



Our Lady of Grace *Roman Catholic Church*

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OUR SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Sunday Masses

Saturday vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon, 7:00 pm

Weekday Masses

Monday – Friday 8:00 am

Saturday & Holidays 9:00 am

First Friday Adoration

5:00 pm - 6:45 pm followed by Mass at 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 – 4:30 pm or by appointment

Baptism

Families must be registered and regularly attending Mass. Parents and godparents must also attend a baptism preparation session before the baptism date. Please contact the office for Baptism registration forms.

Marriage

12 months advanced notice required before a date can be confirmed. Preparation course is a prerequisite.

Do you feel called to Holy Orders or Religious Life?

Contact 416-968-0997 or vocationstoronto.ca.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Weekends & Statutory Holidays: Closed

WELCOME AND REGISTRATION

If you are making Our Lady of Grace your parish, please register by completing a registration form found near both entrances of the church or on the shelves by the parish office. If you require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office at 905-727-4594. Also, kindly contact the office if you move or have added new members to your family that have not been registered.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING (PAG)

Have you considered an easier way of supporting the parish?

PAG is a convenient way: you decide how much and we will charge your account the amount you are comfortable with on the 20th of each month. You can change the amount at any time by contacting the parish office. How much? For example, if you currently give \$12/week that would be around \$52/month; and if you give \$25/week that would be around \$108/month. Kindly consider this convenient way of supporting our parish. The PAG form (blue) may be found near both entrances of the church or on the shelves by the parish office.

PARISH SCHOOLS

Holy Spirit 905-713-6813

Light of Christ 905-727-5400

Our Lady of Grace 905-727-5631

St. Jerome 905-727-6593

St. Joseph 905-727-5782

St. Maximilian Kolbe H.S. 905-727-5652

Cardinal Carter H.S. 905-727-2455

York Catholic District School Board 905-727-1211

PASTORAL REFERENCES

To receive a pastoral reference, you must be a registered parishioner, attending Sunday Mass regularly, and participating in the sacramental and pastoral life of the Church community, be serving in a parish ministry (e.g. lector, catechist) on an ongoing basis, and be in good canonical standing within the Church.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES


www.catholic-cemeteries.com

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon., Apr. 29 th	8am	+ Joseph Romeo
Tue., Apr. 30 th	8am	+ Emanuela Lo-Presti
Wed., May 1 st	8am	+ Cecile & Hubert Thauvette
Thu., May 2 nd	8am	+ Bernadette Boissonneault
Fri., May 3 rd	8am	+ Cecile & Hubert Thauvette
	7pm	(SI) Lidy Ann Rodriguez, + Josephine Romano, + Grace Orsino, + Hildegard Brauningl, + Irene O'Rouke
Sat., May 4 th	9am	+ Janine & Stanislaw Switon, + Grace Orsino, + Leo Flisar, + Lise Speight, + Fr. James Martin Reposkey
	5pm	(SI) May Smith
Sun., May 5 th	8am	+ Deceased members of the Kirby family
	10am	+ Soher Zakher
	7pm	+ Antonio Carinci


Sanctuary Candle Sponsorship Program	
Apr. 13 th to May. 12 th , 2024	+ Souls of deceased Bishops & Priests
May. 13 th to Jun. 12 th , 2024	(SI) Da Silva family
Jun. 13 th to Jul. 12 th , 2024	+ Piedad Moreno
Jul. 13 th to Aug. 12 th , 2024	+ Mark Sadowski
Aug. 13 th to Sep. 12 th , 2024	+ Mary James Dawson
Sep. 13 th to Oct. 12 th , 2024	(SI) Bialkowski family
Oct. 13 th to Nov. 12 th , 2024	+ Lennart Lundberg
Nov. 13 th to Dec. 12 th , 2024	(SI) Dave Tate & family
Dec. 13 th , 2024 to Jan. 12 th , 2025	(SI) Sayaman family
Jan. 13 th to Feb. 12 th , 2025	+ Deceased members of the Letassey & Yap families
Feb. 13 th to Mar. 12 th , 2025	(SI) Peter Yiu
Mar. 13 th to Apr. 12 th , 2025	+ Aldo Cristofoli

Eucharistic Adoration



Mon. - Fri., after the 8am Mass, the Rosary will take place during the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 9am (Eucharistic Adoration also every first Friday of the month commencing at 5pm, followed by Benediction at 6:45pm & Mass at 7pm).

Miraculous Medals




Beautiful Miraculous Medals are available for a donation of: \$7 – Large, \$5 – Medium, or \$3 – Small.

“Have a medal made according to this model. Everyone who wears it around their neck will receive great graces.”

- Our Blessed Mother Mary to St. Catherine Labouré

2024 National March for Life



When: May 9, 2024


Where: Parliament Hill, Ottawa

For full schedule and further details, go to: marchforlife.ca.

“Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me.” (Isaiah 49:15-16)

From the Pastor's Desk

Many of our parishioners have asked the question: Why light a candle?



In the Catholic church, light has always had a special significance, because it represents Christ. We know that Jesus called Himself, “The Light of the World”.

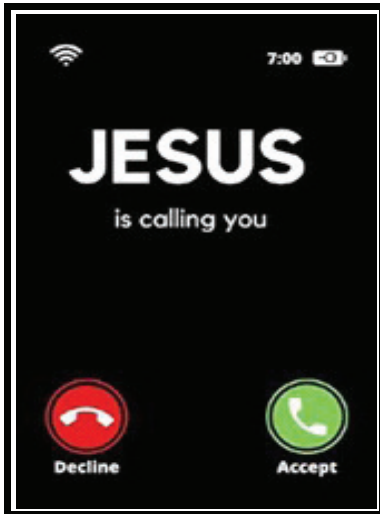
Additionally, St. John’s Gospel connects Christ with the imagery of light: “In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.” (John 1:4)

With this in mind, we understand why, during the Sacrament of Baptism, the priest presents a candle, which was lit from the Paschal candle, and tells the newly baptized to receive the light of Christ. At Easter as well, the Paschal candle is lit as a sign of the risen light of Christ. It cannot be put out, and shines into the world as a symbol of hope and love.

In our churches today, we light candles before a statue or sacred image of Our Lord or a saint. The light signifies our prayer, which is offered in faith, entering the light of God. It also shows reverence and our desire to remain present in prayer, even as we continue on our day.

Burning votive candles are a common sight in most Catholic churches. These candles are seen as an offering that indicates we are seeking some favour from The Lord or the saint before whom the votive is placed. Vigil lights are another type of candle that are lit, and these are typically accompanied by prayers of attention or waiting.

Young Adult Adoration Nights



When: May 9th and Jun. 13th

Time: 6:30pm

Where: Our Lady of Grace Parish

Duration: 45 Minutes

We will be hosting Adoration nights catered to young adults 18 years and older (although all are welcome).

These nights will consist of a time for guided reflection, praise & worship, and silence during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. So come spend some much-needed time with Jesus in the company of other young adults in your community.



Martyrs' Shrine 2024 Spring Gala (Vaughan, ON)

When: Jun. 12, 2024

Time: 5:30pm – 9:30pm

**Featured Keynote:
His Grace, Archbishop Leo
Special Performance:
St. Michael's Choir School**



For tickets, go to: martyrs-shrine.com/spring-gala.

Five Men Prepare for Ordination to the Priesthood



Left to Right – Fr. Szymon Sorbian, Fr. Jeremy Zou, Fr. Ryan Nigli, Fr. Daniel Lee, Fr. Marko Busic

On Sat., May 11th at 10am, the Most Rev. Archbishop Francis Leo, will bestow upon these five deacons the Sacrament of Holy Orders, ordaining them as priests of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

The Mass of Ordination will take place at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in downtown Toronto and will also be available online via livestream. We invite the Catholic community to pray for these men in their final weeks of preparation prior to their ordination. Let us also continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

A Spiritual Pilgrimage to Greece & Turkey: in the Footsteps of St. Paul & the 7 Churches of Revelation

**Led by: Fr. Ravi Kakumanu,
Spiritual Director
When: Sep. 25 – Oct. 4, 2024
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