



# *Our Lady of Grace* *Roman Catholic Church*

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## **PASTORAL TEAM**

Fr. John Bertão, Pastor

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## **PARISH STAFF**

Rachael Da Silva, Administrative Assistant

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J.R. Lagman, Custodian

## **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](http://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 20<sup>th</sup> 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

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## **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](http://www.catholic-cemeteries.com)

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon., May 6 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ Italo Joseph Romeo
Tue., May 7 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ Fiorenzo & Maria Pia Ranallo
Wed., May 8 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ Michael Chisholm & family
Thu., May 9 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ Cecile & Hubert Thauvette
Fri., May 10 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ Bernadette Boissonneault
Sat., May 11 <sup>th</sup>	9am	+ Antonio Caranci
	5pm	+ Joan Coulter
Sun., May 12 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ Russell & Madeleine Ascott
	10am	+ Antonio & John Gaspar
	7pm	+ Humberto Cardenas

 <b>Sanctuary Candles sponsored Apr. 13<sup>th</sup> to May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 for: Souls of deceased Bishops &amp; Priests</b> 	
May 13 <sup>th</sup> to Jun. 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	(SI) Da Silva family
Jun. 13 <sup>th</sup> to Jul. 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	+ Piedad Moreno
Jul. 13 <sup>th</sup> to Aug. 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	+ Mark Sadowski
Aug. 13 <sup>th</sup> to Sep. 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	+ Mary James Dawson
Sep. 13 <sup>th</sup> to Oct. 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	(SI) Bialkowski family
Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup> to Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	+ Lennart Lundberg
Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup> to Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	(SI) Dave Tate & family
Dec. 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 to Jan. 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	(SI) Sayaman family
Jan. 13 <sup>th</sup> to Feb. 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	+ Deceased members of the Letassey & Yap families
Feb. 13 <sup>th</sup> to Mar. 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	(SI) Peter Yiu
Mar. 13 <sup>th</sup> to Apr. 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	+ Aldo Cristofoli
Apr. 13 <sup>th</sup> to May 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	(SI) Vinluan family

**Miraculous Medals**



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- Our Blessed Mother Mary to St. Catherine Labouré

**Catholic Education Week (May 5 to 10, 2024)**

**Theme: “We Are Called To Love”**

During Catholic Education Week, we give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic education in our province. Catholic schools foster supportive communities where children can experience the joy of God’s love and understand the Christian mission in the world. Together, our parishes, educators, and families sow and nurture the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, encouraging them to live lives of holiness and Christian witness as one body in Christ.

To indicate your support of Catholic education and sign-up for email updates, visit:  
[www.togetherinfaith.ca](http://www.togetherinfaith.ca).



**2024 National March for Life**

**When: May 9, 2024**

**Where: Parliament Hill, Ottawa**

For full schedule and further details, go to: [marchforlife.ca](http://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”.



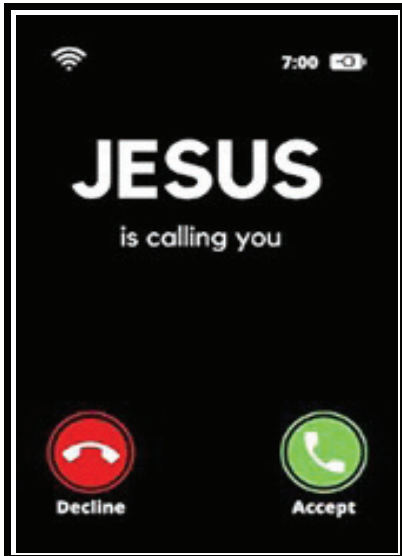
Additionally, St. John’s Gospel connects Christ with the imagery of light: “In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.” (John 1:4)

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 9<sup>th</sup> and Jun. 13<sup>th</sup>  
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.**



### Women's Day Retreat: Attitude with Gratitude

**When: Sat., May 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 3pm  
Where: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre  
1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga, ON  
Cost: \$45 includes lunch**

**For more information, contact Jean by phone at 905-278-5229 or by email at [office@goa.ca](mailto:office@goa.ca).**

### 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 at <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>.**

**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 Ministry to Catholic Women*

### Magnificat Breakfast

**Treat your mother, sister, or friend to an inspirational morning that includes a hot breakfast, praise & worship led by our spirit-filled music ministry, and a personal testimony of the transforming love of Christ in the life of an invited speaker.**

**When: Sat., May 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 12:30pm  
Where: St. Benedict Parish Hall, 2194 Kipling Ave., Etobicoke, ON (doors open at 9am)  
Registration: \$35 (credit and debit cards accepted with an added service fee.)**

**For complete details and to register online, go to: <https://www.stbenedicts.ca/magnificat-breakfast>.**

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