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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
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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

MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon., June 23 rd	8am	+ Nelly Matilde Remorosa
Tue., June 24th	8am	+ Elmer Lanthier
Wed., June 25 th	8am	+ Ralph Chang
Thu., June 26th	8am	+ Sonja Hanley, mother of Fr. Tim Hanley
Fri., June 27 th	8am	(SI) Manuel Badillo
Sat., June 28 th	9am	(SI) Da Silva family, + Ken Currie, + Amandio Jose, + Thomas Kilgallon, + Tony Hofmann, + Fr. Vitaliano Papais, + Jerard John
	5pm	+ Stanislaw Drag
Sun., June 29 th	8am	+ Rosa Man Ping Chik
	10am	+ Burt Harres
	12pm	"Populo" for the intentions of our parish families
	7pm	+ Sheelah McGarry

June is the month of the Sacred Heart

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For My yoke is easy, and My burden light." Matthew 11:28-30

Message from Cardinal Leo on the
Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
To access the message, go to the website below
https://www.archtoronto.org.

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 Jun. 13th to Jul. 12th, 2025 for: (SI) Jack & Ruth Doris



Jul. 13th to Aug. 12th, 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. 13th to Nov. 12th, 2025	+ Deceased members of the Da Silva & D'Souza families
Nov. 13th to Dec. 12th, 2025	Deceased Priests & Bishops

Debt Reduction

This weekend of June 21st - 22nd, our 2nd collection will go towards reducing our parish debt.

Please give generously. Your efforts help to support our parish life and community. Also, kindly note that the 2nd collection summer debt reduction dates are on <u>July 20th</u>, <u>Aug. 24th</u> & <u>Sept. 21st</u>. Thank you for your kindness.

Corpus Christi Procession



The Corpus Christi Eucharistic procession publicly and reverently honours the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, which is the source and summit of our Christian life.

Corpus Christi Procession at
Our Lady of Grace Parish, Aurora
All are welcome this Sun., June 22nd after the
12 noon Mass to join in a Corpus Christi
Eucharistic procession around the church.

Also, Procession at St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto

All are welcome to join Frank Cardinal Leo,
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, for the
Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of
Christ on Sun., June 22nd. Mass will begin at
12 noon, followed by a procession in the vicinity
surrounding the cathedral, and will conclude with
Solemn Benediction. There will be a time of
gathering for fellowship in the courtyard after the
procession. Join us as "Pilgrims of Hope"
during this special Year of Jubilee.

Summer Mass Intentions in our Parish Please note: the last bulletin will be on the weekend of June 28^{th} - 29^{th} , and will start again on the weekend of Sept. 6^{th} - 7^{th} . Mass intentions in our parish for that period will be posted on the bulletin boards. They will also be available on the parish website.



Let us together welcome Fr. Rony Grayda, our new Associate Pastor to Our Lady of Grace parish! Fr. Rony will be here at the end of June.

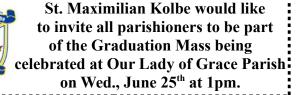
Novena for Priests



Renew in Your priests deeper faith, greater trust in You, childlike reliance on our Mother Mary and unwavering fidelity to the Holy Father and his bishops.

Holy Mary, intercede for your priests. St. Joseph, protect them. St. Michael, defend them. St. John Vianney, pray for them.

St. Maximilian Kolbe Graduation Mass



!! First Friday – Adoration Schedule !!



Effective Fri., July 4th and until further notice, Adoration (Holy Hour) will commence at 6pm, with Benediction at 6:45pm, and Mass at 7pm.

!! Announced Mass Intentions !!



A large number of Mass requests are being made for single Mass intentions. This is making it difficult to serve all parishioners. Therefore, starting September 2025,

we will be accepting single Mass intentions primarily from registered / active members. This would include weekdays and Sundays.

Each registered family would be allotted

3 days of intentions for as many as 5 names per

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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



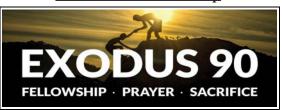


\$7 – Wooden Rosary



\$5 - Scapular

Exodus 90 Men's Group



The Exodus 90 men's group will be entering into St. Michael's Lent this summer. This 40-day period of prayer and asceticism starts on August 15th and ends on the Feast of the Archangels (September 29th). Men all over the world will be following this ancient spiritual exercise that was initiated by St. Francis of Assisi out of his deep reverence for St. Michael the Archangel, whom he viewed as a powerful protector and intercessor in the spiritual battle.

If you're interested in joining us for St. Michael's Lent, please contact Rick Sobiesiak at olgraceau.exodus@gmail.com.

The Catholic Women's League (CWL)

The CWL wishes to say thank you to all those who helped make our Father's Day Cake Raffle a success: all the bakers and those who donated beautiful cakes, all the helpers and especially to all who purchased tickets and helped with monetary donations.

Congratulations to all our winners!

Hope you enjoyed your cakes! This year's money raised will be donated to two agencies - Girls Inc. of York and 360°kids. Both of these organizations help our local youth, including those who are homeless. We are very grateful.



Message on the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto 1 June 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May Jesus and Mary be in your hearts.

Among the Christian People, it is our privilege and delight to honour in a very special way the most Sacred Heart of Jesus. I earnestly invite therefore all the faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto this June to join in celebrating Jesus in the reality of his loving, burning, sacrificial and life-giving Heart. This year the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart is commemorated on June 27th though the entire month is dedicated to this long-standing and much appreciated devotion in the Church. As Pilgrims of Hope during the Jubilee Holy Year we recall the words of Pope Francis, "Hope is born of love and based on the love springing from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross" (*Spes non Confundit*, 3).

The Sacred Heart is one of the most profound and enduring symbols in Catholic devotional life as it encapsulates the depth of Christ's love for humanity, his freely chosen passion, and his ongoing intercession for the world as our Mediator and Eternal High Priest. When viewed through the lens of hope, this timeless devotion takes on a new depth of transformative power. It is important for us to remember that the Sacred Heart does not merely refer to Jesus' physical heart, but to his entire interior life—his will, emotions, thoughts, desires, and love. It signifies the love that motivated the Incarnation, Our Lord's earthly ministry, his Passion, and ultimately the offering of himself on the Cross for the redemption of the world (cf. *Dilexit Nos*, 3-8). In this way the Sacred Heart becomes not just a symbol of the greatest love that ever existed, but also a wellspring of hope and endurance in the face of suffering, sin, and uncertainty for all those who approach the Sacred Heart with faith, humility and trust.

While hope anchors us in the love of God amidst the turbulent seas of life, it is fundamentally oriented towards our future glory with God in His Kingdom (cf. CCC, 1820). Simply put, whereas faith believes in God and charity loves him, hope longs for union with him and trusts that, despite our human frailty and suffering, such union is truly possible (cf. Rm 8:31-19). We have a foretaste of this union in the Eucharist, and we recognise that in the Divine Person of Jesus Christ, God and humanity are forever united, accomplishing the union we hope for and making Jesus Christ the revelation of hope incarnate (cf. *Dilexit Nos*, 65-70).

In meditating on the Sacred Heart, we are drawn into the discovery of the personal face of God. For men and women of faith, God is more than a concept, an ideal, the divine law-giver or the mysterious "Someone up there, somewhere". He is the God who has revealed himself, his very life and his plan for us; he is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of the living and not of the dead. He is the God who knows, listens, cares for, loves, gives of himself and saves. He is the God of Jesus – the only God.



The Sacred Heart of Jesus, understood as a source of new life, helps us to avoid divinizing anything in this world since there is only the one true God and idolatry is a one-way boulevard to spiritual slavery. The danger is to put our faith in an impersonal and distant God, one who does not care or have any interest in our lives. The result of this false credence is that we allow ourselves to live any which way because it does not matter in the end. Nothing can be farther from the truth. Jesus' Sacred Heart is a reminder that no one can replace God; nothing is more important than to know, love and serve him, and that the choices and decisions we make, as well as the lifestyle we lead, do matter, they matter to God. Jesus' Sacred Heart points to his nature as both God and man: as God we are to glorify and praise him; as man, he understands our human condition. Jesus' Heart retells us the sacred truth that God does very much care about everything in our life, because he loves us; God does have a plan for our life and wants us to be holy, because he loves us. God is interested in what we think, say and do because he loves us; God is a close, caring, just and compassionate God who sees us and wants us to grow spiritually and humanly, because he loves us. And God will never abandon us to our woes and difficulties, because he loves us.

The Sacred Heart which depicts Christ's physical heart, pierced and surrounded by thorns calling to mind his suffering and imbued with the inextinguishable fame of his love, is ultimately the only symbol we really need which underscores our human dignity, our call to holiness of life, Jesus' sacrificial love for humanity, how precious we are to him and how ugly sin is as an offence to him. We should all honour the Sacred Heart in every home, parish, school, convent, hospital and Catholic institution. Symbols are important as they convey meanings in what they represent, and they point beyond their own reality to something else, someone else. Our very own Catholic symbols help us to deepen our faith and shape our prayer life, not to mention the lives we lead and the choices we make. They are like bridges joining together the material and spiritual worlds, and reveal to us the Gospel truths. They showcase what our values are, what is important to us and how we intend to live our faith. We need to make sure that the symbols we use are consistent with our Catholic faith and not borrowed from ideological fora, promoted by lobby groups and endorsed by political movements. We ought to honour and respect our traditions and not compromise the integrity of the faith by using symbols that are contrary to God's divine revelation. We do good to use our own symbols to tell our own story without resorting to trendy, misguided and inadequate symbols that do not represent us as Catholics but rather contribute to confusion, distortions and ambiguities about what the Catholic faith truly teaches regarding the human person, human nature, and natural moral law.

Finally, during this month of June, I would encourage you to take time to renew your consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. If you haven't already consecrated yourself, your family and household to the most Sacred Heart, please consider doing so. In addition, I recommend you take up Pope Francis' Encyclical, *Dilexit Nos*, which is dedicated to this wonderful devotion and spirituality.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

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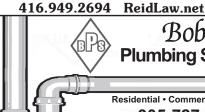


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