



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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon., Apr. 20 th	8am	+ Assumta & John Fiorentino
Tue., Apr. 21 st	8am	+ Nelly Flores
Wed., Apr. 22 nd	8am	+ Cornelius Chang
Thu., Apr. 23 rd	8am	+ Rick Kuttchrutter
Fri., Apr. 24 th	8am	+ Dorothy Chang
Sat., Apr. 25 th	9am	(SI) Salvatore Stasola, (SI) Da Silva Family, (SI) Anthony D'Souza & Family, + Barry McDermott, + Donald Moore, + Paul Brochu, + Fr. Edward Smith
	5pm	+ Gino & Maria Colantonio
Sun., Apr. 26 th	8am	+ Paul Brochu
	10am	+ Ryan & Susanne L'Abbe
	12pm	"Populo" for the intentions of our parish families
	7pm	

Novena for Priests
 Renew in Your priests deeper faith, greater trust in You, childlike reliance on our Mother Mary and unwavering fidelity to the Holy Father and his bishops.




Holy Mary, intercede for your priests.
 St. Joseph, protect them.
 St. Michael, defend them.
 St. John Vianney, pray for them.

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.

Communications from the Archdiocese of Toronto

- For ways to Celebrate the Special Jubilee Year of St. Francis, please visit:
<https://www.archtoronto.org> - **St. Francis Jubilee**
- For His Eminence, Frank Cardinal Leo's Easter Message, please visit:
<https://www.archtoronto.org/>
- Help Not Harm: Take Action to Support Bill C-218 - Write your Member of Parliament Today!
<https://www.helpnotharmcanada.ca/>



From the Pastor's Desk


NEW ADDITION TO THE BAPTISMAL FONT

As you make your way to your pew, you are invited to use the holy water in the bowl to bless yourself and quietly pray



'...bless me Jesus as I enter Your Holy Presence and cleanse me that I may worship You with sincere love and devotion'. The new cover - gifted by a parish family - is removal for baptisms. Our thanks to the family for their generous gift.

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



Debt Reduction - Apr. 18th/ 19th
 This weekend of Apr. 18th/ 19th, 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.

Upcoming Collections:
 May 9th/10th – Debt Reduction
 May 16th/17th – Pope's Pastoral Works
 May 30th/31st – ShareLife

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

- \$7 – Large Miraculous Medal
- \$5 – Medium Miraculous Medal
- \$5 - Scapular
- \$7 - Wooden Rosary







Volunteer Appreciation Week

Apr. 19th – 25th

Thank you for your invaluable contributions and the profound impact you've made.

We are deeply grateful for your 'Yes' to serve our parish community with a ready heart and willing spirit. "Here am I. Send me!" - Isaiah 6:8



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Coffee Sundays

Please note: there will be no Coffee Sunday on Apr. 26th and May 3rd. It will once again resume on May 10th after the 10am Mass.



March for Life in Ottawa - Thu., May 14th

Our Lady of the Annunciation has arranged for a bus to travel to/from Ottawa. The bus will leave Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish at 6:30am and will leave Ottawa to return home at 4pm. There is no cost for the bus. If any parishioners are interested, please call or email Our Lady of the Annunciation's Parish Office at 905.773.5223 or olachurchrh@gmail.com.



Chalice Child Sponsorship Weekend - Apr. 25th/26th



Chalice Sponsorship Weekend

This April 25 - 26, open your heart to child sponsorship.



Chalice is coming to Our Lady of Grace! At the Apr. 25th/26th Masses, Canada's Largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization will provide you the opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship. These are children in extreme poverty who need your support to excel in their education and fulfill their God-given potential. Please visit chalice.ca for more information about Chalice and its mission.

A Day With Mary

You're invited to "A Day With Mary" on Sat., May 30th at Villanova College in King City.



This free, family-friendly event includes Mass with Cardinal Frank Leo, the Rosary, Confessions, a keynote talk, children's catechesis, music, and fellowship. There is no fee to register. Registration is open from now until Fri., May 15th at <https://bit.ly/DWMRegistration>. Complete information can be found at <https://archtoronto.org/Mary>.

CWL - Honour and Thank the Mother, Special Woman, or Role Model in your Life!



The CWL League is bringing back its very popular Mother's Day Gift Basket Raffle on the two weekends before Mother's Day, so that you can give the basket in time for Mother's Day! Tickets will be sold after all Masses on the weekends of Apr. 25th/26th and May 2nd/3rd. We have 5 fantastic, themed baskets to win, each with a minimum value of \$125. We are raising funds for CWL initiatives and local charities. Tickets will be sold for \$3 each or 2 for \$5. This year, for those who spend over \$15, there will be a debit/credit card option available at most Masses. Thank you for your support!



Corporate Golf Tournament
Living the Gospel



The 29th Annual ShareLife Golf Tournament, presented by AMJ, returns to Eagles Nest Golf Club in Maple on Mon., June 8th. For nearly 30 years, this event has united our community in support of those in need. ShareLife marks its 50th anniversary this year and we look forward to sharing this special day with you. To register, go to <https://sharelife.org>.



Message for Easter
5 April 2026
His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Praised be Jesus Christ. Happy and Holy Easter to you.

Holy Mother Church celebrates with the greatest joy ever the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Striving to live our faith sincerely and as loyal, loving and engaged sons and daughters of God and of the Church, we are called and drawn into the experience of Easter Sunday which renews our hope and changes our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Paschal Mystery we celebrate invites us to consider the glory of the Resurrected Christ and in this mystery, we rejoice not only that Christ is truly alive and remains present in our lives today and in that of the Church, but also that our Heavenly Father has been faithful to his promise, he who from all eternity desired to gather his children into communion through his Son. At the beginning of Lent, I encouraged us to look beyond ourselves – to seek reconciliation with God and with one another, and to rediscover the essential place of community in God’s saving plan (CCC 759-760). We must never forget that the Paschal Mystery is not only the remembrance of Christ’s Passion, Death, and Resurrection – those historical events that took place a long time ago and far away – this mystery is the very pattern of all Christian life and forms who we are.

Our Lord’s Death and Resurrection are not simply events of the past; they are the living form of the Church’s existence. As you may remember, before the Resurrection, the disciples were scattered, fearful, and locked away. After the Resurrection, they are transformed, those fleeing to Emmaus return to Jerusalem, and those locked away in fear eventually venture out to the ends of the earth to proclaim the Good News. The Resurrection does not eliminate the journey of life with its trials and uncertainties; rather, it gives the journey its meaning, purpose, new hope and new dynamism. In the same way, the difficulties we experience – personally and communally – are not magically erased.



Tensions, conflicts, scarcity, injustice, and uncertainty remain real; yet in the light of Easter, they are transformed. They become moments of discernment and grace because the Risen Christ walks with us.

When we lose someone we love or suffer a major setback - a relationship that has ended - a job opportunity that did not pan out - an illness that has come up or persists, or the anxiety that afflicts so many of us, especially the young – the temptation, in these situations, is to retreat, to isolate, to want to be alone, to run away. The Good News of the Resurrection is that Jesus came for us and is present to us and wants to help us precisely in those very dark and seemingly hopeless circumstances. When the Apostles were broken down thinking he was gone forever, Mary Magdalene announced to them the great news: he is alive. When the Disciples of Emmaus were discouraged, disillusioned and walked away from the community, Jesus came to them and filled them with new hope and opened for them incredible horizons.

Each of us has a story to tell, a sacred story to share. Each of our existential narratives are marked by light and shadows. But the author of our lives will never let us go through our hardships alone. The Power of the Resurrection is available to us today. The possibility of a new life is in our reach; the boundless energy of transforming grace is at our fingertips; the consolation and comfort of the Holy Spirit is but a prayer away; the second chances, and third and fourth which we really need, are part and parcel of God's merciful plan. There is nothing to fear; there is endless love, endless hope in this life, endless light into which we are called. The Resurrection of Christ points to the renewal of our daily lives as well as to that day, one day, the last day, when we will be called to enter the fulness of life in eternity. May that eternity begin here and now, in our families and communities, by a daily decision to live out the Catholic faith with greater commitment, outstanding generosity, abundant virtue and authentic holiness.

Blessed Easter Season to you and your loved ones. Christ is Risen – truly he is Risen.



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Help Not Harm

We invite the Catholic community to respectfully contact their local Member of Parliament (MP), requesting their support of a Private Members' Bill (**C-218, The Right to Recover Act – an act to amend the Criminal code – Medical Assistance in Dying**) currently before the Parliament of Canada.

What is Bill C-218? Bill C-218 amends the Criminal Code to make it illegal to provide Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) to individuals whose sole underlying condition is a mental illness. It recognizes the importance of Canadians to recover from mental illness and ensures help can be offered, not harm.

WHY IT MATTERS:

- **Every life is precious.** As Catholics, we believe in the sanctity of every human life, from the moment of conception to natural death.
- **A desire to die can be a symptom of illness.** Suicidal thoughts are frequently part of mental illness itself, raising serious concerns about whether consent can ever be truly free and informed.
- **Mental illness is often treatable.** Many mental health conditions improve over time with proper care, therapy, medication, and support. Recovery remains possible, even after long periods of suffering.
- **Gaps in mental health care remain unresolved.** Long wait times, limited access to psychiatrists, and uneven mental health services mean some may seek to end their life due to system failure, not medical necessity.
- **There is an increased risk to vulnerable Canadians.** Individuals navigating mental health challenges are more likely to experience poverty, trauma, isolation, disability, or lack of access to care—factors that may pressure individuals toward assisted suicide.

BACKGROUND ON BILL C-218

What is a Private Members' Bill?

A Private Members' Bill is a piece of legislation introduced in Parliament by a Member of Parliament (MP) or Senator who is not a Cabinet Minister, Parliamentary Secretary, or Speaker. These bills allow individual legislators to propose new laws, or amend existing ones, typically focusing on public policy issues. Bill C-218 has been introduced by the Conservative Party of Canada Member of Parliament for Cloverdale-Langley City, British Columbia, Tamara Jansen.

To pass, this legislation will require support from more than one political party. We believe that many MPs are uncomfortable with the rapid expansion of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) in Canada and in particular, the possibility that MAiD will be offered for those whose primary underlying condition is mental illness. We are asking MPs to vote their conscience, regardless of party affiliation.

The difference in passing this Private Members' Bill could be just a few votes in the House of Commons. It is critical that constituents contact their Member of Parliament asking them to support Bill C-218. If the legislation does not pass, as of March 17, 2027, new laws will take effect to allow MAiD for those whose sole underlying condition is mental illness.

TAKE ACTION AT HelpNotHarmCanada.ca TODAY!

The Bill is scheduled for second reading in early April 2026 with a vote on the legislation expected by mid-April 2026. Please visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today where you can send an e-mail directly to your local Member of Parliament in less than 3 minutes. If the legislation does not pass, as of March 17, 2027, new laws will take effect to allow MAiD for those whose sole underlying condition is mental illness.

Chances are, you know someone suffering from mental illness. In any given year, 1 in 5 Canadians experience a mental illness. It may be a relative, friend or colleague. As Catholics and Canadians, we have a responsibility to offer care, hope and protection NOT death for those close to us and those most vulnerable who are suffering. **Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.**



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