



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.


PENTECOST SUNDAY

MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon., May 25 th	8am	+ Neil Clayton
Tue., May 26 th	8am	+ Steven George Chittenden
Wed., May 27 th	8am	+ Juliet Randall
Thu., May 28 th	8am	+ Anton & Elli Hofmann
Fri., May 29 th	8am	+ Souls in Purgatory
Sat., May 30 th	9am	(SI) Da Silva Family, + Alba Tonelli, + Kathleen Gallivan, + Jackie Halton
	5pm	+ Gualberto Horca
Sun., May 31 st	8am	+ Deceased Priests
	10am	+ Deceased Members of the Nalli Family
	12 noon	“Populo” for the intentions of our parish families
	7pm	(SI) Tessie D'souza

“Receive the Holy Spirit” - Mon., May 25th
 A day of reflection animated by Mary Bastedo, drawing on the writings of Fr. Henri Nouwen.
When: Mon., May 25th
Time: 9am to 3:30pm
Where: Manresa Jesuit Centre, Pickering.
To register, go to:
<https://manresa-canada.ca/event/receive-the-holy-spirit/>




Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 Please join us each Wednesday 7 minutes before the 8am Mass to pray this novena asking our blessed Mother for her intercession and guidance in all our needs.



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 - May 30th/31st
 Your support of ShareLife supports human connection across the world, making a difference in the lives of thousands of people in our community and beyond—funding more than 40 agencies, which help children, youth, families in crisis, seniors, immigrants, refugees, people with special needs, international development, missions, and vocations. The 3rd ShareLife collection is on the weekend of May 30th/31st. So far, we have raised \$92,692 (\$34,989 collected at the parish + \$57,703 collected at the ShareLife office) toward our goal of \$173,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, or online through our parish website <https://sharelife.org/donate/>.




Totus Tuus Toronto
 Totus Tuus is a parish-based Catholic summer camp and young adult missionary program in the Archdiocese of Toronto, dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel and forming young people in the Catholic faith. Please support their mission with a donation by scanning the QR code or by visiting totustuutoronto.ca/donate.



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- Cardinal Leo Writes to Prime Minister, MPs – “I ask you to choose life...”
<https://www.archtoronto.org - Choose Life>
- Help Not Harm: Take Action to Support Bill C-218 - Write your Member of Parliament Today!
<https://www.helpnotharmcanada.ca/>





Prayer for Families
Loving God, Bless all the families of our parish with faith, love, and peace. Strengthen us in unity and help us care for one another with kindness and compassion. Keep our homes rooted in Your presence and guide us always. Amen.

Free Catholic Estate Planning

Webinar – Sat., June 6th

All are welcome to join this free zoom webinar hosted by the Archdiocese of Toronto on Sat., June 6th at 9am. Participants will learn about how to avoid problems in your Will, Powers of Attorney, Estate Trustee selection, and more.

To register, scan the QR code, visit grco.de/WebJun6, or register by email at Development@ArchToronto.org.



Please write “Webinar June 6” in the subject line and include your name in the body of the message.

Corpus Christi Procession



When: Sun., June 7th following the 12noon Mass
Where: St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond St., Toronto

Eucharistic Procession FAQs

1. What is a procession?

The Church tells us that processions, in their true form, are a manifestation of the faith of the people. They are opportunities to deepen our faith in Christ, to unite with one another in a communal action and to witness to our faith.

Over the centuries, the Church has instituted many processions. Some point to salvific events; others are votive processions, meaning that they honour a saint or liturgical feast; still others are required by liturgical actions (Directory on Popular Piety, 245-246).

2. What is a Eucharistic procession?

A Eucharistic procession is a votive procession.

It publicly and reverently honours the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, who is the source and summit of our Christian life. It is a prolongation of the liturgy, during which the consecrated Host is carried in public, allowing believers to “make public profession of faith and worship of the Most Blessed Sacrament.” (Directory on Popular Piety, 162)

Pilgrimage to England, Ireland, Scotland & Paris

Featuring a cruise aboard the “Majestic Princess” - Princess Cruises with Fr. John Bertao, Pastor of Our Lady of Grace Parish, Aurora and Fr. Peter Choi, Pastor of St. Andre Bessette Parish, Maple.

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Important Meeting on Pilgrimage to England, Ireland, Scotland & Paris in July 2027



Anyone interested in learning more about the pilgrimage is invited to attend an information meeting in Our Lady of Grace Parish Hall on Sun., June 7, 2026, at 1pm.



The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
Sent via e-mail

20 April 2026

Dear Prime Minister,

I am mindful of the many sacrifices made to lead our country. Know of my prayers for you and your family. As the Archbishop of Toronto, providing spiritual leadership for close to two million Catholics, I write to you keenly aware of our collective obligation to safeguard the dignity of every human life and to serve the common good.

As you know, our Catholic faith opposes the taking of any human life and it is with great disappointment and anguish that we have seen our country expand Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) at a rapid and alarming rate since legislation was passed in 2016, despite the commitments made and the safeguards promised. Euthanasia and assisted suicide are indeed contrary to the dignity of the human person.

You are certainly aware that many Canadians are increasingly troubled by the speed and scope of these developments, and by the inevitable harmful effects on vulnerable individuals who may feel pressure — whether subtle or overt — during moments of profound suffering, isolation, or despair, to seek assisted death.

A society is rightly judged by how it cares for its most vulnerable members. There is growing anxiety that the normalization and expansion of assisted suicide risks undermining a culture of compassion, weakening investments in palliative support, and diminishing the collective commitment to accompany those suffering.

Before Parliament at present is a Private Members' Bill, C-218 – An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (Medical Assistance in Dying) that would restrict the expansion of MAiD for those whose sole underlying condition is mental illness. As Parliament considers Bill C-218, I respectfully urge you to allow a free vote among Members of Parliament within the Liberal Party of Canada. This legislation raises profound questions of conscience that transcend partisan alignment and touch on deeply held moral, ethical, and spiritual convictions. I ask you to choose life and not death; to help build a civilization that cares for those suffering and does not eliminate them, but instead surrounds them with dignity, compassion, and love.

I would also urge you and the Minister of Justice to consider measures that restrict any further expansion of assisted suicide in our country and instead prioritize investments in palliative care, mental health support and resources for those who are increasingly marginalized and isolated, especially seniors and Canadians living with disabilities.

I remain available to speak with you directly on this or any other matter in the days ahead and reiterate my prayers for you and for all who serve in public office. May you be guided by wisdom, courage, and a steadfast commitment to the common good.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank Cardinal Leo".

Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

cc. Hon. Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice, Attorney General of Canada



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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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