



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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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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon., Dec. 1 st	8am	+ Camillo, Pasqua & Nicoletta Sciulli
Tue., Dec. 2 nd	8am	+ Mary Di Florio
Wed., Dec. 3 rd	8am	+ Anne Walker
Thu., Dec. 4 th	8am	(SI) Federico Bustillos
Fri., Dec. 5 th	8am	+ Tony Hofmann
	7pm	+ Osika Helen, + Dean Nicholson, + Fr. John Hilmer, + Fr. Joseph Walsh, + Josie Grayda, + Souls in Purgatory
Sat., Dec. 6 th	9am	(SI) Da Silva family, + Costanzo Di Iorio, + Laura Dionisio, + Josie Grayda
	5pm	+ Kiran Rathacharen
Sun., Dec. 7 th	8am	+ Lorne Wall
	10am	+ Francesco & Rosa Ali
	12pm	"Populo" for the intentions of our parish families
	7pm	(SI) Klaudia Watts

Advent Message from Cardinal Leo

To read Cardinal Leo's message, please visit
<https://www.archtoronto.org>.



**Sanctuary Candles sponsored
Nov. 13th to Dec. 12th, 2025 for:
+ 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. 13 th to May 12 th , 2026	+ Deceased Priests
May 13 th to June 12 th , 2026	+ Judith & Donald McDonald
June 13 th to July 12 th , 2026	(SI) Anna & Piotr Mikorzewski & family
July 13 th to Aug. 12 th , 2026	+ Deceased members of the Alberto & Louro families
Aug. 13 th to Sep. 12 th , 2026	+ Deceased members of the Martin & Pimentel family
Sep. 13 th to Oct. 12 th , 2026	(SI) Dave Tate & family
Oct. 13 th to Nov. 12 th , 2026	+ Deceased members of Aguirre, Camposano & Chittenden family
Nov. 13 th to Dec. 12 th , 2026	+ Lennart Lundberg

THE MEANING OF THE FOUR ADVENT CANDLES



1st Candle–Hope

We remember God's promises and look forward with faith, just as the prophets longed for the Messiah.



2nd Candle–Peace

We reflect on the peace Christ brings—peace in our hearts, our homes, and the world.



3rd Candle–Joy

The rose candle invites us to rejoice as Christmas draws near, celebrating the joy of the Gospel.



4th Candle–Love

We honor God's perfect love revealed in Jesus and are called to share that love with others.

Together, these candles guide us in welcoming Christ with a ready, hopeful, and loving heart.

CWL Meeting & Potluck Supper – Tue., Dec. 2nd

The Catholic Women's League (CWL) is having their annual Christmas Potluck Supper on Tue., Dec. 2nd at 7pm in the parish hall. All the women of the parish are invited to attend.



If you would like to check us out, this would be the best night to do it because it includes great food, fun, and prizes! We would be glad if you did!

Also, last call for all you sports fans to purchase a raffle ticket! **\$10.00 each or 6 for \$50.00**

To purchase tickets please call
Michelle Crognale at 416-998-4663 or
Annette Brennan at 289-879-3659 to arrange payment and pick-up of tickets.

1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration – Dec. 5th

Starts at 6pm, followed by
Benediction at 6:45pm, and
Mass at 7pm.



Advent Confessions



Sat., Dec. 6th & 13th: 3pm to 4:45pm

Fri., Dec. 19th: 3pm – 5pm

Sat., Dec. 20th: 3pm – 4:45pm

Examination of Conscience

1) I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange gods before me.

Have I treated people, events, or things as more important than God?

2) You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Have my words, actively or passively, put down God, His Church, or His people?

3) Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

Do I go to Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) and on Holy Days of Obligation (Jan 1; Dec 25)? Do I avoid when possible, work that impedes worship to God, joy for the Lord's Day, and proper relaxation of mind and body? Do I look for ways to spend time with family or in service on Sunday?

4) Honor your father and your mother.

Do I show my parents or elders due respect? Do I seek to maintain good communication with them where possible? Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have?

5) You shall not kill.

Have I harmed another through physical, verbal, or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind?

6) You shall not commit adultery.

Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and myself?

7) You shall not steal.

Have I taken things that belong to others; have I taken credit that belongs to others; have I wasted the time of others?

8) You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of another?

9) You shall not covet your neighbour's spouse.

Have I honored my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love?

10) You shall not covet your neighbour's goods.

Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily?

St. Vincent de Paul Jesse Tree Program 2025

Once again this Advent, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at Our Lady of Grace Parish invites you to participate in our Jesse Tree to support Rose



of Sharon in Newmarket and Good Shepherd Ministries in Toronto. These ministries serve families and individuals struggling with poverty, providing essentials, comfort, and hope. The Jesse Tree is now displayed in the upper narthex of the church beginning this first week of Advent, decorated with tags representing the needs of those served by these charities. Take a tag to make a donation, and drop it off at the parish after any Mass in the box by the tree. As we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, let us follow His call to love our neighbour and bring light to those in need. Your generosity is a way to live out the Gospel this Advent.

Coffee Sundays

Please note that there will be no Coffee Sundays in the month of December. Our Coffee Sundays will once again resume in the New Year, starting Jan. 4, 2026.



Registration for 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. Completed forms are to be returned to the Parish Office, NOT the school. Last day to register for Confirmation is Fri., Dec. 12, 2025.



Dan Smith Music Collection

Dan Smith, our 8:00 & 10:00am

Cantor music leader has the

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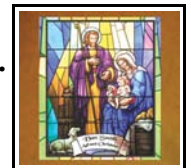
3 Volume **The Dan Smith Children's Collection.**

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.





Message for Advent
30 November 2025
His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am writing to you in anticipation of the upcoming **season of Advent**, a blessed time of waiting, expectation, and preparation for the coming of Christ and for the annual celebration of his Birth. As Pilgrims of Hope our Advent observances recall and solidify our hope in the loving mercy of God and in his abiding presence in our lives and in the life of the Church. We prayerfully recognize that Christ's coming - to Bethlehem, in the Eucharist, and at the end of time in glory - fulfills the deepest human desire for reconciliation (cf. St. Bernard of Clairvaux, *Adventu Domini*, Sermo V). To experience Advent during the Jubilee Holy Year is to allow the mystery of God's mercy to shape our waiting, so that we prepare not just for Christmas day and its beautiful celebrations and festivities, but for the fullness of life that Christ brings both now and at the end of time.

The Advent cry of the prophets - "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down" (*Is* 64:1) - expresses our longing for liberation and peace. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us: "When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming" (CCC 524). Similarly, our Jubilee observances also call for renewal and restoration, where debts are forgiven, prisoners are freed, and relationships are restored (cf. *Lev* 25:8-17). During this Holy Year, our longing becomes a lived experience, as we engage in spiritual works and works of charity, justice and mercy, symbolizing the passage from sin to grace, from fear to trust, from self-enclosure to communion with God and neighbour.



Each candle on the Advent wreath marks not only the weeks before Christmas but the stages of salvation history, thereby reminding us of the sacredness of time within God's plan. With the passage of time, we are called to cultivate hope, faith, joy in our hearts, to consider anew how we live as we engage in the jubilee practices of sacramental confession, holy communion, pilgrimage, prayer, and assistance to the needy. During this Year of the Lord's favour, our Advent waiting becomes active discipleship where our faith and hope are not just "informative" but "performative" as Pope Benedict XVI wrote a number of years ago (cf. *Spe Salvi*, 2).

Dear friends, as we mark the beginning of the new liturgical year, we cannot help but reflect on the passage of time and indeed on the fullness of time (cf. *Gal* 4:1-8). As we look forward to the fullness of God's promise, I invite you to take this sacred time to (i) rediscover the freshness of the Gospel by dedicating a few minutes each day in prayerfully reading a passage or two of the Word of God; (ii) let us be courageous and let go of any resentment we harbor towards others; (iii) let us be men and women of communion and forgiveness, always ready and active in bringing about unity among us, in our relationships, home and community. In doing so, we will note that our heart is opening more and more and making room for Christ to dwell therein. In this holy season of Advent, the Church waits not only for the birth of the Child Jesus in Bethlehem but for the rebirth of the human heart today - a true jubilee of grace, where hope becomes joy and waiting becomes mission. Wishing you all a blessed Advent season guided and accompanied by the powerful and maternal mediation of Our Lady of Advent.

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