



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.

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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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon., Mar. 10 th	8am	(SI) John & Seeta Sookrah
Tue., Mar. 11 th	8am	+ Michelle Zaina
Wed., Mar. 12 th	8am	+ Walter Motyka
Thu., Mar. 13 th	8am	+ Domenico & Adelina Barbuto
Fri., Mar. 14 th	8am	+ Bernadette & Armand Boissonneault
	7pm	
Sat., Mar. 15 th	9am	(SI) Da Silva family, + Aires Rodrigues, + Giulio Petricca
	5pm	+ Peter Feather
Sun., Mar. 16 th	8am	+ Marianna Morra
	10am	+ Edilberto de la Cruz Sr.
	12pm	“Populo” for the intentions of our parish families
	7pm	+ Incoronata Corrina & Giovanni Liscio

IMPORTANT DATES	
Wed., Mar. 19 th	Feast of St. Joseph
Tue., Apr. 8 th & Wed., Apr. 9 th	Confessions for First Holy Communion & Confirmation children (with parents) & Parish
Sat./Sun., Apr. 12 th /13 th	Palm Sunday
Thu., Apr. 17 th	Holy Thursday
Fri., Apr. 18 th	Good Friday
Sat., Apr. 19 th	Easter Vigil
Sun., Apr. 20 th	Easter Sunday
Sat., May 3 rd	First Communion Masses
Mon., Apr. 28 th to Thu., May 1 st	Confirmation Rehearsals
Mon., May 5 th to Thu., May 8 th	Confirmation Masses



2024 Tax Receipts

The 2024 tax receipts were mailed out mid-February. Thank you for your generous support.

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 Feb. 13th to Mar. 12th, 2025 for:
(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

CWL Meeting

Our upcoming CWL meeting will be held on Tue., Mar. 11th at 7:30pm in the Large Meeting Room. All women of the parish are welcome to join us, even if you just want to come and check us out! Please consider it - we'll be glad to have you there! If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at olgawl@gmail.com.



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Please join us each Wednesday 7 minutes before the 8am Mass to pray this novena asking our blessed Mother for her intercession and guidance in all our needs.



Stations of the Cross

Each Friday, during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm & Mass at 7pm (the morning 8am Mass, Adoration, and Rosary will continue as usual).



Debt Reduction

Next weekend, Mar. 15th - 16th, 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.

**Cardinal Leo Writes to the Federal Government
on Issues of Deep Concern**

To access the letters, go to the website below
<https://www.archtoronto.org>.

Also, available at the above website is a Lenten letter
from his Eminence, Cardinal Frank Leo, for those
looking to make this Lenten season
a special time of grace.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY



Once again, Our Lady of Grace will be running
a Bible Study. *The Bible Timeline, The Story of
Salvation* is an in-depth study through Ascension
Press, which will help you better understand
the Bible. It is a 24-week study, divided into
3 eight-week sessions. The cost for all 3 is \$80.
The first session is from Apr. 16th to Jun. 4th from
7pm to 9pm; the second session will be in the fall
of 2025, and the third session will be in the spring
of 2026. Please register at the Parish office by
Mar. 17th. Payment is cash or cheque, only.

Miraculous Medals, Rosaries & Scapulars

The following items are available at
the parish office for a donation of:

- \$7 – Large Miraculous Medal
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Fr. Ben St. Croix, CC

*Fr. Ben St. Croix of the Companions of the Cross
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March 16 - 9 and 11 am**

**Weekday Masses: March 17, 18 and 19
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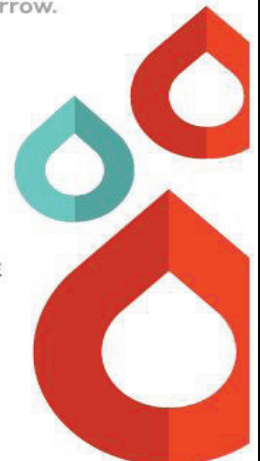
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Lenten Message 2025
His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May Jesus and Mary be in your souls.

I am writing to you as we prepare to enter the Holy Season of Lent; a sacred time that invites a heightened awareness of God’s love in our lives, and prayerful discernment on how best to cooperate with His love. This needed cooperation with grace requires true repentance as well. The spiritual renewal that is sought earnestly by men and women of faith will come about only if the heart accepts to change. This year our Lenten observance takes on an added spiritual dimension, the Jubilee Year with its focus on Hope, born from God, born in our hearts.

As Pilgrims of Hope, our traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving help to orient our thoughts, words and deeds toward God, His Kingdom and in steadfast hope. **Prayer** is especially important, insofar as “hope is expressed and nurtured in prayer, especially in the Our Father, the summary of everything that hope leads us to desire” (CCC 1820). **Fasting** “takes up the hopes that inspire [our] activities and purifies them so as to order them to the Kingdom of heaven” (CCC 1818). And finally, **Almsgiving**, when done with compassion and in solidarity with those who suffer, especially the sick, the poor, the marginalized, and the oppressed, are concrete expressions of hope (cf. *Spes non Confundit*, 7-15). **Have you given some thought to how you will embody these three practices in your Lenten journey this year?**

Lest we forget, at the core of Lent’s 40 days is the **Paschal Mystery**—the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Pope Francis suggests that to “experience Lent in hope entails growing in the realization that, in Jesus Christ, we are witnesses of new times, in which God is “making all things new” (cf. Rev 21:1-6). It means receiving the hope of Christ, who gave his life on the cross and was raised by God on the third day, and always being “prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls [us] to account for the hope that is in [us]” (1 Pet 3:15)” (*Message of the Holy Father Francis for Lent 2021*). **Are we really and acutely aware of the newness of life which the Lord desires of us and is fashioning in us at this very moment?** As Pilgrims of Hope, we walk with Christ through His suffering and death on the Cross, to a profound hope in the resurrection and witnesses to the new life that is offered to us. In this way the Cross is the ultimate symbol of Christian hope—what appears to be defeat and despair on Good Friday is revealed in the resurrection as the triumph of life over death.

We live in challenging times and there are myriads of voices that proclaim fear, despair, and desolation. Taking seriously the call to be Pilgrims of Hope, we readily listen to the voice of Christ, knowing that “hope does not disappoint” (Rom. 5:5). Pope Benedict XVI wrote: “The one who has hope lives differently; the one who hopes has been granted the gift of a new life” (*Spes Salvi*, 2). Let us boldly dare to live differently, to live as one who has hope. **What does that “difference” look like in your life and relationships?**



Hoping as intended by the Lord necessitates that we are willfully engaged in a continuous process of interior purification and repentance, which means we are striving to reorient our entire life, to return back to the Lord and away from sinful thoughts, words and deeds. Welcoming the grace of renewal entails desiring and deciding to place all our trust and all our hope in God’s truth and mercy and walk resolutely in His presence.

In conclusion, let us remember the Catechism teaching that Lent is an “intense moment of the Church’s penitential practice” (CCC, 1438). But Lent is also a time of **renewal** and **reconciliation**—two hallmarks of the Jubilee Year as well. I encourage you to take advantage of this sacred time of 40 days and discover the hope into which we were born. To assist you this Lenten Season, do avail yourself of the numerous **Lenten resources** found on the Archdiocese of Toronto [website](#). There you will find [Pope Francis’ 2025 Lenten Message](#), a variety of [Online Retreats and Reflections](#), [Lenten Activities for Families](#), and much more.

While wishing you all and your loved ones and communities a most sacred Lent, I invoke upon us all the powerful blessing of Almighty God through the loving intercession of the Blessed Mother.

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