesus for December is Jesus feeding the five thousand; Mark 8: 1-8. Each of the classrooms from grade one through eight is visited monthly and the same scripture reading is used in all of the classes.

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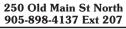


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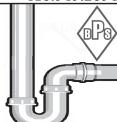
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