Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church

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Doug Steele

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

John Lyn

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

PARISH MINISTRIES:

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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		
Children's Liturgy	Jane Cobbold	Renovation Committee	Elizabeth Steele
Collection Counters	Parish Office	Retrouvaille	416-281-6007
Community Life	Wendy Frappier	Rosary	After weekday Mass
Euchre	Agnes Carrey	St. Vincent de Paul Society	Lisa DiSera
Family Playgroup	Sandra Fortini		
Finance Council	Dave Tate	Volunteer Screening	Joan Brooker
Funeral Choir	Madeleine Swain	Welcome Table	Annette Crisson

PARISH SCHOOLS:

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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
Light of Christ	905-727-5400	York Catholic District	905-713-2711
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

Welcoming Arms

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. Feb. 14 th	8am	+ Linda Joerges
Tues. Feb. 15 th	8am	+ Gino & Annamaria Pompilio
Wed. Feb. 16 th	8am	+ Vittoria & Francesco D'Urzo
Thurs. Feb. 17 th	8am	+ Tomy Joseph
Fri. Feb. 18 th	8am	+ Gerald McDonald
Sat. Feb. 19 th	9am	+ John Comper



75TH ANNIVERSARY PHOTO ANNIVERSARY DIRECTORY

This weekend we will have photo session sign up sheets at the back of the church. If you have not yet signed up for your photo session, please take the opportunity after Mass to choose a time. Online registration will be put on hold on so that we do not double book for the same times.

During the week, please visit our website to sign up.

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. Direct any questions you have to the school board.

LENTEN RETREAT

Saturday March 5th or Tuesday March 15th

Location: Queen of Apostles 1617 Blyth Road, Mississauga Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$40.00 (lunch included)

To Register: call 905-278-5229 or

email: office@goa.ca

2021 TAX RECEIPTS

The 2021 tax receipts will be mailed directly through the diocese and should be received before the end of February. Thank you to everyone who supported the parish during the year 2021. We are pleased with the generous response so far in 2022. Those who are still wishing to organize themselves for the support of the parish this year can find Preauthorized Giving forms and boxes of envelopes at the back of the Church.

THE SYNOD QUESTIONNAIRE

The church is seeking the thoughts of all members, those active and those who may feel somewhat distant from the church. The questionnaire is on the parish website and for those who do not have a computer, paper copies of the questionnaire are available on the bench by the office. Completed surveys can be returned to the office and they will be sent to the diocese. Thank you to everyone who has given this task attention.

PARISH STATISTICS

	2020	2021
Baptisms	56	115
First Communion	72	117
Confirmation	119	157
Weddings	5	13
Funerals	31	37

Each year we need to fill out a parish statistics form for the diocese. If we compare the numbers of 2020 with 2021 we look like we are going great guns. In fact, 2021 numbers are much lower still than the numbers of four or five years ago. It is however encouraging to see that in all categories we are up and hope that the numbers of this year will be even more encouraging. We will all need to work together as the pandemic wanes to bring the parish back to the vitality of the pre-pandemic era.



PARISH REFLECTIONS

We have had an extremely successful ministry here at Our Lady of Grace, which is unique to

our parish. Twelve of our parishioners reflect on the Sunday readings which are then put on the <u>parish website</u> and on Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/olgracea/. We trust that lots of our parishioners afford themselves of the opportunity of reading these excellent reflections.

We would always welcome others to participate in this ministry. If you are interested then be in touch with the office and we can give you more information.

It is a good thing in this time of synodality that there is this desire on the part of the laity to share their reflections. It has also been providential that this ministry has been available during this difficult time of the pandemic.

CHOOSING TO BE PART OF THE CHURCH

Monday, February 28 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering

A day retreat is open to men and women beginning at 9 a.m. with coffee and muffins. There will be sessions in our chapel on the theme, "Choosing to be part of the Church." There will be time for private prayer, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and reconciliation. Lunch is provided. The day ends with Mass. Facilitated by Fr. Robert Foliot, SJ. A suggested offering of \$50 per person. REGISTER: https://manresa-canada.ca/

CONTACT: registration@manresa.ca PHONE: 905-839-2864



ESTATE PLANNING FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE

Saturday, February 26 at 9:00 a.m.

Join this webinar and learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic teachings and traditions around cremation.

The Archdiocese of Toronto estate planning team & Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services will share:

- How to protect your loved ones with a proper Will
- How to ensure that your wishes are legally protected
- About Powers of Attorney
- Estate Trustee selection
- Finding lawyers and estate planning advisors
- Our Catholic traditions around wills, cremation, burial and funeral

An estate planning guide will be mailed to all attendees at no cost.

REGISTER: email development@archtoronto.org

Please include 'webinar February 26' in the subject line and provide your name and mailing address in the body of a message (otherwise we won't be able to send you your copy of the Estate Planning guide!). Also, let us know whether you are planning to watch this webinar alone or together with a family member.

A link to the webinar will be sent on February 22^{nd} .



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