



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon., Dec. 9 th	8am	(SI) George Da Silva & family
Tue., Dec. 10 th	8am	+ Edilberto de la Cruz Sr.
Wed., Dec. 11 th	8am	+ Cecile & Hubert Thauvette
Thu., Dec. 12 th	8am	+ Bernadette Boissonneault
Fri., Dec. 13 th	8am	+ Neil Cachia
Sat., Dec. 14 th	9am	+ Joe Sanginesi, + Giuseppe & Maria Giannotti, + Mario Leone
	5pm	+ Giuseppe Infantino
Sun., Dec. 15 th	8am	+ Linda McNish
	10am	+ Steven Murphy
	12pm	“Populo” for the intentions of our parish families
	7pm	+ Nadia Townshend



Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

Mon., Dec. 23 rd	8am	Advent
Tue., Dec. 24 th	8am	Advent
Tue., Dec. 24 th	4pm -	Christmas Eve
	Children's Mass 6pm & 8pm - Family Masses	
Wed., Dec. 25 th	8am, 10am & 12noon	Christmas Day
Thu., Dec. 26 th	8am	Octave of Christmas
Fri., Dec. 27 th		
Sat., Dec. 28 th	9am	Holy Innocents
Sat., Dec. 28 th	5pm - Vigil Mass	Holy Family
Sun., Dec. 29 th	8am, 10am, 12noon & 7pm	Holy Family
Mon., Dec. 30 th	8am	Octave of Christmas
Tue., Dec. 31 st		
Tue., Dec. 31 st	5pm - Vigil Mass	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year)
Wed., Jan. 1 st	8am, 10am & 12noon	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year)

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.


Fr. Mike Schmitz and Sr. Miriam James Heidland,
SOLT Explain Healing in the Gaze of Jesus
 To watch, go to the link below.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=euOy4JuzC3Y>

Sanctuary Candles sponsored Nov. 13 th to Dec. 12 th , 2024 for: (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

Parish Reconciliation



Parish Reconciliation will take place on
Fri., Dec. 20th from 3pm to 5pm.
 There will be several priests available to hear confessions. Please see below the links provided on
 “How to go to Confession” &
 “Examination of Conscience”.

For Youth:
[guide-youth-en-2016.pdf \(archtoronto.org\)](https://www.archtoronto.org/guide-youth-en-2016.pdf)
 For Adults:
[guide-adult-en-2016.pdf \(archtoronto.org\)](https://www.archtoronto.org/guide-adult-en-2016.pdf)

Offering Envelopes



2025 Offertory Envelopes

Kindly pick up your 2025 Offertory Envelopes from the upper narthex of the church. Again this year, you will be using the same number as last year, except for those who have envelope numbers 701 and higher, who have been reassigned a lower number, as numbers 701 and higher are no longer available. An alphabetical list is available according to last name, to better help you find your new envelope number. Please either call the parish office or ask one of our volunteers, if you require any assistance. Please DO NOT use your new envelopes until the New Year. Thank you.

“The only thing we have to ask God for, in prayer, is the desire to be holy.” - Carlo Acutis

St. Vincent de Paul Jesse Tree Program 2024



As we enter the season of Advent, our St. Vincent de Paul conference will once again be running the Jesse Tree Program. With your generosity, this effort helps many who are in need. As in past years, we will be supporting Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers with financial donations, and Good Shepherd Centre for Men with donations of Tim Cards, socks, and other winter ware. The tree will be set up in the upper narthex of the church from the first week of Advent. Please take a tag from the tree, or scan the QR tags to make an online donation. Gifts can be dropped off any time up until Christmas. Financial donations (tree tag envelopes) may be placed in the gift box, and winter ware may be placed under and around the tree, where they will be collected daily. Your participation and generosity are greatly appreciated.

Vocation Seeds



Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister to help our world of today to truly “Prepare the way of the Lord”? Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, at (416) 968-0997

or vocations@archtoronto.org. For more information, go to www.vocationstoronto.ca.

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.

Potted Christmas Flowers

We welcome your gift of potted Christmas flowers to decorate our sanctuary. Please bring them anytime between *Mon., Dec. 16th and Sun., Dec. 22nd*. Kindly place them by the Jesse Tree in the upper narthex, and we will decorate closer to Christmas.



We thank you for your kindness.

Liturgical Publications

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in February 2025 and it supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service by calling Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

Pilgrimage to St. Joseph's Oratory, Montreal

3 days & 2 nights – join us !!!

Led by Spiritual Directors: Fr. Peter Choi, Pastor of St. André Bessette, Maple & Fr. John Bertao, Pastor of Our Lady of Grace, Aurora

When: Fri., Apr. 4th – Sun., Apr. 6th, 2025

Cost: \$635 for double occupancy, includes:

- ◆ luxury coach bus
- ◆ 2 nights stay at the Holiday Inn Convention Centre – Montreal Centre
- ◆ 3 breakfasts, 1 dinner
- ◆ taxes
- ◆ private tour
- ◆ private Mass
- ◆ and much more!!



Spend some time together with like-minded people, while giving up your worries to the Lord.

Explore St. Joseph's Oratory and see the fruit of St. André. Also, visit Historic Montreal, Trois Rivières, and Cap de la Madeleine with us.

For more information or to register, contact St. André Bessette Parish by phone at

289-553-1610 or via email office@standrebessette.ca.

Limited spots! A \$150 deposit will reserve your spot (balance due by Feb. 23, 2025).

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