



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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon., Feb. 23 rd	8am	(SI) Carmelo Dodaro
Tue., Feb. 24 th	8am	
Wed., Feb. 25 th	8am	+ Bernadette & Armand Boissonneault
Thu., Feb. 26 th	8am	+ Claris Castellano
Fri., Feb. 27 th	8am 7pm	+ Lisa Martin
Sat., Feb. 28 th	9am 5pm	(SI) Da Silva family, (SI) Christine Catania, (SI) Watts family, + Martin Keogh, + Cecile Burg (SI) Fr. John Bertao
Sun., Mar. 1 st	8am 10am 12pm 7pm	+ Oighrig Keogh + Marcus D'Mello "Populo" for the intentions of our parish families + Michele & Dorotea Morra

IMPORTANT DATES		TIMES
Thu., Mar. 19 th	Feast of St. Joseph	
	Parish Confessions	6pm – 8pm
Sat./Sun., Mar. 28 th /29 th	Palm Sunday (regular Mass times)	
Thu., Apr. 2 nd	Holy Thursday	7pm
Fri., Apr. 3 rd	Good Friday	9am & 12noon
	Stations of the Cross	3pm
Sat., Apr. 4 th	Easter Vigil	7pm
Sun., Apr. 5 th	Easter Sunday	8am, 10am, 12noon & 2pm
Mon., Apr. 27 th to Thu., Apr. 30 th	Confirmation Rehearsals	
Mon., May 4 th to Thu., May 7 th	Confirmation Masses	

Are you a registered member of our parish family? If not, call the parish office for more information.

Lighting a Candle 'Gift' Cards
Lighting a candle for someone? Please help yourself to a 'gift' card that you can give/send to the individual you lit the candle for. They are located by the candle stands.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
The novena takes place in our church every Wednesday at 7:50am followed by the 8am Mass.



Reminder Kindly pick up your 2026 *Offertory Envelopes*. Thank you.

His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo's Lenten Message
To access the letter, go to the link below
<https://www.archtoronto.org>.

2025 Tax Receipts
The 2025 tax receipts were mailed out mid-February. Thank you for your generous support.

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.



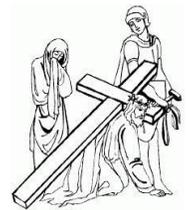
Miraculous Medals, Rosaries & Scapulars
The following items are available at the parish office for a donation.

\$7 – Large Miraculous Medal
 \$5 – Medium Miraculous Medal
 \$3 – Small Miraculous Medal

\$7 - Wooden Rosary

\$5 - Scapular

Stations of the Cross
Each Friday, during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm & Mass at 7pm (the morning 8am Mass, Adoration, and Rosary will continue as usual).



First Friday Eucharistic Adoration – Mar. 6th
Starts at 6pm, followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm & Mass at 7pm.
Also, every Mon. - Fri., after the 8am Mass, the Rosary will take place during the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.





**Online Bereavement
Introductory Program**

Feb. 25th at 7:00pm

Register at:

<https://nbb0226.eventbrite.ca>

**Online Separated/Divorced
Introductory Program**

Feb. 26th at 7:00pm

Register at: <https://nbsd0226.eventbrite.ca>

For more information, contact Arcangelo Limanni, MRE, MACP, RP (Qualifying) by email at alimanni@cfstoronto.com or by phone at (647) 215-3978.

**17th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith
Conference – Sat., Mar. 21st**



Where: Le Treport Banquet Hall, Mississauga
Time: 9am to 4pm

Speakers: Johnnette Benkovic Williams from EWTN - What does it Mean to be a Woman? Sister John Mary SV - Learning to Listen in a Distracted World and more!

Bishop Ivan Camilleri will be celebrating the closing Mass. For more details, and to register, go to dwf2026.eventbrite.ca.

Lenten Day of Retreat – Sat., Feb. 28th



When: Sat., Feb. 28th

Time: 8:30am – 3:00pm
(lunch will be served)

Where: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre
For more information, please email office@qoa.ca or call (905) 278-5229.

Lent
with Lucia

"It is true that keeping the word of God involves self-denial and renunciation, but it is also true that it is precisely in this self-denial and renunciation that we prove our love to God."

- Sister Lucia dos Santos



FOR SINGLE MEN 18+ WHO ARE INTERESTED IN DISCERNING FEB 27-MARCH 1, 2026

MEN'S WEEKEND DISCERNMENT RETREAT AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY

COME & SEE

For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee>.

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Saturday • March 14, 2026 • 9am - 5:30pm

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To register, go to <https://ljhr.ca/>.

**Catholic Charities
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Community Service Awards**



Catholic Charities is inviting applications for this year's Scholarships and nominations for the Michael Fullan Community Service Awards. These opportunities support students pursuing a variety of studies and celebrate those whose service reflects the Gospel call to love our neighbours.

Full details are available at <https://ccat.ca/scholarships-and-awards/>.

Deadline: Apr. 30th



Lenten Message 2026
His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May Jesus and Mary be in your hearts.

As we enter into the holy season of Lent, I would like to share some words of spiritual nourishment and encouragement. Each year, while Ash Wednesday emphasizes repentance, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, on the First Sunday of Lent especially, we are invited to pursue our journey of faith into the desert with Christ. However, it is not a solitary journey, nor are the three Lenten practices purely a “private affair”. Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition teaches us that God never saves individuals in isolation, rather, he gathers a people to himself (cf. *Lumen Gentium*, 9). Recently, the universal Church has reflected on the meaning of *synodality* and emphasized the ecclesial and social togetherness of our journey together to God, thus recalling the importance of the community in the salvific plan of God (cf. CCC 781). With this in mind, I would ask us to consider how Lent is not only about our personal conversion but also the healing and renewal of our relationship with God and one another. We would do well to ask ourselves: how do we live Lent together?

Conversion or repentance is frequently framed within the context of individual acts such as sacramental confession, penance, self-denial or acts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The Old Testament already understood the human person within the context of the community which is very different from the modern understanding of a radical individualism. The Hebrew Scriptures, in fact, narrate a strong sense of community and its fidelity or sinfulness in the eyes of God. This is because from the beginning, God relates to Israel as a collective body (cf. Ex 6:7). Sin is never merely a private act because the covenant binds people together, and one person’s infidelity affects the whole body. Fidelity and infidelity are corporate realities. In this way sin, though personal, is likewise always social inasmuch as it always wounds the Body. And conversion, if it is real, always restores relationships. Lent teaches us that to return to the Lord is also to return to one another, and journey together.

Today, many experience the social or communal fragmentation caused by sin: families strained by silence or envy, communities divided by fear or resentment, parishes weakened by absence or disengagement. We may live or work in close proximity to others and yet carry unspoken distances in our hearts. Lent invites us to name this reality honestly—not to assign blame, but to seek healing and forgiveness. The call of the Gospel is not simply “to be better,” but “to be reconciled” (cf. 2 Cor 5:20). Part and parcel of our journeying together is the experience of authentic and daily conversion, both personal and communal, embodied beautifully in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. While Confession is deeply personal, it is never private because sin wounds not only our relationship with God but also our communion with the Church (cf. CCC, 1440; 2 Cor 5:18–20).



Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we restore not only our friendship with God but our bonds within the community—a ministry Our Lord entrusted to the apostles (cf. Jn 20:22–23; CCC, 1443–1445). Through this sacrament, the Lord repairs the bonds we have weakened—with him and with one another—and teaches us again the language of mercy and love (cf. CCC, 1468–1469; St. Ambrose, *On Repentance*, I.15). Our Lenten practices culminate on Easter Sunday when our conversion is publicly proclaimed and personally reclaimed as we renew our Baptismal vows, rejecting evil and confessing our belief in the One God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—through whom we were reborn into new life (cf. Rom 6:3–11; CCC, 1213, 1262).

Traditional Lenten practices take on deeper meaning when seen through the lens of our communion with God and one another (cf. CCC, 1434–1435). How? Prayer opens our hearts to God who unites us to him and to others, as Jesus himself prays that all may be one in the communion he shares with the Father (cf. Jn 17:20–23; CCC, 2564). Fasting teaches us to make room for God and for one another by reordering our priorities, and restoring justice and communion (cf. Is 58:6–7; Joel 2:12–13; St. Basil the Great, *Homily on Fasting*, 1). Almsgiving is a concrete act of solidarity, a recognition that my life is bound to the life of my neighbour, and my love cannot remain abstract but must be expressed in deeds (cf. 1 Jn 3:16–18; CCC, 2447).

The road to Jerusalem that Jesus walks is not a path done in isolation; he gathers disciples, eats with sinners, heals the broken, and calls the lost by name as He sets His face toward Calvary (Lk 9:51–19:27). Even as Jesus carried his cross, was crucified, and breathed his last, he remained focused on others and the mission entrusted to him by the Father (Mk 15:21, Lk 23:27–31; Mt 27:46–50, Lk 23:44–46; cf. Lk 2:35). To follow Jesus is to allow our own journey of repentance to become a journey of renewed communion (Lk 24:13–35; CCC, 781).

As we begin this Lenten season, we pray for the grace not only of conversion, but for the healing of our relationships; not only to examine our consciences, but to rebuild communion; not only to walk toward Easter individually, but to arrive there together. For it is together—as one Body in Christ—that we are led from the desert to the joy of the Resurrection. May the Blessed Mother be our inspiration, guide, model and companion on this journey of spiritual and social renewal.

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