



Our Lady of Grace Parish

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday: 8:30 am – 4 pm

Weekends & Statutory Holidays: Closed

WELCOME TO OUR HOUSE OF PRAYER.

We are thankful for your visit. Do you plan on returning? Have you considered becoming a member? If so, please take a registration form with you and return it to the parish office. One of our parish staff will contact you, or you may contact us if you wish.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5 pm;

Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon, and 7 pm

Weekday Masses

Monday – Friday: 8 am

(followed by Adoration & Rosary)

Saturday & Holidays: 9 am

First Friday Adoration

Starts at 6 pm with Benediction
at 6:45 pm and Mass at 7 pm

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4 pm – 4:30 pm
or by appointment

Baptism

Families must be registered with envelopes for a minimum of one year and regularly attending Mass. A baptism preparation session is a prerequisite for both parents and godparents. Please contact the office for more information.

Marriage

12 months advanced notice required before a date can be confirmed.

Preparation course is a prerequisite.



*Our Lady of Grace,
pray for us!*

WAYS TO SUPPORT THE PARISH

Pre-authorized giving (PAG) is an easy way of supporting the parish. 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 by the parish office.

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PASTORAL REFERENCES

For a pastoral reference, you must be a registered parishioner with envelopes for a minimum of one year, attending Sunday Mass regularly, be in good canonical standing within the Church and participating in the sacramental and pastoral life of the Church community by serving in a parish ministry (e.g. lector, catechist) on an ongoing basis.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Sep. 8 th	8am	+ Giuseppe & Maria Giannotti
Tue., Sep. 9 th	8am	+ Thomas Poisson
Wed., Sep. 10 th	8am	+ Bernadette & Armand Boissonneault
Thu., Sep. 11 th	8am	+ Ludovicus Shin
Fri., Sep. 12 th	8am	+ Mary James Dawson
Sat., Sep. 13 th	9am	(SI) Da Silva family, + Jack Biggers, + Josephine Brancato, + Emma Pucci, + Therese Nguyen, + Fr. Christie Joachim Pillai, + Souls in Purgatory
	5pm	+ Lisa & Fiore Franchi
Sun., Sep. 14 th	8am	+ James Edward Francis
	10am	+ Loretta Anzil
	7pm	+ Luigi Scanga

Welcome Back Prayer

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."
- Matthew 18:20



**Sanctuary Candles sponsored
Sep. 13th to Oct. 12th, 2025 for:
+ 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

Registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation



As in the past two years,
we will have 'final preparation'
sessions for those children



wanting to receive the sacraments of

First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Registration forms will be available through the local catholic schools commencing in September.

For those in the public/other school sectors belonging to our parish, registration forms are now available at the parish office. Dates and full details will be provided with the registration forms. Completed forms are to be returned to the Parish office, NOT the school. Last day to register for First Holy Communion is Sat., Oct. 4, 2025 and for Confirmation is Fri., Dec. 12, 2025.

St. Carlo Acutis

The Church's 1st millennial saint was canonized this weekend of Sept. 7th by Pope Leo XIV. For more information and quotes, visit our parish website.



"To always be close to Jesus that's my life plan."
- Carlo Acutis

CWL Meeting

Our upcoming CWL meeting will be on Tue., Sep. 9th at 7:30pm in the Large Meeting Room. We will have a guest speaker from 360 Kids Richmond Hill Youth Hub. All women from the parish are invited to attend. If you are not yet a CWL member, please consider coming, and checking us out – we'll be glad you did !



Coffee Sunday



Our Coffee Sunday will once again resume on Sun., Sep. 21st after



the 10am Mass. Please join us for some delicious treats, coffee, and tea as we come together to enjoy good conversations and fellowship as a parish community. All are welcome!

For those interested in volunteering for the Coffee Sunday Ministry, please contact the parish office.

Catholic Book Fair

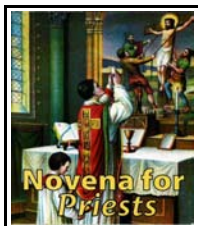
The Pauline Books & Media Centre is bringing a mini-Bookcentre to Our Lady of Grace Parish! Join the Daughters of St. Paul downstairs after the Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses on Sep. 20th & 21st to choose from an excellent selection of Catholic books for children, youth, and adults. Selected gift items, Bibles, and DVD movies will also be available! Visit our webstore at www.paulinestore.ca or call us at (416) 781-9131 to place any special requests. We look forward to seeing you there!



Children's Liturgy

We are happy to announce that our Children's Liturgy will once again take place each Sunday during the 10am Mass, starting on Sep. 28th.





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.



!! 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 Mass intention offered. Please know that multiple Mass intentions will remain the same.

Life Chain – Sunday, October 5th, 2025



Join thousands across Canada standing up against abortion in a peaceful, prayerful demonstration.

Where: at Yonge St. & Wellington St., Aurora

Time: 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

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Miraculous Medals, Rosaries & Scapulars

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

\$7 – Large Miraculous Medal

\$5 – Medium Miraculous Medal

\$3 – Small Miraculous Medal



\$7 - Wooden Rosary



\$5 - Scapular

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY



This fall we will be running part 2 of the Bible Study - *The Bible Timeline, The Story of Salvation* offered through Ascension Press. This is an in-depth 24-week study of the Bible divided into three 8-week sessions. This 8-week session will run on Wednesdays from 7 - 9pm, from Oct. 15th to Dec. 3rd. The cost of the material is \$80. If you are interested in this Bible Study but were unable to attend the first session, it will not impact your ability to join us for the second session. All are welcome to participate as we continue to learn about the Bible. Please register with the parish office by Sep. 24th by providing your name and contact information. Payment is by cash or cheque.

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**Statement by the Permanent Council
Regarding the Urgent Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza**

Following the terrorist attack on Israel by Hamas on 7 October 2023, the Holy Land has been in the grip of a devastating war. International concern about the ever deteriorating situation in Gaza has been heightened with the latest reports from the United Nations, that civilians there are on the brink of starvation, while they continue to be exposed to violence and death, with children and the elderly being most at risk.

The loss of human life since the October 7th attack has been tremendous, particularly among Palestinians (both Muslims and Christians). Less than a month ago, Holy Family Church in Gaza City, which had been sheltering children and the wounded, fell victim to a military strike, killing three and seriously injuring several others, for which the Israeli army has acknowledged responsibility and the Israeli government has apologized for the loss of innocent human life.

Pope Leo XIV has recently stated, with profound concern, that the “dire humanitarian situation in Gaza” and the “barbarism of war” causing it must be ended immediately.¹ He has advocated for the provision of humanitarian aid to the stricken civilian population as well as the release of hostages and detainees on both sides.² The Holy Father has appealed to the international community “to observe humanitarian law and to respect the obligation to protect civilians, as well as the prohibition of collective punishment, the indiscriminate use of force and the forced displacement of the population” in Gaza.³ He has reiterated his call for a ceasefire and a resolution that will bring lasting peace.⁴

While the situation in the Holy Land is complex and every human solution has its limitations, the power of prayer should never be underestimated. Praying and fasting for peace in the Holy Land is both urgent and necessary at this time; it is something to which all the Catholic faithful in Canada should feel called to do, prompted by the loss of life on all sides and knowing that God desires peace.

As Christians express their concern about the catastrophic impact this war is having on the civilian population in Gaza, they also do well to pray for and promote respect toward the Jewish People, particularly in the face of the rise in anti-Semitism.

May God, rich in mercy, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, patroness of the Holy Land and Queen of Peace, touch the hearts of all the inhabitants of the Holy Land – Jews, Muslims, and

¹ Pope Leo XIV, Comments after *Angelus* Message, Sunday, 20 July 2025.

² Pope Leo XIV, Comments after *Reinga Cæli* Message, Sunday, 11 May 2025.

³ Pope Leo XIV, Comments after *Angelus* Message, Sunday, 20 July 2025.

⁴ Pope Leo XIV, Comments after *Angelus* Message, Sunday, 27 July 2025.

Christians – so that they may open themselves to forgiveness and justice, and live peacefully together as brothers and sisters united by their common humanity.

25 August 2025

CARLO ACUTIS

**1st Millennial Saint to be canonized on Sep. 7th, 2025
by Pope Leo XIV**



Blessed Carlo Acutis had a special love for the Eucharistic Jesus. Although he had a short life here on Earth, he developed a website documenting over 100 Eucharistic miracles and also devised a Vatican-approved global traveling exhibit showcasing them. Carlo loved serving the poor and had a Christ-like impact on all who knew him. On being diagnosed with leukemia as a teen, he offered his suffering for the Pope and the Church in order to not go to purgatory but to go straight to heaven.

Quotes

- 1. "The Virgin Mary is the only woman in my life."*
- 2. "The more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on earth we will have a foretaste of heaven."*
- 3. "By standing before the Eucharistic Christ, we become holy."*
- 4. "There are people who suffer much more than me."*
- 5. "All people are born as originals but many die as photocopies."*

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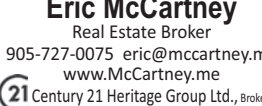

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