

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
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Capital Campaign Committee	Grace Volkening	Pastoral Council	Jason Gennaro
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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
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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		
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PARISH SCHOOLS:

Our Lady of Grace	905-727-5631	St. Maximillian Kolbe H.S.	905-727-5652
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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.



Baptism of the Lord



Mon. Jan. 10 th	8am	+ Mike McCartney
Tues. Jan. 11 th	8am	+ Gino & Anna Maria Pompilio
Wed. Jan. 12 th	8am	+ Linda Joerges
Thurs. Jan. 13 th	8am	Neysa Obeya - Sp. Int.
Fri. Jan. 14 th	8am	+ Rocco Colangelo
Sat. Jan. 15 th	9am	+ Wanda & Vincent Olchak

OLG VIRTUAL/ONLINE PRAYER MEETING

The OLG prayer group meets every other Thursday and has been meeting virtually since the start of Covid in March 2020. The meetings are from 7 to 8:30 p.m. We have Praise & Worship followed by a teaching or a bible sharing. We would encourage you to join us virtually through the prayer ministries link on the parish website. If you need more information, please contact Edwin & Anita Andrade at 905-727-2367.

THE VOCATION OFFICE

The vocation office of the diocese is offering an online discernment process beginning on Wednesday, January 19 for six weeks. Any young men who have questions about the possibility of embracing a vocation are invited to participate. For more information contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy at: mccarthy.matthew12@gmail.com.

75TH ANNIVERSARY PHOTO DIRECTORY

Due to the ongoing concern with Covid 19 we have decided to postpone the last photo directory photo session to the first week of March (1st - 5th). If you have booked for the week of January 17th, you should receive a cancellation notice. Please choose another date and time on the website. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping everyone safe.

ATTENTION ALL CURRENT CWL MEMBERS

2022 membership fees are now due. The annual membership is currently \$25. 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: olgctl@gmail.com and put your name in the subject/message line.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank you for your generous support of our Christmas Assistance Program. Your donations allowed us to provide gift packages for 26 local families in need (including gift cards and toiletry items). With a generous donation from St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic High School, we were able to deliver Christmas dinner hampers to another 10 families. We are also appreciative of the support we received from our local Catholic elementary schools, which included both monetary and gift card donations. In these challenging and uncertain times, it is wonderful to see the spirit of sharing continue in our parish. Your donations helped brighten up the season for the vulnerable in our community. Sending our best wishes that the New Year will bring peace, happiness and good health to all!

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION

We have stated that we would begin the process of enrolling additional children for confirmation and first communion in January. Now the schools are closed for an additional two weeks and we will wait until they are open to begin the process. If the closures go on for a long time, we will then have to sort out a different strategy for enrolling those in grade seven and grade two. Thank you for your patience.



BAPTISM AT OUR LADY OF GRACE

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord seems like a good time to review baptism here at Our Lady of Grace.

Families requesting baptism should be members of the parish. Those from outside the parish can come here for baptism after having done what is required in their own parish to prepare for baptism.

This idea of being a member of the parish causes some confusion. You are a member of the parish if you live in Aurora. There are also many who strictly speaking live beyond the boundaries of the parish but come to OLG weekly for mass. They are members of the parish by habit. You are not a member of the parish if you grew up here, went to school here and received your sacraments here, but have since married and have been living in Bolton for twelve years. Your parents may be members of the parish, if they still live here, but you are in fact a member of the Bolton parish.

To start the process of baptism, call the parish and we will arrange for a baptism package to be put out for you to pick up. When the package is completed then return it to the parish and we will have the parents in for a meeting. At that meeting we will usually set a date for baptism.

At present we are baptising with two families at a time. This works fairly well for distancing. The water is blessed in a jug and poured over the child's head from the jug. All other actions have been adjusted to avoid undue contact with the baby during the sacrament.

A PRAYER FOR BAPTISED PEOPLE IN THE TIME OF COVID



Prayer

Our baptism has called us into relationship with you God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In this difficult time help us to embrace this relationship with confidence. As we confront the difficulties that are ours alone and the challenges for our society, help us to do so with a spirit of trust.

Help us to find joy in our times alone and love in our cautious outreach to others.

Our baptism makes us one. Touch our hearts with this spirit of unity. Let us think well of all who are impacted by this struggle. Help us to be quick to show concern and less quick to pass judgement on those with whom we do not agree.

Let gratitude be the foundation of our lives today and in time ahead as we confront this scourge. For generous professionals immersed in the care of the sick and caring neighbours who watch out for us we give thanks. May all we say and do in this time be a source of gratitude for others.

Loving God, Father, Son and Spirit bring us health and wellbeing, we pray. Amen

JOSEPHINE LOMBARDI

Josephine Lombardi led our Advent reflection in December here at Our Lady of Grace. Many who attended were impressed with her clarity and enthusiasm for her subject. She is offering a workshop on Saturday, January 15; "A Closer Look at Mary". It will be accessed on zoom between 9:30 and 1:00. The cost is \$25.00. To register go to the website for St. Augustine's Seminary <https://staugustines.on.ca/events-listing/mariology-ejnpn?rq=lombardi>

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