# Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church

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Fr. John Bertão, Pastor Fr. Donatello Iocco, Associate Pastor Deacon Doug McManaman Deacon Pat Colangelo

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ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS			
Mon., Dec. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8am	+ Eugenia Zaremba & Teodozja Babiuch	
Tue., Dec. 24th	8am	+ Felesmina Camacho	
Wed., Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup>		** see Christmas Schedule**	
Thu., Dec. 26 <sup>th</sup>	8am	(SI) Da Silva family	
Fri., Dec. 27th	8am	+ Maria Circelli	
Sat., Dec. 28 <sup>th</sup>	9am	+ Donald Brubacher, + Eugenia & Angel Sr. Malixi, + Alfred Chui	
	5pm	+ Michael Mugizi	
Sun., Dec. 29 <sup>th</sup> 8am (SI) Laura		(SI) Laura Du	
	10am	+ Claudette Ramos	
	12pm	"Populo" for the intentions of our parish families	
	7pm	+ Olivia & Tony de Souza	



## **Office Closed**

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – closes at noon; Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> – closed; & Dec. 30th till Jan. 1st - closed



Sanctuary Candles sponsored Dec. 13th, 2024 to Jan. 12th, 2025 for: (SI) Savaman family



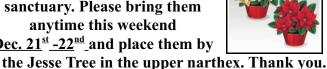
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Jan. 13 <sup>th</sup> to Feb. 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	+ Deceased members of the Letassey & Yap families			
Feb. 13 <sup>th</sup> to Mar. 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	(SI) Peter Yiu			
Mar. 13 <sup>th</sup> to Apr. 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	+ Aldo Cristofoli			
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. 13th to Jul. 12th, 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			

### **Potted Christmas Flowers**

We welcome your gift of potted Christmas flowers to decorate our sanctuary. Please bring them anytime this weekend



Dec. 21st -22nd and place them by





### Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

Mon., Dec. 23rd	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> Fri., Dec. 27 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Octave of Christmas
Sat., Dec. 28th	9am	Holy Innocents
Sat., Dec. 28th	5pm - Vigil Mass	Holy Family
Sun., Dec. 29th	8am, 10am, 12noon & 7pm	Holy Family
Mon., Dec. 30 <sup>th</sup> Tue., Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup>	8am	Octave of Christmas
Tue., Dec. 31st	5pm - Vigil Mass	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year)
Wed., Jan. 1st	8am, 10am & 12noon	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year)

## Prayers and Best Wishes for Frank Cardinal Leo

The faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto offer our prayers and best wishes for the newest members of the College of Cardinals, including our chief shepherd, the Archbishop of Toronto, Frank Cardinal Leo. Cardinal Leo was one of the 21 new cardinals from around the



world who gathered with Pope Francis. Please pray for our new cardinal as he begins this important role of service to the Church. **Regional Masses to celebrate Cardinal Leo** and the beginning of the Jubilee Year will take place early in 2025. More details will be shared in the coming weeks.

# From the Pastor's Desk



Dear friends in Christ, in a recent homily, the Holy Father reminded us that our prayer should be done with joy and with freedom. Each year, we are reminded of the greatest gift that God -the Father- gave the world, the best gift of all: HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON.

With all that is happening in the world today, let us ALL pause for a moment, reflect, and thank Our Father for His generous gift of THE SON to redeem the world.

I pray that you take some time this Christmas season to stop and simply say, THANK YOU and finish with one Our Father.

Merry Christmas!

- Fr. John

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.

# ShareLife: Doubling the Impact



Offering Envelopes

> This Advent, let your "yes" reflect God's love by supporting those in need through ShareLife. Until December 31, 2024, every gift will be

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## 2024 CWL Christmas Market and Raffle



A huge thank you to all who came out to support our Christmas Market and Raffle. We surpassed our goal and are so grateful to everyone who helped to make this event a success.

A special shout out to our student volunteers and all the women who helped in one way or another. Many hands made the workload light...and fun! We couldn't have done it without all of you! Hope to see you all again next year!

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.

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

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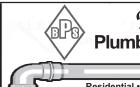


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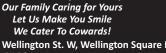


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