



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

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Each Wednesday 7 minutes before the 8am Mass

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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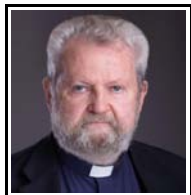
PASTORAL REFERENCES

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.

TWENTY - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon., Sept. 21 st	8am	(SI) Michael Loughry
Tue., Sept. 22 nd	8am	+ Frank Martin
Wed., Sept. 23 rd	8am	+ Souls in Purgatory
Thu., Sept. 24 th	8am	+ Raneen Simon
Fri., Sept. 25 th	8am	+ Pilar Panlilio Maddela
Sat., Sept. 26 th	9am	(SI) Winberg family, (SI) Ruth D'Souza and family, (SI) More Vocations to the Priesthood, + Antonio Colantonio, + Armanda Rodrigues, + Fr. William Scanlon
	5pm	(SI) Kirby Family
Sun., Sept. 27 th	8am	+ Evelyn Tighe
	10am	+ Padre Pio & John Franco
	12noon	"Populo" for the intentions of our parish families
	7pm	(SI) Anna & Piotr Mikorzewski

Rev. Frank McDevitt "Chaplain of His Holiness"



Pope Leo XIV has appointed Rev. Frank McDevitt a "*Chaplain of His Holiness*," bestowing upon him the title of Monsignor. This honorary distinction recognizes Msgr. McDevitt's many years of

faithful and generous service to the Church and the people of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

A special Eucharistic celebration will be held on Sun., Sept. 27th at 4pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. All are welcome to attend!

2nd Collections for September

Debt Reduction - Sept. 19th/ 20th

This weekend of Sept. 19th/20th, our 2nd collection will go towards reducing our parish debt. Please give generously. Your efforts help to support our parish life and community.

Needs of the Canadian Church – Sept. 26th/ 27th

Next weekend, the 2nd collection is for the Needs of the Church in Canada. This annual initiative helps support and assist the bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church in Canada.

2nd Collections for October

Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation – Oct. 3rd/ 4th

Debt Reduction – Oct. 10th/ 11th

World Mission Sunday – Oct. 17th/ 18th

Stewardship Sunday – Sept. 20th

Stewardship Sunday is a reminder that God has given us many diverse gifts for building up the Kingdom of God in our parish community.

A steward is someone who receives God's gifts gratefully, develops those gifts, and shares them with others. As part of our stewardship journey, Cardinal Leo has prepared a special homily encouraging us to reflect on the gifts God has entrusted to us and how we can share them generously with our parish and community. Learn more at www.archtoronto.org/stewardship.



Catholic Book Fair – Sept. 19th/ 20th

The Daughters of St. Paul will be visiting Our Lady of Grace Parish this weekend of Sept. 19th/ 20th.

Meet the Sisters as they share their mission of communicating Christ through their lives and with all forms of media. The Daughters of St. Paul will have a display of Catholic books and faith formation resources available to all parishioners.

Their visit to our parish is a wonderful opportunity to help you and your family grow deeper in our Catholic Faith!

Visit their web store at www.paulinestore.ca or call 416.781.9131 to place any special requests.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation



As in the past years, we will have 'final preparation' Sessions for those children



wanting to receive the sacraments of

First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Registration forms will be available through the local catholic schools commencing in September.

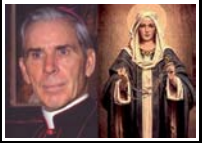
For those in the public/other school sectors belonging to our parish, registration forms are now available at the parish office. Dates and full details will be provided with the registration forms. Completed forms are to be returned to the Parish office, NOT the school. Last day to register for First Holy Communion is Fri., Oct. 2, 2026 and for Confirmation is Fri., Dec. 11, 2026.



Children's Liturgy – Sun., Sept. 20th
Children's Liturgy resumes during the 10am Mass. All children are welcome!



Coffee Sunday – Sun., Sept. 20th
Coffee Sunday resumes following the 10am Mass. Join us in the Parish Hall!



Beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen – Thu., Sept. 24th
Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen will be beatified on Thu., Sept. 24th in St. Louis, Missouri presided by Cardinal Luis Tagle, pro-prefect for the Dicastery for Evangelization. Bishop Louis Tylka of Peoria reflected on Archbishop Sheen's legacy, saying: *"His life and ministry continue to inspire countless people to know and love Jesus Christ more deeply."*



St. Francis' Blessing of Pets – Sat., Oct. 3rd
When: Sat. Oct. 3rd Time: 10am - 11am
Where: Our Lady of Grace Church South Parking Lot

Pilgrimage to Portugal, France & Spain

Under the Spiritual Leadership of
Fr. John Bertao, Pastor of Our Lady of Grace Parish, Aurora

When: April 18 - 30, 2027 (13 days)

Cost is \$4,990, which includes:

- ♦ air transportation from Toronto (unless specified otherwise), including all taxes and surcharges
- ♦ hotel accommodation first class or superior tourist class based on double occupancy
- ♦ 2 meals daily (breakfast and dinner)
- ♦ all sightseeing as per itinerary with English speaking guide
- ♦ all tips for drivers, guides



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ShareLife 50th Anniversary

Open House – Sat., Oct. 3rd

Celebrate ShareLife's 50th anniversary on Sat., Oct. 3rd, from 10am to 2pm at St. Augustine's Seminary. Tour the historic seminary, meet ShareLife-funded agencies and learn how your support helps those in need. The event is free! Please register by Sept. 25th at sharelife.org/50.



!! Announced Mass Intentions !!

Gentle Reminder: Announced Single Mass Intentions are available primarily to registered and active parish members (those with envelope numbers). This applies to both weekday and Sunday Masses. Each registered family may request up to three Announced Single Mass Intentions, with up to five names included per Mass intention. Multiple Mass Intentions (Saturdays at 9am and the First Friday Mass at 7pm) will continue as usual. At this time, there is no limit on the number of dates that may be selected for Multiple Mass Intentions. Thank you for your understanding.



Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain, France, Monaco & Italy

Under the Spiritual Guidance of
Fr. Rony Grayda, Associate Pastor of Our Lady of Grace Parish, Aurora

When: May 21 – June 3, 2027 (14 days)

Cost: \$4,890 Land Package + \$1,100 Air for Toronto departure

Tour Cost \$4,890 includes:

- ♦ hotel accommodation first class or superior tourist class based on double occupancy
- ♦ 2 meals daily (breakfast and dinner)
- ♦ all sightseeing as per itinerary with English speaking guide
- ♦ all tips for in restaurants and hotels



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**Homily of His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto
Stewardship Sunday - 20 September 2026**

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Praised be Jesus Christ.

Today is Stewardship Sunday which is observed annually across the Archdiocese of Toronto on the third Sunday of September. The parable which our blessed Lord taught, at first glance doesn't appear to be about stewardship at all. It seems to be about a vineyard, odd hiring practices, and unfair wages. But if we listen closely, we discover it is really about how we live and experience what has been entrusted to us.

Notice how the parable unfolds. The landowner goes out again and again: early morning, mid-morning, noon, afternoon, even the eleventh hour. God does not call us once; there are a series of invitations throughout life. Stewardship, then, is listening to these grace-filled invitations and being faithful to the hour we are in.

The trouble begins when the early workers stop living in their present moment. They measure their whole day against someone else's final hour. Comparison pulls them away from their own call and blinds them to the situation of others; namely the late workers. Those who waited in the marketplace until the final hour were not on vacation; they were unwanted, passed over. Anyone who has been unemployed knows the pain of being overlooked and the fear of not having what it takes, not having the basic necessities of life. Imagine their joy and relief when they received the "usual daily wage". The "wage" given is not their pay for an hour's labour—it is mercy and a restoration of dignity and underscores God's generosity and providential care for us.

One great danger of the spiritual life, and indeed our entire walk of faith, is not only that *we fail to welcome and receive what we have been given*—our attention shifts to someone or something else. We can labour in the vineyard for years and still drift into resentment, routine, or quiet calculation. We may be faithful outwardly yet wonder: "Why is my life harder? Why do others have more with less effort?" When those questions take root, stewardship collapses—not because we stop working, but because we stop trusting. Our focus shifts from God's presence and grace to ourselves and the limitations of our heart.

Back to the story, the landowner answers plainly: "Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?" In other words: Was what I gave you not enough? Stewardship is not maximizing output or returns; it is about remaining faithful to what God gives now and finding ways to share even more. The early workers received a full day's wage in the vineyard, but by looking elsewhere they turned a gift into a curse.

When we see our work, families, friendships, and daily responsibilities not as places of divine encounters where grace unfolds, but as burdensome obligations to painstakingly endure, we lose sight of God's presence, love and action – not to mention of one another. Fellow labourers become competitors, burdens, or strangers, and we begin imagining that grace is elsewhere—in another hour, another calling, another life.



Grace, God's love, presence and action in and around us is located in the present call, in the here and now. This is deeply freeing. Stewardship is not constructing a perfect life of service; it is fidelity to the hour we are living—being present to the One who is ever loving, present and active in my life and surroundings.

When we are present to God, intentionally and loving, generosity follows abundantly. The vineyard is not abstract; it is here—in our parish, our homes, and the quiet responsibilities that fill our days. God places us beside one another with different gifts and burdens. Part of stewardship is receiving our own call and also recognizing, honouring, and making room for the call of another.

Being present to graces offered asks, “What is being asked of me right now?” rather than “How much should I give?”. We are moved not by comparison, but compassion; not by obligation, but love. The Master goes out repeatedly to call workers, marking the day with divine initiative. Each hour—early or late—spent in the vineyard is time with him, and no moment is spiritually insignificant as Gerard Manley Hopkins wrote: “The world is charged with the grandeur of God.”

To remain. To abide. To accept the hour given without comparison. To trust the Lord who calls us, even when we don't understand. This is the Gospel's quiet invitation today: return to the present moment and receive the concrete reality of your life again—not as something to measure, but as something entrusted. In the end, the wage is not the point. The gift is that we are invited to live, work, rejoice, give thanks, and love in the presence of the Lord and Master— in the end, he himself is the true gift.

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