

Our Lady of Grace Parish

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*Give thanks to the Lord for
His many Blessings
On Thanksgiving*



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

| MASS INTENTIONS | | |
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| Mon., Oct. 13 th | 9am | + Lex Byrd |
| Tue., Oct. 14 th | 8am | + Rita Francis |
| Wed., Oct. 15 th | 8am | + Bernadette & Armand Boissonneault |
| Thu., Oct. 16 th | 8am | (SI) Niland Family |
| Fri., Oct. 17 th | 8am | + Philomena Currie |
| Sat., Oct. 18 th | 9am | (SI) Rowena Bustillos, (SI) Da Silva Family, + Fr. Scott Young, + Therese Nguyen, + Pat Fetherston, + Roberto Amador, + Carolina Mestidio |
| | 5pm | + Rustico Santiago |
| Sun., Oct. 19 th | 8am | + Robert Ferrari |
| | 10am | + Edilberto de la Cruz Sr. |
| | 12pm | "Populo" for the Intentions of our Parish Families |
| | 7pm | + Maria Leonisa Pontillas Aguire |



October And The Rosary

The Month Of The Holy Rosary

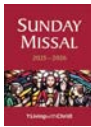
The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary and this is a reminder of the promises for those who pray this contemplative prayer with Our Lady. It is a sign of predestination.

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Debt Reduction – Oct. 11th /12th


This weekend, our 2nd 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.

Office closed: On Mon., Oct. 13th, the office will be closed for Thanksgiving Day, and the church will be closed after the 9am Mass and Rosary.





Adult Missals


Adult missals are now available in the Narthex, for a donation of \$7 each (using the honour system). Limited Children Missals will be available at a later time.



Happy Thanksgiving!

To read a special *Thanksgiving Message* from His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, please click the link below:
<https://www.archtoronto.org>

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|  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 Confirmation

As in the past two years, we will have the 'final preparation' sessions for those youth wanting to receive the sacrament of 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 **Confirmation is Fri., Dec. 12, 2025.**

CWL Meeting – Tue., Oct. 14th

Our upcoming CWL meeting will be on Tue., Oct. 14th at 7:30pm in the Large Meeting Room.

We will have a guest speaker from Girls Inc. of York Region. All women of 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 !


Also, mark your calendars for our annual *Christmas Market* which will take place on Sat., Nov. 15th from 9am to 2pm.



St. Andre Bessette Gala Grand Raffle - Oct. 18th/19th

Grand Raffle Tickets will be sold after each Mass on the weekend of Oct.18th/19th for \$20/Ticket.

Prizes include: • a \$2,500 cash prize • Custom Cabinetry and more. ✨ You can also purchase your tickets from a fundraising team member by emailing raffle@standrebessette.ca. Thank you for helping us build St. Andre Bessette Church!



Evangelization of Nations – Oct. 18th/19th

Next weekend, there will be a 2nd collection for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic Communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world, and distributed to missions and dioceses. Thank you for your support.

Upcoming Second Collections

Nov. 1st/ 2nd – Debt Reduction
Nov. 15th/16th – Shepherds' Trust
Dec. 13th/14th – Debt Reduction

Come & See Weekend Retreat - Oct. 31st to Nov. 2nd

St. Augustine's Seminary is offering a Discernment Retreat for single men aged 18+ who feel the Lord may be calling them to discern the priesthood.

Starts on Fri., Oct. 31st at 6:30pm and ends on Sun., Nov. 2nd at 2pm.

For more details and to register, please call the Office of Vocations at 416-261-7207 ext. 801.



Renew Young Adult Conference – Nov. 21st to 23rd

Join us on Christ the King weekend from Nov. 21st to 23rd for an unforgettable experience at our annual conference for young adults aged 18 to 39 years!

Our theme this year is John 15:27:

"You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me."

For more information and to register, visit www.renewtoronto.org.



The Sacred Project Concert – Sat., Nov. 8th



We will be having a musical concert in our church on Sat. Nov. 8th at 7pm.

The music director is Jonathan Michael, who is a cantor at

St. Patrick's parish in Markham, as well as the Daily TV Mass. The concert consists of 3 cellists, 3 violinists, a pianist & Jonathan as the lead tenor.

Tickets will be available for a donation of **\$25 for adults and \$20 for seniors** on the weekend of **Oct. 25th/26th** in the upper narthex after each Mass.

Funds raised will help to create a second season of *The Sacred Project Television Series*.

Miraculous Medals, Rosaries & Scapulars



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

\$7 – Large Miraculous Medal
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Adoration with Praise & Worship – Thu., Oct. 16th



You are invited, but especially our *Youth and Young Adults*, to spend an evening of Adoration with praise & worship on Thu., Oct. 16th from 7pm to 8:30pm at

Holy Martyrs of Japan, 167 Essa Street, Bradford.



Message for Thanksgiving
13 October 2025
His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On the occasion of our upcoming Thanksgiving celebrations, I am reaching out to wish you all Happy Thanksgiving. This holiday offers us a sacred time and unique opportunity to rediscover the spirituality of gratitude and renew our commitment to living a life rooted in thanksgiving. When viewed in the light of the Holy Jubilee Year of Hope, Thanksgiving becomes more than a familial or cultural celebration, it becomes a profound expression of our relationship with God, the giver of all good gifts.

At its heart, Catholic spirituality is Eucharistic. The very word “Eucharist” comes from the Greek *eucharistein* or *eulogein*, meaning “thanksgiving,” which recalls an ancient blessing that praised God’s works of creation, redemption and sanctification (*cf.* CCC 1328). In the Old Testament, bread and wine “were offered in sacrifice among the first fruits” in gratitude to God (CCC 1334). When we celebrate the Eucharist each week, indeed each day, we participate in the supreme act of praise and thanksgiving in which the Church unites herself to Christ’s perfect offering of gratitude to the Father (*cf. Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 8). In this way, the Eucharist not only sustains us but also teaches us how to live with hearts attuned to God’s blessings and shaped by gratitude. Thanksgiving, then, is not simply a once-a-year holiday, but the very posture of the Christian soul (*cf.* Basil the Great, *Homily V, In martyrem Julittam*).

A spirituality of gratitude and thanksgiving pushes us deeper, to give thanks not only for material blessings but also for the gift of faith, for the communion of the Church, for the forgiveness of sins, and for the hope that does not disappoint (*cf. Rom 5:5*). Gratitude is a way of perceiving the world: we see creation as a gift, history as salvation unfolding, and our lives as entrusted with the precious mission of Jesus Christ. Regarding our mission, the word “Mass” comes from the Latin word *missio* which means “mission”, thereby uniting the Eucharist as an act of thanksgiving with our Christian vocation and mission (*cf.* CCC 1332).



During this Jubilee Year of Hope, we have been invited “to recognize the immense goodness present in our world, lest we be tempted to think ourselves overwhelmed by evil and violence” (*Spes non Confundit*, 7). To discern God’s grace present and at work in the world today and in our past is no small task, but it is absolutely crucial in the spiritual life; our Christian walk of faith (*cf.* Augustine, *Confessions*, Book VIII). The thankful heart remembers God’s past fidelity and so finds strength to believe in his future blessings. Just as Israel gave thanks for liberation from Egypt and for entrance into the Promised Land, the Church today gives thanks for Christ’s victory over sin and death and looks forward to the fullness of the Kingdom (*cf.* John Cassian, *The Conferences*, IX, ix-xiv). Gratitude roots us in the memory of salvation, while the theological virtue of Hope stretches us toward its fulfillment.

I am reminded of the words of St. Paul, “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 *Thes* 5:16-18). During this Thanksgiving Weekend, I encourage those who gather together to begin their time by prayerfully recalling what they are grateful for in their lives. After each person’s remembrance, we can conclude with the response: “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever” (*Ps.* 136). In our parishes, I would like to invite communities to celebrate the liturgical setting of Thanksgiving Day Mass on the Monday of Thanksgiving weekend. During this liturgy we are reminded that God’s gifts are limitless. We also pray for the grace to treasure all that God gives, to help us share his gifts with others, and to use them for his glory (*cf.* CCCB, *Roman Missal: Thanksgiving Day Mass*). Finally, I am inviting you to cultivate grateful hearts that extend beyond a single day or weekend and that do not depend on circumstances but flow, rather, from the knowledge that “every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above” (*Jas* 1:17) and we simply share in God’s love and generosity.

In this Holy Jubilee Year of Hope, Thanksgiving is more than tradition - it is a sacramental reminder of God’s love that finds its fullest expression in the Sunday Eucharist. May God bless you and your family and friends on this Thanksgiving weekend. Know that I give thanks to God for all of you, for the wonderful People of the Archdiocese of Toronto. I am grateful for the generous ministry of our priests and deacons; for the prophetic witness of those women and men in consecrated life; for the strong and committed faith life of our families; for the dynamic and life-giving outreach of our social and healthcare institutions; for the fidelity and loyalty to the Gospel and Church teaching of our educational institutes; for the fruitful cooperation with civil and governmental agencies and; for the beauty, truth and goodness of the Catholic faith seen and expressed in a myriad of ways throughout our blessed archdiocese. Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us and make us truly grateful disciples of your Son.

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