



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

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| Holy Spirit | 905-713-6813 |
| Light of Christ | 905-727-5400 |
| Our Lady of Grace | 905-727-5631 |
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| 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

| MASS INTENTIONS | | |
|-----------------------------|------|--|
| Mon., Oct. 7 th | 8am | + Lucille Lanthier |
| Tue., Oct. 8 th | 8am | + Mary & Dennis Smith |
| Wed., Oct. 9 th | 8am | + Bernadette Boissonneault |
| Thu., Oct. 10 th | 8am | (SI) Abygale Gomme |
| Fri., Oct. 11 th | 8am | + Teodora Torres |
| Sat., Oct. 12 th | 9am | + Nemesia Cortez, + Joe Fiorentino |
| | 5pm | Available |
| Sun., Oct. 13 th | 8am | + Lorenza Savella |
| | 10am | + Kimberley Anne Maguiness |
| | 12pm | "Populo" for the intentions of our parish families |
| | 7pm | + Edison Mariano & family |

Office closed: On Mon., Oct. 14th, the office will be closed for Thanksgiving Day and the church will be closed after the 9am Mass and Rosary.

Lighting a Candle 'Gift' Cards

Lighting a candle for someone? Please help yourself to a 'gift' card that you can give/send to the individual you lit the candle for. They are located by the candle stands.

| Sanctuary Candles sponsored Sep. 13 th to Oct. 12 th , 2024 for: (SI) Bialkowski family | |
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| 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 |
| Apr. 13 th to May 12 th , 2025 | (SI) Vinluan family |
| May 13 th to Jun. 12 th , 2025 | (SI) Donkers & Blanco families |
| Jun. 13 th to Jul. 12 th , 2025 | (SI) Jack & Ruth Doris |
| Jul. 13 th to Aug. 12 th , 2025 | (SI) Alberto & Louro families |
| Aug. 13 th to Sep. 12 th , 2025 | (SI) Chen family |
| Sep. 13 th to Oct. 12 th , 2025 | + Deceased members of the Alberto & Louro families |
| Oct. 13 th to Nov. 12 th , 2025 | + Deceased members of the Da Silva & D'Souza families |
| Nov. 13 th to Dec. 12 th , 2025 | + Deceased Priests & Bishops |

From the Pastor's Desk

Coming to our Church

Thank you to all who took the time to speak with me directly, as well as those who called or emailed on the proposal of acquiring a statue of Our Lady of Lourdes for our church. There is strong support in favour of going ahead with the project. Please note that general parish funds will NOT be used for this purchase. Private donations will be used instead for this project, which includes the purchase of a custom-made statue, preparation and painting of the wall, and the building of an appropriate stand. The lighting is already in place.



My sincere thanks to those who have already contributed as another demonstration of support. The final price is still being determined by the statue manufacturer (it will be based on the exchange rate from euros to canadian dollars, including shipping and customs, and will likely cost anywhere between \$15,000 and \$20,000 CAD). A summary of the accounting will be printed in future bulletins and tax receipts will be issued to the private donors. As such, private donations are always welcome. Thank you for your generous support of this project.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help




The novena has commenced in our church and will be recited every Wednesday before the 8am Mass. We have prepared the script and will be using the existing printed image of Our Lady that was previously donated. The Mass celebrant will lead the novena before Mass begins.

More information on this special prayer to Our Lady will be printed in future bulletins.

James Syfko

Please join me in officially welcoming our new seminarian in formation James Syfko. James was ordained to the transitional diaconate this weekend on Sat., Oct. 5th at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Toronto and has been assigned to our parish. He will be here for a few weekends while completing his studies, and more regularly as a deacon for the last semester, until his priestly ordination in May of 2025.




October And The Rosary
The Month Of The Holy Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary and this is a reminder of the promises for those who pray this contemplative prayer with Our Lady. It is a sign of predestination.



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Children's Liturgy
We are happy to announce that our Children's Liturgy has started and will once again take place each Sunday during the 10am Mass.



Debt Reduction
Next weekend, our second collection will go towards reducing our parish debt. Please give generously. Your efforts help to support our parish life and community. Thank you for your kindness.

Registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation

As in the past two years, we will have 'final preparation' sessions for those children wanting to receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Registration forms are now available through the local catholic schools. For those in the public/other school sectors belonging to our parish, registration forms are available at the parish office. Dates and full details are provided with the registration forms. Completed forms are to be returned to the parish office, NOT to the schools.



Welcoming Arms

The following toiletries are needed for the weekend of October 19 – 20, 2024:

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| Men's Deodorant | Baby Wipes |
| Women's Razors | Diaper Sizes 4, 5 & 6 |
| Kleenex | Hand Soap |
| Shampoo | Dish / Laundry Detergent |
| Toilet Paper | Paper Towels |

Please leave your donation on the upper narthex. Thank you so much.

Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation

As part of our ongoing commitment to support healing and reconciliation, the Archdiocese of Toronto has made a commitment to provide funds in support of programs and initiatives that respond to the various needs that exist among Indigenous Peoples, both locally and throughout the country. The Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation fund is part of a national effort announced by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. To date, the fund has raised more than 50% of its \$30 million target, as pledged by the Canadian bishops and dioceses throughout Canada. The Archdiocese has allocated \$2.7 million of its \$6 million pledge to charitable initiatives supporting healing and reconciliation. This weekend, the second collection provides an opportunity for the faithful to contribute to this important initiative.

For more information, to donate, or to read Archbishop Leo's letter to the faithful on National Day for Truth & Reconciliation and Indigenous Reconciliation Fund online, please visit www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation. Thank you for your support of this important work.




Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation

Special Collection
Sunday, October 6, 2024

"Jesus urges us to go out, to give, to love. So, let us ask ourselves: what do I do for those who need me? When looking at the Indigenous peoples and thinking of their history and the pain they endured, what do I do for Indigenous peoples?"

Pope Francis, Penitential Pilgrimage to Canada, July 2022

This collection will support initiatives for residential school survivors, their families, and Indigenous communities.



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