

Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 8:30am-4pm

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
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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

Pamela Tsang, Office Administrator
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.



Fourth Sunday of Advent



Mon. Dec. 20 th	8am	+ Patrick & Eulalie Kinney
Tues. Dec. 21 st	8am	+ James Brown
Wed. Dec. 22 nd	8am	+ Tomy Joseph
Thurs. Dec. 23 rd	8am	+ Mario Leone
Fri. Dec. 24 th	No Morning Mass	

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Parish Confession

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

December 24th at 10am to 12 noon

Christmas Eve Masses

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

Christmas Day

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

Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday December 26th
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)

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS

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.

SOCIAL DISTANCING IS IN PLACE EVEN AT CHRISTMAS!

Masses on Christmas Eve and Day will be first come first served. We have to limit the numbers attending as on any other weekend. Once we have reached capacity, we will lock the doors as health regulations regarding social distancing are still in place. We cannot allow people to stand and mill around at the back or in the foyer. We encourage families to arrive together there will be no opportunity for someone to come early and save seats for others. Once the church is at capacity the mass will begin.

BLESSING OF BABY JESUS - TODAY

On December 19th from 2:00 - 3:00 pm 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.

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.

PARISH GIFTS

Leaflets for parish gifts are available at the doors. This is an opportunity to do something that has a specific impact on the life of the parish. We thank all of those who have participated in this effort to date.

ENVELOPES FOR 2022

Envelopes are now available for 2022. Please **DO NOT use them until January 2022**, and please **DO fill in your full name and address** on the first few envelopes. The rest of 2021 could be filled out by using the blue envelopes by the door. Thank you for your excellent support for the last year.

Dear People

The church has just concluded the year of St. Joseph. Joseph is the great and constant witness to the early life of Christ. Like him we too are called to be witnesses to the life of Christ. In this Christmas season to be witnesses to the gift of salvation that is ours in Christ.

We can find ourselves perplexed by the busy and noisy Christmases that we may find ourselves part of. We need to take care to be attentive in spite of the noise and the rush and know that at the same time there will be opportunities to be a witness.

Opportunities to see his presence in our families, our celebrations and in our time for prayerful devotion.

St. Joseph, scripture tells us had great challenges placed before him and gently and with great faith saw his way through with the love of God. His journey was not singular but one with Christ and Mary. Our journey is not singular either we travel with Jesus and Mary and Joseph in all seasons of the year. Like Joseph, the Just, we embrace the journey ahead with hearts and minds set on God and his righteous call to each of us.

May your Christmas be rich in that which you search for at this time and may you in all that is good and challenging know that Christ is with us. Let that consolation give us the spirit of Joseph ready for the journey ahead.

A Happy and Holy Christmas
Fr. Frank

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

In addition to every Saturday at 4 pm, we will have confessions on Tuesday December 21st 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.

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

This examination is based on Philippians 4:4-7 on page 90 in the Sunday missal.
"Rejoice in the Lord always."

"The peace of God will guard your hearts"

Do we live a life of contentment? Do we become preoccupied with what others have to the point that we are jealous? Are we always striving to get more? Are we wasteful of what have? Do we judge others in superficial ways?

Are we willing to seek out joy in this life? Do we always see that the glass as half empty rather than half full? Do we tend to be negative in our general conversation? Are we plagued by prejudices or do we hold grudges against certain individuals? Do we hold on to old hurts?

Do we fail to embrace the life of peace? Do we live a distracted life? Are we looking for peace in the use of alcohol or other substances? Are we distracted by pornography? Do we happily involve ourselves in gossip? Are we distracted by controversy and espouse views that cause division in our families or in our relations with others?

Do we trust that the Peace of God is available to us? Do we pray regularly? Do we participate in liturgy regularly in person or on line to the best of our ability considering our health and wellbeing? Are we thankful for the many blessings that God has given us?

ATTENTION ALL CURRENT CWL MEMBERS

Your annual membership of \$25 is now due. You can drop a cheque off at the office to the attention of "Donna Sardone CWL Membership" and we have also set up e-transfer. Simply email your membership fee to the following email address: olgcwl@gmail.com and put your name in the subject/message line. New members are always welcome.

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