



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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon., May 4 th	8am	+ Maria Nayagam
Tue., May 5 th	8am	(SI) Cong Family
Wed., May 6 th	8am	+ Bernadette & Armand Boissonneault
Thu., May 7 th	8am	+ Deceased Priests
Fri., May 8 th	8am	+ Bert Horca
Sat., May 9 th	9am	(SI) Da Silva Family, + Ronald Ellingwood, + JP & Florence Moore, + Mike Doyle, + Lucille & Elmer Lanthier, + Fr. Soldado Paranas, + Theresa & Reginald Chelliah
	5pm	(SI) Robert Gallivan
Sun., May 10 th	8am	+ Thomas Kurian
	10am	+ Piedad Moreno
	12pm	“Populo” for the intentions of our parish families
	7pm	+ Felix & Elena Reton



Pope Leo XIV's May Prayer Intention

That everyone might have food

“Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.”

Coffee Sundays

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



Catholic Education Week – from May 3rd to 8th



During Catholic Education Week from May 3rd to 8th, we give thanks for Catholic schools, where students grow in faith and experience God’s love. To show your support and sign up for updates, visit www.togetherinfaith.ca.

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



The CWL League's Mother's Day Gift Basket Raffle tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend of 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 \$2 each or 3 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!

Upcoming CWL Meeting – Tue., May 12th
Tue. May 12th at 7:30pm in the Large Meeting Room. We welcome all women of the parish!

Are you a registered member of our parish family?

Have you considered Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)? It's a simple way to support your parish. You choose the amount, and it's automatically debited from your bank account on the 20th of each month. You can change it anytime by contacting the parish office. PAG forms (blue) are available at both church entrances and the parish office. Thank you.



Prayer for Confirmation

Heavenly Father, we thank You for these children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation from May 4th to 7th. Fill them with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

– *wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.*

Lord Jesus, guide them to live in faith, love, and courage. Help them always to follow Your truth.

Holy Spirit, strengthen them to be faithful witnesses to the Gospel in all they do. May they always know Your presence, and may the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints watch over them, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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/>



Baby Bottle Campaign – May 9th /10th



Help Mums and their Babies Choose Life!

The pro-life organization Aid to Women has been operating in the GTA for over 40 years counselling women who are seeking abortion to choose life for themselves and their babies.

They encourage those women by pledging to support them and their babies the first two years of their child's life with everything from diapers, clothing, car seats, strollers, food and much, much more. Aid to Women will be conducting a Baby Bottle for Life fund raising campaign at Our Lady of Grace Parish at all the weekend Masses on May 9th/10th (Mother's Day weekend). They will be handing out empty baby bottles and asking you to take them home and fill them with coins, bills, and cheques; and return the filled bottles at all the Masses on Father's Day weekend, June 20th/21st. Please support Aid to Women so they can continue their very important ministry and say 'YES' to life.

Our Lady of Fatima – Wed., May 13th

(novena starts on May 4th and ends on May 12th)

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the Rosary, you appeared to the children Lucia dos Santos, Francisco and Jacinta Marto at Fatima, bringing a message of peace, prayer, and repentance.



We come before you with confidence, asking your loving intercession. Obtain for us the grace we need (*mention your intention*). Help us to be faithful to your call to conversion, prayer, and sacrifice. Teach us to pray the Rosary daily, to trust in your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and to bring His love to a world in need. O loving Mother, guide us safely to your Son. Amen.

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.

Debt Reduction - May 9th / 10th

On the weekend of May 9th/10th, our second 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 Second Collection Dates:

The Pope's Pastoral Works - May 16th/17th

ShareLife 3rd Collection - May 30th/31st

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



\$5 - Wooden Rosary

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery & Funeral Home Pre-Planning Seminar – Sat., May 30th

Planning ahead is a caring gift for your family. Join us to explore your options and make confident, faith-informed decisions. Learn about:



- Funeral and burial options
- How advance planning eases the burden on loved ones
- Catholic teachings on cremation
- Flexible payment options, incl. 0% financing

When: Sat., May 30th at 9am

Location: Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery & Funeral Home, 211 Langstaff Rd E., Thornhill

You must RSVP to attend by phone At 905.889.7467 ext. 1 or by email at holycrossinquiry@cc-fs.ca.



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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