

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
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Catholic Family Services	905-770-7040	Prayer Group	Anita & Edwin Andrade
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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
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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

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.





75TH ANNIVERSARY PHOTO DIRECTORY

This may be your last opportunity to be a part of the 75th Anniversary Photo Directory which will mark this historical moment in the life of our parish. This directory will document our renovations and provide a snapshot of the current parish community. We need you and your family to make it complete. There are currently many spots available for the first week of March. Please go to the website to select your date and time.

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 interest and cooperation!

FIRST COMMUNION REGISTRATION DURING THE TIME OF COVID



The process of enrolling grade 2's for First Communion has begun. Registration forms can be found on the [parish website](#). On the main banner, under "Our Sacraments" and under "Downloadable Parish Forms". Once you have filled out the form, please email it to the parish office along with a copy of your child's baptism certificate.

We will reach out to you next month with further information. If your child is in grade 3 or above and has **not enrolled** for First Communion, and you would like them to have the sacrament, please fill out the registration form and return it to the office.

Mon. Jan. 24 th	8am	+ Cynthia Ellig
Tues. Jan. 25 th	8am	+ Tomy Joseph
Wed. Jan. 26 th	8am	For Thanksgiving - Sp. Int.
Thurs. Jan. 27 th	8am	Analiza Cabiles - Sp. Int.
Fri. Jan. 28 th	8am	+ Anthony LoPresti
Sat. Jan. 29 th	9am	+ Breen Carson

THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Thank you to everyone who has so far completed the questionnaire for the synod on the parish website. We invite and encourage everyone to take the opportunity to fill out the questionnaire. It is a great thing that we are able to share in this common cause of the church.

Please to remember to share this news with families and friends even those who are not overly active in the life of the church. If they see themselves as Catholic, we want to hear what their experience has been and how they envision the church for the future.

Let us all pray for the success of these initial stages and then continue to pray for the success of the Synod on Synodality.



CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION DURING THE TIME OF COVID

The process of enrolling grade 7's and older for Confirmation has begun. Registration forms can be found on the [parish website](#). On the main banner, under "Our Sacraments" and under "Downloadable Parish Forms". Once you have filled out the form, please email it to the parish office along with a copy of your child's baptism certificate.

We will be in contact with parents over the next month with more information and next steps.

THE WEEK FOR PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

We are in the midst of the week for prayer for Christian Unity. This annual effort to at the very least acknowledge the need for the healing of the divisions of Christians. One of the hopeful signs we have here in Aurora is the great work that is done by a number of Christian churches through Welcoming Arms, a ministry of outreach to those who are experiencing food insecurity and other challenges at this time.

It can easily be forgotten that the goal of the Church of Christ is to find a unity which will indeed allow the church to be one.

A Christian Prayer for Unity

One only Holy Spirit of Father and Son
in whom all are baptized,
one giver of many gifts,
one tree of many fruits
one speaker of every tongue, renew in our day
the wonders of Pentecost,
grant that people of every race and nation
may understand one another, and as one,
proclaim the praises of God.
Grant that all may be one
as you, Spirit, with the Father and the Son
are one God, one Lord.
Grant unity to the Body of Christ;
grant unity to the human family;
Sole breath of every living thing,
may all be one who, in you,
live and move and have their being.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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/>.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO DEBT REDUCTION

We have over the last number of years had a capital campaign raising funds for the extensive renovations which have been required in the parish. We are completing the work on 16 Catherine St. The funds needed for that project, are on deposit, as long as there is no serious setback or unforeseen problem this will not impact our debt.

We have a reasonably large debt: \$3,773,599.54. We have been paying \$25,000 at the end of each month over the last several months. The loan at present is interest free with the understanding that this will be the case for two years as long as there are consistent payments. We should be able to do that.

We are taking some initiatives in relation to the debt. We have put in the boxes of envelopes for this year, four debt reduction envelopes. The first will come up on January 30. The others are in April, June and October. At present time they are placed in the basket like your regular collection. We will also get debt reduction envelopes printed.

We will be looking at some other initiatives as we move forward to assist with debt reduction. These will be a help, but the greatest asset is the regular generous support of the parish.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for Kindergarten in the school year 2022-2023 has now begun. We encourage you to go to the York Catholic District School Board website and follow the prompts. You can register online.

It is an enviable privilege we have in Ontario to send our children to fully funded Catholic schools. This is part of a legacy of hard work and commitment that goes back over 150 years. Direct any questions you have to the school board.

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