



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

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>		
Mon., Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ Pamela Chin Fook
Tue., Dec. 17 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ Layla Samhiry
Wed., Dec. 18 <sup>th</sup>	8am	(SI) Mary DiLorenzo
Thu., Dec. 19 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ Eddie Dela Cruz Sr.
Fri., Dec. 20 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ Patrick & Eulalie Kinney
Sat., Dec. 21 <sup>st</sup>	9am	(SI) Da Silva family, + Rado Krevs, + Lancelot Sequeira, + Valdur Karlison, + Charles Ducharme
	5pm	(SI) Torres & Hood families
Sun., Dec. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8am	+ Mrs. Sonja Louise Hanley, mother of Fr. Timothy Hanley
	10am	+ Nicola Iocco
	12pm	“Populo” for the intentions of our parish families
	7pm	+ Rosa Ali

**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**  
**Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 for:**  
**(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
May 13 <sup>th</sup> to Jun. 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	(SI) Donkers & Blanco families
Jun. 13 <sup>th</sup> to Jul. 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	(SI) Jack & Ruth Doris
Jul. 13 <sup>th</sup> to Aug. 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	(SI) Alberto & Louro families
Aug. 13 <sup>th</sup> to Sep. 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	(SI) Chen family
Sep. 13 <sup>th</sup> to Oct. 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	+ Deceased members of the Alberto & Louro families
Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup> to Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	+ Deceased members of the Da Silva & D'Souza families
Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup> to Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	+ Deceased Priests & Bishops

  
**Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule**

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

**Parish Reconciliation**



**Parish Reconciliation will take place on**  
**Fri., Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 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)

**Debt Reduction**

This 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. 16<sup>th</sup> and Sun., Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>**. 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.

“Sadness is looking at ourselves, happiness is looking towards God.” - Carlo Acutis

**St. Vincent de Paul Jesse Tree Program 2024**



During this season of Advent, our St. Vincent de Paul conference is once again 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 is set up in the upper narthex of the church. 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.

**Marriage Sunday**

As part of Marriage Sunday 2025 celebrations, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025. The Mass will take place at 2:30pm on Sun., Feb. 9, 2025 at St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Limited reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 60+ anniversary in 2025, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage).



**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. 4<sup>th</sup> – Sun., Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:office@standrebessette.ca).

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

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