



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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon., Sep. 29 th	8am	+ Antonio Carinci
Tue., Sep. 30 th	8am	(SI) Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation
Wed., Oct. 1 st	8am	(SI) Nelson Chico
Thu., Oct. 2 nd	8am	+ Therese Nguyen
Fri., Oct. 3 rd	8am	+ Maureen Kelly
	7pm	+ Anastasia Rodriguez, + Therese Nguyen, + Fr. Friar Briant William Cullinane
Sat., Oct. 4 th	9am	+ Eugene Krysa, + Therese Nguyen, + Fr. Friar Briant William Cullinane
	5pm	+ Fred Hensman
Sun., Oct. 5 th	8am	+ David Moss
	10am	+ Deceased members of the Klauke Family
	12pm	"Populo" for the Intentions of our Parish Families
	7pm	+ Rita Whelan, + Jack Donkers



Needs of the Canadian Church – Sep. 27th/28th
 This weekend, there will be a 2nd collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada.
 This initiative helps support the bishops in their ministry of teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church in Canada.
 Thank you for supporting this important work.



The following toiletries are needed for this weekend of Sep. 27th/28th:

Men's Deodorant	Baby Wipes
Women's Razors	Diaper Sizes 4, 5 & 6
Kleenex	Hand Soap
Shampoo	Dish/Laundry Detergent
Toilet Paper	Paper Towels

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

 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

Children's Liturgy - Sep. 28th
 Starts this weekend during the 10am Mass for children ages 4 to 8 years.

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 are available through the local catholic schools. For those in the public/other school sectors belonging to our parish, registration forms are 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.

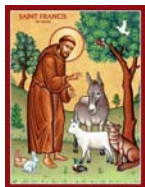
Last day to register for First Holy Communion is Sat., Oct. 4, 2025 and for Confirmation is Fri., Dec. 12, 2025.



St. Michael Award Recipients of 2025

The Archdiocese of Toronto St. Michael Award recognizes distinguished and faithful service by members of the Catholic community. This year the award recipients for the Northern Pastoral Region are Our Lady of Grace Parish parishioners, Jack (John) & Ruth Doris. Since 2011, Jack and Ruth have devoted themselves to serving the parish. They started the "Gardening Angels" initiative to care for the church grounds, as well as they volunteer countless hours to help maintain the church and its facilities. From generously opening their home to parishioners requiring housing in a time of transition to their years of voluntary service at Welcoming Arms, Jack and Ruth have truly been a wonderful example of what it means to be good stewards. This year's award recipients will be honoured as part of a special celebration at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica's Noon Mass this Sun., Sep. 28th. Congratulations to Jack and Ruth Doris! To read more about the St. Michael Award and their recipients please visit <https://www.archtoronto.org/awards>.

St. Francis' Blessing of the Creatures – Oct. 4th



To mark the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, on Sat., Oct. 4th we will have the blessing of pets in the south parking lot of the church from 10 to 11am. All are welcome!

Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation - Oct. 4th/5th

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection being held the weekend of Oct. 4th/5th to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund.

The collection is part of a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land.

To date, the Archdiocese of Toronto has allocated \$3.1 million to support projects that focus on culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities, and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth.

Let us join together and follow the invitation extended by the late Pope Francis during his penitential visit of 2002 for each one of us to become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey.

For more information or to donate online, please visit

www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation.

Thank you for your generosity.

Life Chain – Sun., Oct. 5th



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

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

Time: 2 – 3pm

WWW.CAMPAIGNLIFECOALITION.COM/LIFECCHAIN

Christmas Market – Sat. Nov. 15th



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.

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery – Oct. 7th

Holy Cross Cemetery & Funeral Home will be hosting a “Planning Ahead Information Session” on Tue., Oct. 7th at 7pm.



This event will provide information on the benefits of planning ahead for a funeral as well as cemetery needs, including:

- Easing stress for family members
- Locking in today's prices
- Flexible payment options
- Ensuring personal wishes are honoured

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18 September 2025

My dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord Jesus,

I extend greetings to the faithful of the archdiocese, grateful for all that you do to build up and strengthen the Kingdom of God in your home, parish and community. Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones.

In this Holy Year of Jubilee, we are called to reflect on our journey as Pilgrims of Hope. We are invited to discern how we may reconcile with those who may have caused us pain and we strive to build anew relationships that have been fractured in the past. The late Pope Francis, despite his advanced age and physical frailty, traveled to Canada on a penitential pilgrimage in 2022 to invite us to walk together with Indigenous Peoples of This Land and reflect on the pain and suffering experienced by many. As Pilgrims of Hope this year, I invite you to join me in praying for those who are still healing from emotional, physical and spiritual wounds. In a particular way, we lift our prayers to the Lord on 30 September, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

I would also invite you to prayerfully consider supporting the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF) through a collection held in parishes on the weekend of 4/5 October. The fund was established by the Bishops of Canada in 2022 as part of our reconciliation efforts and is overseen by a National Board of Directors which includes Indigenous leaders and other members with relevant skills and expertise. As of September 2025, the national fund has raised more than \$21 million, tracking favourably to reach the five-year \$30 million commitment made in 2022.

In the Archdiocese of Toronto, we have allocated \$3.1 million to support projects through the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. Our archdiocesan committee reviews project requests/proposals to ensure they meet the IRF criteria, sending both funds and proposals to the national body for timely approval and disbursement. You can learn more about these projects by visiting: www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation.

As pilgrims on the journey, we remain mindful of the profound words offered by the late Pope Francis during his visit to Lac Ste. Anne, Alberta, a place of prayer and pilgrimage: *"May the Lord help us to move forward in the healing process, towards an ever more healthy and renewed future."*

I thank you for sharing your gifts and talents in abundance in service to the Lord. May this Year of Jubilee be a time of prayer, reflection and hope for you and your loved ones, as we give thanks for the abundance of blessings entrusted to each one of us by the Lord.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Protectress of Canada, pray for us.

Sincerely yours in Jesus with Mary,

Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

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