



# Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church

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Fr. John Bertão, Pastor  
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## PARISH STAFF

Rachael Da Silva, Administrative Assistant  
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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.

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Preparation course is a prerequisite.

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## 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.

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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.

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon., May 12 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ Leszek Dziadula
Tue., May 13 <sup>th</sup>	8am	(SI) Kelly Rowe
Wed., May 14 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ Catherine Mc Kenna
Thu., May 15 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ John Lim
Fri., May 16 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ Eva Tomory
Sat., May 17 <sup>th</sup>	9am	(SI) Da Silva family, (SI) Nancy Cosgrove, + Sharon Day, + Miyo Ito, + Elenor Rudner
	5pm	+ Carmine Frijio
Sun., May 18 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ Mark Sadowski
	10am	+ Edilberto de la Cruz Sr.
	12pm	"Populo" for the intentions of our parish families
	7pm	+ Humberto Cardenas





**Loving God,**

we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end.

We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience. We ask you to bless them with your own special love.

**Amen.**

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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

**Message on the Preparation for the Election of the Roman Pontiff from His Eminence, Frank Cardinal Leo**

His Eminence, Frank Cardinal Leo asks us to pray for the following intentions, "that the next successor of the Prince of the Apostles may be worthy and holy, humble and courageous, learned and wise." by offering each day 3 Hail Mary's and the following prayer:

**the Memorare**

"REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

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

**Debt Reduction**

Next weekend, May 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Miraculous Medals, Rosaries & Scapulars**

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

**\$7 – Large Miraculous Medal**  
**\$5 – Medium Miraculous Medal**  
**\$3 – Small Miraculous Medal**



**\$5 - Scapular**



**\$5 – Wooden Rosary**



**CWL Meeting**

Our upcoming CWL meeting will be held on Tue., May 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:olgawl@gmail.com).



### Office Closed

Please note: the office will be closed on Mon., May 19<sup>th</sup> for Victoria Day. The church will be closed after the morning 9am Mass and rosary.

### Candle Fundraising for Vocations Office



On the weekend of May 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, will be preaching in our parish. As well as, Fr. Matt will be bringing along with him some beautiful candles, as a fund raising initiative for the vocations office. Cost will be around \$25 each. Can you help and get a couple for yourself and perhaps a friend? Thank you.

## *A Day With Mary*

May 31, 2025 at Villanova College, King City

DURING THIS JUBILEE HOLY YEAR,  
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### Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Led by Fr. John Bertao, Pastor of Our Lady of Grace Parish and Fr. Peter Choi, Spiritual Director and Pastor of St. André Bessette Parish

When: Oct. 5 - 16, 2025

Cost is \$2850, which includes:

- ◆ round trip air tickets from Toronto to Sarajevo
- ◆ luxury coach and English speaking guide from airport to Medjugorje
- ◆ all taxes and tips
- ◆ hotel, breakfast, and dinner
- ◆ daily Holy Mass and evening prayer
- ◆ going up Apparition Hill and Cross Mountain
- ◆ places of worship and interest in Medjugorje and much more!

For more information or to register,  
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You can also register online at

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### "With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope"

#### Pilgrimage to France & Spain

Under the Spiritual Direction of Fr. Ryan Nigli, Associate Pastor, St. Justin Martyr Parish

When: Nov. 3-14, 2025 (12 days); Cost: \$4,990

- Includes:
- ◆ air transportation from Toronto, all airport taxes & surcharges
  - ◆ hotel accommodation first/superior tourist class based on double occupancy – single rm. supp. \$900
  - ◆ 2 meals daily (breakfast & dinner)
  - ◆ all sightseeing as per iten. w/Eng. speaking guide
  - ◆ all tips for bus drivers, guides, in rest. & hotels

For more information and to register, contact Marissa – 416.716.6217/ [mperezroldan@gmail.com](mailto:mperezroldan@gmail.com) or online at <https://www.ihtours.com>.





## **Message on the Preparation for the Election of the Roman Pontiff**

**5 May 2025**

**His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo  
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto**

To the faithful of the archdiocese of Toronto:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

*May Jesus and Mary be in your souls.*

As you know, I am currently in Rome, having been summoned for the immense responsibility of electing a new Pope. You may easily understand, this is quite the onerous task. For us Catholics, the Petrine office, the person and ministry of the Holy Father, is central to our life of faith. The Roman Pontiff is indeed the successor to the Apostle of Christ, St. Peter.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church in #881 teaches: *"The Lord made Simon alone, whom he named Peter, the 'rock' of his Church. He gave him the keys of his Church and instituted him shepherd of the whole flock. The office of binding and loosing which was given to Peter was also assigned to the college of apostles united to its head. This pastoral office of Peter and the other apostles belongs to the Church's very foundation and is continued by the bishops under the primacy of the Pope."*

As the Cardinals gather and discuss various qualities to be found in the new universal Shepherd as well as the challenges we face in the Church and in the wider society to bring Christ's saving Gospel to all persons, I think of you all in Toronto and the practice and living out of the faith throughout our faith communities and parishes. Though it is quite the busy time here, listening and questioning, reflecting and sharing - the singular most important thing we do is pray. Only openness and availability to the Holy Spirit and to his gifts will allow for the papal election to be pleasing to the Lord. The unity of the Body of Christ is paramount as is the urgent need for evangelization and witnessing. The mission of the Pope, also referred to as the "Servant of the Servants of God", is to preserve the integrity of the apostolic faith, transmit the deposit of faith with fidelity, to teach, shepherd, guide, govern and lead Christ's flock and to be a unifying force gathering God's children together in the spiritual family we call Holy Mother Church.

Furthermore, in #882-883 of the Catechism we read: *"The Pope, Bishop of Rome and Peter's successor, is the perpetual and visible source and foundation of the unity both of the bishops and of the whole company of the faithful. For the Roman Pontiff, by reason of his office as Vicar of Christ, and as pastor of the entire Church has full, supreme, and universal power over the whole Church, a power which he can always exercise unhindered. The college or body of bishops has no authority unless united with the Roman Pontiff, Peter's successor, as its head. As such, this college has supreme and full authority over the universal Church; but this power cannot be exercised without the agreement of the Roman Pontiff."*

Dear faithful of the archdiocese, I would like you all to please join me in praying intently and wholeheartedly that the Cardinals be given wisdom and discernment from on High; that the Spirit of the Risen Christ descend with power and abundance upon the Cardinals united in Sistine



Chapel and that the one chosen in the forthcoming conclave to be the next Successor of the Prince of the Apostles may be worthy and holy, humble and courageous, learned and wise.

Together let us please pray each day at least 3 Hail Mary's and the Memorare for this specific intention.

In this month dedicated most especially to Mother Mary, who as Mother of the Church is our spiritual mother in the faith, that is, in the order of grace, may her intercession be sought daily, her name be praised by all of the faithful and the purity of her faith be embodied by all those who bear the blessed name of Christian.

Please pray for me too and for my ministry both in Toronto and now specifically as a Cardinal elector in the Eternal city.

Yours Sincerely in Jesus with Mary,

*† Frank Card. Leo*

Frank Cardinal Leo  
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto



*His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo pictured in Rome outside of St. Peter's Basilica.*



## Message for the Month of the Blessed Mother

1 May 2025

**His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo  
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto**

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

*May Jesus and Mary be in your souls.*

I am writing to you at the beginning of the month dedicated to the Blessed Mother. When we call Mary “Our Mother” or “Mother Mary”, we simultaneously acknowledge her as the Mother of God, and as our mother. As Mother of God, Mary is the favoured one who bore the Second Person of the Trinity in her heart and in her womb (Lk 1:28-36). As our mother, she is the one given to us by Jesus himself on the Cross as our spiritual mother (Jn 19:25-27). With these three simple words, *Our Blessed Mother*, we recall both the *Annunciation* and *The Crucifixion*. There is an undeniable profundity and simplicity that accompanies authentic Marian spirituality and devotion, that I am inviting you to take up with greater vigour this month.

During this Holy Jubilee Year we have been called to live in hope, finding hope in God and His actions in the world (cf. *Spes non Confundit*, 7). Pope Francis calls Mother Mary “the supreme witness” to hope. She is the mother who pondered God’s will, who never gave into despair or a sense of abandonment, who looked to the future of eternal bliss, and who selflessly gave herself to the will of God out of love (cf. CCC, 1818). As *Mother of Hope*, Mary is also *Stella Maris*, “the sure hope that, amid the tempests of this life, the Mother of God comes to our aid, sustains us and encourages us to persevere in hope and trust” (*Spes non Confundit*, 24). As the first and most perfect disciple of Our Lord, Mary is the shining “star” in the sea of life. When the waters of this life become rough and threaten to drown us, Mary helps us to navigate this adversity toward her Son the source of our hope, the harbour of salvation.

When we speak about Mary the superlative is always used because she is the example *par excellence*. “She shows forth the victory of hope over anguish, of fellowship over solitude, of peace over anxiety, of joy and beauty over boredom and disgust, of eternal visions over earthly ones, of life over death” (*Marialis Cultus*, 57). As Pilgrims of Hope, we root ourselves in Jesus Christ and seek Mary’s intercession.

At the beginning of March, I invited the faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto to consecrate themselves to Our Blessed Mother on the Solemnity of the Annunciation. This invitation followed the request of Our Holy Father who also asked that all the faithful renew their consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary annually on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March (Pope Francis, *General Audience*, 22 March 2023). If you missed the opportunity on that Solemnity, the memorial of Our Lady of Fatima (13 May), Mary, Help of Christians (24 May), or the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (31 May) would be appropriate days to either consecrate yourself to Mother Mary or



renew your consecration to her Immaculate Heart. As a communal recognition of our month-long devotion to Our Blessed Mother, on 31 May 2025, *A Day with Mary*, at Villanova College in King City will be celebrated. This Marian day is family-friendly with planned events and activities for the young and young at heart. I will be presiding over the concelebration of the Eucharist on that day and would like to ask that you please join me. During the month of May we seek the intercession of Our Lady, Mother of Hope, and ask her to help us see with the eyes of faith and devotion: the beauty and splendour of God in our midst and in the world.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, during the entire month of May - the month of Mary - I encourage you to take the time to get to know Our Lady better by reading about her, talking to her, seeking her help and celebrating with us on 31 May.

Finally, I humbly urge all the faithful in the Archdiocese of Toronto, our families and parishes, schools and other faith, religious and ecclesial communities and institutions, to embody certain qualities of Mary's life and devotion. How do we look to her example and learn to be true and credible believers and witnesses in our families? How do we turn to her and be inspired as our model of unwavering hope at work or at school? How do we emulate that "love beyond all telling" in our communities, which animated her personal life, her vocation, her involvement in her community of faith and her daily living? There is no better role model in living authentically and with passion and devotion the Christian life than the Mother of God, our spiritual mother, our life, our sweetness and our hope.

*Blessings upon you in Jesus with Mary!*



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