



# Our Lady of Grace Parish

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## PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. John Bertão, Pastor

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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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon., Apr. 27 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ Irena Miesowicz
Tue., Apr. 28 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ Bing Chung So
Wed., Apr. 29 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ Antonio Veloso
Thu., Apr. 30 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ Deceased Priests
Fri., May 1 <sup>st</sup>	8am	+ Marion Biggers
	7pm	(SI) Peter & Ann Marie Tate, + Ann Bannon, + Carmela Di Placido, + Gualberto Horca
Sat., May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9am	(SI) Therese Da Silva & Family, + John Milne, + Fr. Edward Smith, + Martin Durkin, + Elvira & Andrea Francesconi, + Pearse Higgins, + Fr. Soldado Paranas
	5pm	+ John Iacono
Sun., May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8am	+ Tom Conway
	10am	+ Jacob Lee
	12pm	“Populo” for the intentions of our parish families
	7pm	+ Piedad Moreno

**Chalice Child Sponsorship Weekend - Apr. 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>**



**Chalice Sponsorship Weekend**

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



**Chalice is coming to Our Lady of Grace! At the Masses, this weekend of Apr. 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://chalice.ca) for more information about Chalice and its mission.**

**Coffee Sundays**

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



**World Day of Prayer for Vocations – Apr. 26<sup>th</sup>**



The Good Shepherd calls His own sheep by name and leads them. Is He asking you to help others to find Him? Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our Archdiocese,

that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at (416) 968-0997 or email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

**Euchre**

Do you know how to play the card game Euchre? Come to the parish Large Meeting Room every Monday from 1pm until 3pm (except for public holidays). Join us for some fun and meet new friends. Even if you don't know the game, we will teach you. All are welcome.



**Prayer for Vocations**



Heavenly Father, You have created us each with a purpose. Send your Holy Spirit to inspire men and women to follow Your call with generous hearts. Grant courage to those You are calling, and help them to trust in Your plan. May our community support and encourage them with prayer and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord Amen.

**Communications from the Archdiocese of Toronto**

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





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

**First Friday Eucharistic Adoration – May. 1<sup>st</sup>**



Starts at 6pm, followed by Benediction at 6:45pm & Mass at 7pm. Also, every Mon. - Fri., after the 8am Mass, the Rosary will take place during the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 9am.

**March for Life in Ottawa - Thu., May 14<sup>th</sup>**  
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](mailto:olachurchrh@gmail.com).



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

Also, have you considered becoming a Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) member? It's an easy way to support the parish. You decide the amount you are comfortable with and it gets debited from your bank account on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. You can change it at any time by contacting the parish office. Kindly consider this convenient way of supporting our parish. The PAG form (blue) can be found by both entrances of the church or by the parish office. Thank you.

*A Day With Mary*



You're invited to "A Day With Mary" on Sat., May 30<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> at <https://bit.ly/DWMRegistration>. Complete information can be found at <https://archtoronto.org/Mary>.

**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.

**ShareLife Golf Tournament – Mon., June 8<sup>th</sup>**

For details & registration please go to <https://sharelife.org/>.

**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. 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>. 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!



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- Sunday: 10:30 am

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## **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.



Archdiocese  
of Toronto

# 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](https://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](https://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](https://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.**



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