



# Our Lady of Grace Parish

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## PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. John Bertão, Pastor

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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 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 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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon., Sep. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8am	+ Rita Whelan
Tue., Sep. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8am	(SI) Rose Walsh
Wed., Sep. 24 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ Raneé Simon
Thu., Sep. 25 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ Pilar Panlilio Maddela
Fri., Sep. 26 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ Agius & Galea family
Sat., Sep. 27 <sup>th</sup>	9am	+ Costanzo Colantonio & family, + Fr. Joe Burg, + Therese Nguyen, + Walter Motyka, + Roman Jodlowski, + Leon Jodlowski, + Nicolas Bulac
	5pm	+ Maria Delores Aimimir
Sun., Sep. 28 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ Luigi Comacchia
	10am	(SI) Shen Lan Teresa Lin
	12pm	"Populo" for the intentions of our parish families
	7pm	+ All Deceased Members of Malfara family

### This Weekend is Stewardship Sunday

Stewardship Sunday is a reminder that God has given us many diverse gifts for building up the Kingdom of God in our parish community.



A steward is someone who receives God's gifts gratefully, develops those gifts, and shares them with others. Cardinal Leo has prepared a special homily to help us reflect on how we can use our God-given gifts.

[www.archtoronto.org/stewardship](http://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship)

### Debt Reduction – Sep. 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

This weekend our 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### Coffee Sunday – Starts Sep., 21<sup>st</sup>



Our Coffee Sundays have once again resumed. Please join us each Sunday after the 10am Mass for some delicious treats and hot coffee, as we come together as a parish community to enjoy good conversations and fellowship. All are welcome!

### 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 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.

### Catholic Book Fair – Sep. 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

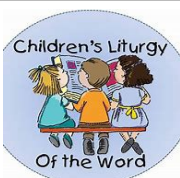
Pauline Books & Media Centre is bringing a mini-Bookcentre to Our Lady of Grace Parish! Join the Daughters of St. Paul downstairs after the Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses to choose from an excellent selection of Catholic books for children, youth, and adults. Selected gift items, Bibles, and DVD movies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



**Needs of the Canadian Church – Sep., 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**

Next weekend, there will be a second collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada. This annual initiative helps support and assist the bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church in Canada.

Thank you for your support.



**Children's Liturgy - Sep. 28<sup>th</sup>**

Starting next weekend, our Children's Liturgy will once again take place each Sunday during the 10am Mass.



**Christmas Market – Sat., Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>**

CWL is having their Christmas Market from 9am to 2pm. We are looking for a few more vendors.

If you would like to be a vendor, please email Nancy Orschel at [nancy.orschel@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.orschel@gmail.com).



The following toiletries are needed for the weekend of Sep., 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>.

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Please leave your donations on the upper narthex (the upper landing before entering the church). Thank you so much.

**Life Chain – Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 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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**Wednesday Evening Bible Study**

**Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>**



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. 15<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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. 24<sup>th</sup> by providing your name and contact information. Payment is by cash or cheque.

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**Homily of His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo  
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto  
Stewardship Sunday - 21 September 2025**

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

*Praised be Jesus Christ.*

On this 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, across the Archdiocese of Toronto, we are taking time to reflect on stewardship. More than just the giving of time, treasure and talent, stewardship is profoundly spiritual, deeply biblical, and eminently practical in daily living. In this Jubilee Year, stewardship takes on special significance. The call to reset, restore, and renew, reminds us that everything belongs to God and we are guardians and custodians. The Jubilee demands justice and release; stewardship recommends responsibility and reverence. Together, these challenge us to live with generosity, balance, and in service of God and one another.

Stewardship begins with the acknowledgment that all of creation belongs to God (cf. Deut 10:14; Ps 24:1) which he generously bestows upon us (cf. CCC, 299). The loving gift of the Father invites us to enter into relationship with him, to respond in a manner that is pleasing, and which is modelled for us by his Son, who “came not to be served but to serve” (cf. Matt 20:28; Mk 10:45; cf. Jn 13:1-17).

As responsible stewards of God’s blessings we are loving caretakers who manage and celebrate God’s gifts with reverence, gratitude, humility, and love. If we cannot be trusted with the passing things of this world to be used for the glory of God and in service of our brothers and sisters, how can we be trusted with the eternal blessedness that awaits us in heaven? The “true riches” (Lk 16:11) mentioned in our Gospel reading this weekend are understood as spiritual riches—things of eternal value, including eternal life itself. I am not suggesting that we earn or buy our way into heaven, this view is false and condemned by the Church; nevertheless, our fidelity in earthly matters reveals our readiness for heaven (cf. CCC, 1996-1997, 2027, 2008, 1815).

Jesus’ parable underscores the judicious use of worldly things in service of God and others, and ultimately life with him (cf. Matt 6:19-21). The reference to “eternal homes” (Lk 16:9), at the end of the parable reminds us to focus on what really and truly matters. The urgency of the manager is also noteworthy (Lk 16:6), prompting us not to wait for a tomorrow that may never come. Finally, the manager’s use of the rich man’s property to secure his personal future provides an important imperative; namely, if people use worldly things to secure an earthly future which is fleeting, how much more should we do likewise for eternal life which will endure forever (Lk 16:9). We are called to offer the things of this world, which belong to God, to give glory to him and merit eternal life—albeit as faithful servants and not dishonest managers (Lk 16:12; cf. Str. Augustine, *Serm.* 359A,10).



Even the smallest acts of faithfulness have eternal significance. Living in the presence of God with an awareness of his gifts and blessings, results in living and acting with purpose, meaning and hope. Spiritual masters such as Jean-Pierre Caussade and Brother Lawrence call this: **The Sacrament of the Present Moment**. All our decisions and actions become sacred when made with the awareness that we are servants of God, his beloved children, who offer ourselves, our very lives to him in union with Jesus Christ.

While the gifts and blessings we have received are many and incredible, these cannot compare with the divine life offered to us in the most Blessed Eucharist. The Eucharist not only reminds us of Jesus' total gift of himself—his body, blood, soul, and divinity, offered for us and for the salvation of the world—it is also an invitation to imitate his sacrificial love (cf. Jn 13:34-35). True stewardship recognizes the gifts and blessings we have received and with gratitude offers these to God in loving service. Just as Jesus offered himself to the Father, we offer all that we have and all that we are, heeding the call to “take up our Cross” and follow him without counting the cost (Matt 16:24-26; Mk 8:34-36).

During this Jubilee Year, we recall its deep biblical meaning—a sacred time of spiritual renewal. The Hebrew Scriptures remind us that everything we possess, our very existence and living, are, ultimately belongs to God (cf. Lev 25:23). The Old Testament Jubilee saw land returned, debts forgiven, and captives set free; it was a radical summons to trust in God's providence—to live not with clenched fists, but with open hearts and hands, ready to receive and to give. Our stewardship flows from this same disposition and dedication. We are not owners, but custodians of God's gifts (cf. CCC, 952).

In a world marked by division, consumption, and fear, true stewardship becomes an act of hope: a visible sign that we trust in something greater than ourselves. People who live in hope, live differently (cf. *Spe Salvi*, 2), they have an eternal perspective that is informed by faith and love. Faith, hope and love, find their greatest expression and fulfilment in the Eucharist, the sacramental foretaste of God's divine life which is fully realised in heaven (cf. CCC, 1402-1405; 1003). In receiving this sacred gift, we are invited to respond with our whole lives, offering ourselves to God and in service to our brothers and sisters. Our self-offering mirrors God's love and in so doing reflects true stewardship.

I conclude with an inspiring saying from St. John of the Cross (*Sayings of Light and Love*, 27) by which he understands and conveys that all things belong to us because all things belong to God and, in Christ, we belong to God:

“Mine are the heavens and mine is the earth. Mine are the nations, the just are mine, and mine the sinners. The angels are mine, and the Mother of God, and all things are mine; and God himself is mine and for me, because Christ is mine and all for me. What do you ask, then, and seek, my soul? Yours is all of this, and all is for you. Do not engage yourself in something less or pay heed to the crumbs that fall from your Father's table. Go forth and exult in your Glory! Hide yourself in it and rejoice, and you will obtain the supplications of your heart.”

My brothers and sisters, may the Lord bless you and keep you and your loved ones and communities in his abundant grace.

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