

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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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, 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.





Mon. Jan. 17 th	8am	+ Tomy Joseph
Tues. Jan. 18 th	8am	+ Tomy Joseph
Wed. Jan. 19 th	8am	+ Jack Crombie
Thurs. Jan. 20 th	8am	+ Godfrey & Edna Dias Karunaratne
Fri. Jan. 21 st	8am	+ Elma McCloud
Sat. Jan. 22 nd	9am	+ Boguslav Lalas

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.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION

We have stated that we would begin the process of enrolling additional children for Confirmation and First Communion in January. Now that schools are closed, 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.

WELCOMING ARMS - JOB VACANCY

Welcoming Arms is currently seeking an Executive Director at the Aurora location. This position is 4 days per week, with a 1-year contract and an annual salary of \$60,000. For more information, please take a copy of the job posting located on the tables by the entrance, or visit their website at: <https://www.welcomingarms.ca/>.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR AN ADULT BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

If an adult wishes to become a Catholic and has never been baptised, then we need to work towards baptism. We begin by inviting the interested party to come to mass. Once they have been exposed to the community at worship, we give them a book to read and then they meet to discuss with a member of the parish team. Ideally if numbers allow it, they will gather with others interested in becoming Catholic for some ongoing lessons. The process is of course groomed to each person's needs and abilities.

Often there are adults who are already baptised in a Protestant or Orthodox Church who wish to become Catholic. In these cases, the process is much the same, but may take less time if they have a good grounding in the Christian faith already.

In both cases the process begins by contacting the parish office.

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.

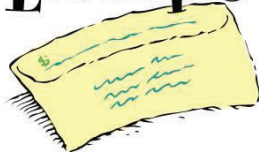
1. Go to <https://olgraceau.archtoronto.org/>.
2. On the front page, the 3rd banner in the rotator is the "Parish Photo Directory".
3. Select the "Portrait Sign Up" button.
4. Select "Book Your Photo Session Here".
5. You will then be directed to the IPC Canada appointment booking page.
6. Choose the day you would like in the first week of March and select the time.
7. Enter your contact information and you are good to go!

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping everyone safe.

WHAT DO I DO WITH MY ENVELOPES FROM 2021, 2020 OR 2019 THAT I NEVER USED?

You could use them for shopping lists. They also make excellent bookmarks. They make flash cards if you are working with your children on developing their vocabulary. If you have bored kids or grandkids around home, give them a box of crayons and the box with the remainder of last year's envelopes in it and tell them to create a game. You can string them together and put a letter on each one to make a 'Happy Birthday' sign or a sign for some other celebration. In fact, you can do almost anything you can imagine with your envelopes from 2021, 2020 or earlier. You can do anything but put money in them and put them on the collection plate. That little number on each envelope belongs to someone else for 2022 and they are getting credit for your donations. Just take a new box of envelopes from the back of the church and know that we are deeply appreciative of your commitment to support your parish.

Offering Envelopes



SYNOD AND SYNODALITY

What is a Synod? A synod is a meeting to discuss an issue related to church life or practice. It may focus on the clarification of shared belief or quite simply be a coming together in the hope of creating consensus.

What is a Synod on Synodality? It is a bit of a mouthful, but it is quite simply coming together to discuss how the church hears, who it hears and how it responds. We are not just talking about the bishops but all members of the church.

Pope Francis is seeking to engage as many as possible in a process of discussion and reflection on how we move forward as a church. Who does he want to hear from? In these initial stages he wants to hear from you, but not just you. He wants to hear from Catholics who have distanced themselves from the church. He wants to hear from Christians from the Protestant and Orthodox traditions. He wants to hear from non-believers. He wishes to hear from all since the church is in the world and needs to be in dialogue with all who are in the world with us.

It is a recognition that the church may historically have been deaf in some situations, and this of course injures the ministry of the church. It would be hard at this point to find someone who does not recognize that we have been deaf in many ways in relationship with the indigenous people of our country.

How can you be involved at this point? Please complete the questionnaire which is found on the parish website under the Synod on Synodality. If you do not have easy access to the website or a computer there are hard copies of the questionnaire on the bench near the office. Take them home complete them and put them in the box on the bench by the office.

We encourage each family member to do their own questionnaire. Thank you for your participation.



THE PETITION BOX

This ministry specific to OLG has been an amazing success. The box is in the oratory with the statues of Mary and Joseph during the week and in front of the altar on weekends. People are invited to put their written petitions in the box. They are remembered at each weekend mass. The box is emptied by the priests on a regular basis. It is important to note that the petitions are never read. They are very much an expression of your own prayer. It is such a positive expression of this most central expression of our Christian journey..... prayer.

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