

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.

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon., Nov. 10 th	8am	+ Incoronata Colangelo
Tue., Nov. 11th	8am	+ Rodrigo Santiago
	7pm	+ Mass of Remembrance
Wed., Nov. 12th	8am	+ Giuseppe & Maria Giannotti
Thu., Nov. 13th	8am	+ Toni Burg
Fri., Nov. 14 th	8am	(SI) Willa Wimberg
Sat., Nov. 15 th	9am 5pm	(SI) Hugo Suriano & family, (SI) Da Silva family, (SI) Maria Han & family, + Merelia Borges, + Josephina Frias, + Genoveffa & Robert Altobelli, + Souls in Purgatory + Carmen Castelo
Sun., Nov. 16 th	8am	+ John Effler
	Toaill	+ Ceferino & Rosalina Vicente & Flor Oducayen & family
	12pm	"Populo" for the intentions of our parish families
	7pm	(SI) Brendan McInerney & Ian Smith



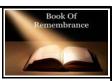
Sanctuary Candles sponsored Oct. 13th to Nov. 12th, 2025 for: + Deceased members of the Da Silva & D'Souza families



Nov. 13 th to Dec. 12 th , 2025	+ Deceased Priests & Bishops
Dec. 13 th , 2025 to Jan. 12 th , 2026	+ Filippo Genovese & Leonardo Triolo
Jan. 13 th to Feb. 12 th , 2026	(SI) Wilson & Asha
Feb. 13 th to Mar. 12 th , 2026	(SI) Puvi, Cynthia & Ryan
Mar. 13 th to Apr. 12 th , 2026	+ Peter Woo & Theresa Maria Francis Young
Apr. 13th to May 12th, 2026	+ Deceased Priests
May 13 th to June 12 th , 2026	+ Judith & Donald McDonald
June 13th to July 12th, 2026	(SI) Anna & Piotr Mikorzewski & family
July 13 th to Aug. 12 th , 2026	+ Deceased members of the Alberto & Louro families
Aug. 13th to Sep. 12th, 2026	+ Deceased members of the Martin & Pimentel family
Sep. 13 th to Oct. 12 th , 2026	(SI) Dave Tate & family
Oct. 13th to Nov. 12th, 2026	+ Deceased members of Aguirre, Camposano & Chittenden family
Nov. 13 th to Dec. 12 th , 2026	+ Lennart Lundberg

Book of RemembranceYou are invited to add the names

of family and friends into the Book of Remembrance located in



front of the Ambo. Prayers will be offered for all names included in the book at all Masses during the month of November. Envelopes have also been provided where you may provide names of deceased loved ones, along with an offertory donation.

Mass of Remembrance - Tue., Nov. 11th

On Tue., Nov. 11th at 7pm there will be a Mass of Remembrance for our deceased loved ones, here at Our Lady of Grace parish. All are welcome.



STREET, STREET

CWL Meeting – Tue., Nov. 11th

Our upcoming CWL meeting will be held in the Large Meeting Room on Tue., Nov. 11th at 7:30pm. This

will be our last meeting before our Christmas Market on Sat., Nov. 15th. It is important that we all come out to support this event, as it affords us the chance to give back to our community in a fun and festive way. If you have not already joined the CWL, this is a great opportunity to see what we are all about. Also, please check us out on Facebook (cwlolgaurora) & Instagram (Catholic Womens League – Our Lady of Grace – Aurora).

CWL Christmas Market - Sat., Nov. 15th

Looking for unique Christmas gifts? Do you have a sweet tooth?
Are you a sports fan?
Are you free on Sat., Nov. 15th?
If you answered yes to any of the above, you won't want to miss the



Catholic Women's League Annual Christmas
Market on Sat., Nov 15th at Our Lady of Grace
Church from 9am to 2pm in the Parish Hall.
Visit our Christmas Bakery, or CWL Bistro for
lunch. There will be sleigh rides and face paintings
for the children, and a visit from Santa himself!
Try your luck on raffle tickets to top sporting
events which can be purchased for \$10 each and
of course don't miss checking out our 20 vendors
who will have something for everyone!

Please come out to this holiday tradition and help us support local charities in our community.

Shepherds' Trust - Nov. 15th/16th
Next weekend of Nov. 15th/16th, there will be a 2nd collection for the Shepherds' Trust.
The mission of the Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years.

For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care.

> <u>Upcoming Second Collection</u> Dec. 13th/14th – Debt Reduction

OLG Wednesday Rosary Prayer Group

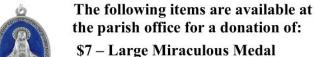


Every Wednesday afternoon from 2:30pm to 3:30pm in our church, Our Lady of Grace.

Come and join us!

Let us offer our heartfelt prayers and adoration to our Lord Jesus Christ and Blessed Virgin Mary.

Miraculous Medals, Rosaries & Scapulars





\$7 – Large Miraculous Medal \$5 – Medium Miraculous Medal

\$3 - Small Miraculous Medal



\$7 - Wooden Rosary



\$5 - Scapular

Registration for Confirmation
We will have the 'final preparation' sessions for those 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.

Red Wednesday - Nov. 19th

On Nov. 19th communities across Canada will unite with the world for Red Wednesday, a day of solidarity with persecuted Christians. The Archdiocese of Toronto invites the faithful to attend Holy Mass at 5:30pm at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, celebrated by Bishop John Boissonneau, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto. Parishes, schools, and families across the country can also participate by organizing prayer services, lighting buildings in red, or wearing red as a visible sign of support. Together, these gestures defend religious freedom and show solidarity with persecuted Christians.

Ordinandi Dinner - Tue., Mar. 24, 2026

Come to meet and honour the Ordinandi at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary who with God's grace, will be ordained to the priesthood this coming Spring.

Date: Tue., Mar. 24, 2026
Time: Program starts at 6:15pm SHARP
Location: Pearson Convention Center,
2638 Steeles Ave. East, Brampton
For more information about our events and to
register, please visit our website at
https://staugustines.on.ca/events.

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Come, O Come, Emmanuel; Joy to the World; Silent Night (with children's music video); and more. The popular Catholic school favourite "Take a walk to Christmas" can be found on his 3 Volume *The Dan Smith Children's Collection*. His music is available on many formats: YouTube, Spotify, Apple music and others. Links to Dan's music and information can be found at his website dansmithmusic.ca.







27 October 2025

Dear brothers and sisters,

May Jesus and Mary be in your souls.

As we journey through this Holy Year of Jubilee under the theme "Pilgrims of Hope," we are called to deepen our faith and solidarity with one another, especially those who suffer for the name of Jesus. It is in this spirit of hope that I call to your attention Red Wednesday taking place on 19 November upcoming, a day dedicated to raising awareness of the persecution faced by our Christian brothers and sisters around the world. Organized by Aid to the Church in Need (ACN-Canada), a Pontifical Charity, this initiative illuminates churches and landmarks in red as a symbol of the blood shed by martyrs. In a world marked by division and strife, Red Wednesday serves as a reminder that we are pilgrims together, trusting in God's promise of renewal and peace, even amid trials.

The scale of Christian persecution today is staggering and calls for our urgent attention and fervent prayer. According to the <u>most recent report from Aid to the Church in Need</u>, grave violations of religious freedom occurred in 62 countries affecting nearly 5.4 billion people, or 64.7% of the world's population. An additional 24 countries are "under observation" due to rising intolerance, extremism, or state interference, potentially impacting 750 million people world-wide. In various regions of Africa, Asia and South America, believers face imprisonment, forced displacement, church burnings, and even death. The report indicates that religious persecution contributed to over 123 million people being forcibly displaced, including 73.5 million internally displaced persons. These sobering realities underscore the threat to the faith in hostile environments, yet they also inspire us to hope, for as pilgrims of hope, we know that Christ's resurrection triumphs over every form of darkness and injustice.

As we prepare to mark Red Wednesday, I extend a warm invitation to join in a special Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on November 19 at 5:30 p.m. This liturgy will be celebrated by His Excellency, the Most Reverend John Boissonneau, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto, offering us an opportunity to pray together for our persecuted brothers and sisters worldwide and to stand in unity as the Body of Christ. ACN-Canada has also prepared many resources including a Rosary for Persecuted Christians that can be found on their website: acn-canada.org/red-wednesday.

In closing, I urge you to keep all Christians enduring persecution in your prayers, that they may find strength in the Cross and consolation in the Eucharist. May we, as pilgrims of hope, remain steadfast in our belief that a day will come when all can worship God freely, without fear or hindrance. Let us seek the powerful intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, who stood faithfully at the foot of the cross, to guide us in this endeavour and envelop the suffering in her maternal care.

Yours sincerely in Jesus with Mary,

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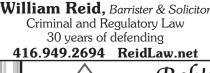
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