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.

MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon., Oct. 5th	8am	+ David Moss
Tue., Oct. 6th	8am	+ Joe Fiorentino
Wed., Oct. 7th	8am	+ Bernadette & Armand Boissonneaut
Thu., Oct. 8th	8am	+ Matthew Pellegrini
Fri., Oct. 9th	8am	+ Deceased Priests
Sat., Oct. 10th	9am	(SI) Rowena Bustillos, (SI) Todd Cotter, + Fr. William Scanlon, + Andrew John Foti
	5pm	+ Agnes Carrey
Sun., Oct. 11th	8am	+ Margaret & Gerry Klauke & Family
	10am	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory
	12noon	"Populo" for the intentions of our parish families
	7pm	(SI) Vocations to the Priesthood

Pope Leo XIV's October Prayer Intention

For Mental Health Ministry

"Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses."

October - Month of the Rosary

On his recent visit to Lourdes, France, the Holy Father made a very specific request for all of us to pray the Rosary for world peace. All are invited to join us during the month of October to pray the Rosary after the morning weekday Masses. If you are not able to join us, please consider praying the Rosary in your home, at school, work or wherever you find it appropriate. The Holy Rosary is a beautiful meditation on the lives of Jesus and His Blessed Mother and all He has done for us. Here are some suggested intentions to be prayed before each decade of the Rosary:

Decade 1: ***"Let us pray, for Victims of War"***

Decade 2: ***"Let us pray, that Civil Leaders work together to bring an end to war"***

Decade 3: ***"Let us pray, for peace in our families"***

Decade 4: ***"Let us pray, for peace that begins in each of our hearts"***

Decade 5: ***"Let us pray, for families that Christ may remain at the centre of our lives."***

Our Lady of the Rosary, *pray for us.*

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 are available through the local catholic schools. For those in the *public/ other school sectors* belonging to our parish, registration forms *are 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.

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

The Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund is part of a national initiative of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. More than 86% of its $30 million goal has been pledged, with the Archdiocese allocating $4.5 million of its $6 million commitment to healing and reconciliation initiatives. The collection this weekend of Oct. 3rd/4th provides an opportunity for the faithful to contribute to this important initiative.

Upcoming 2nd Collections for October

Debt Reduction – Oct. 10th/ 11th

World Mission Sunday – Oct. 17th/ 18th

Welcoming Arms

The following toiletries are needed for the weekends of Oct. 3rd/4th and Oct. 10th/11th

Men's Deodorant	Baby Wipes
Men's & Women's Razors	Diaper Sizes 4, 5 & 6
Kleenex	Hand Soap
Dish/Laundry Detergent	Shampoo
Toilet Paper	Paper Towels

Kindly leave your donations on the upper narthex (the upper landing before entering the church). Thank you so much.

Connect with CWL Online!

The CWL is now on Social Media! Follow us for event updates, new announcements and a look at life inside our CWL community.

Facebook: CWL_Auroraon

Instagram: cwl_auroraon

Our next meeting is Tue., Oct. 13th at 7:30pm in the large meeting room. Come and see what we are all about-we'll be glad you did!

You are cordially invited!

ST JOSEPH AURORA 65TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

22 OCTOBER 2026 — **5PM TO 8PM, 2 GLASS DRIVE**

For 65 years, St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School has been a cornerstone of faith, community, and academic excellence in Aurora. We cordially invite all alumni and community members connected to the school to celebrate our rich history and vibrant future on Thursday October 22nd, from 5-8pm. Travel back in time in our decorated decade rooms, mingle with old friends whilst enjoying refreshments and make history by collaborating on a special art project in the new school chapel! Please check out our interactive website for more information and to RSVP to the event: www.sja65.ca

Come & See Weekend Retreat Nov. 6th to 8th

St. Augustine's Seminary is offering a Discernment Retreat for single men aged 18+ years who feel the Lord may be calling them to discern the priesthood. Starts on Fri., Nov. 6th at 6:30pm and ends on Sun., Nov. 8th at 2pm. Meals and accommodations will be provided. Registrations must be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee. For more information, please email vocations@archtoronto.org.

Renew Toronto Young Adult Conference

Renew Toronto is a conference for all young adults ages 18-39 years.

When: Fri., Nov. 20th & Sat., Nov. 21st

Where: 1250 Markham Rd, Event Centre, Scarborough

This conference offers unique opportunities for students, young adult professionals, and young couples. The theme this year is:

"Take Courage! I have overcome the world." - John 16:33

For more information and to register, visit www.renewtoronto.org.

In the Footsteps of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV
Pilgrimage April 18 - 30, 2027

PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, FRANCE & SPAIN

In the Footsteps of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV

Under spiritual leadership of Fr. John Bertao, Pastor, Our Lady of Grace, Aurora

April 18 – 30, 2027 - 13 days - $4,990 (Toronto Dep. incl. all taxes & tips)

April 18 Evening departure from Toronto to Lisbon.

April 19 Morning arrival in Lisbon. Upon arrival we are transferred to Fátima, one of the most important Catholic pilgrimage sites in the world, where the three little shepherds, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco, witnessed apparitions of the Virgin Mary. Mass, Rosary procession with candles, dinner and overnight in Fátima.

April 20 Full day in Fátima. Mass, visit the site of apparitions, the old and the new Basilica. We also visit the houses of the children, have some free time for individual prayers. In the evening Rosary procession with candles, dinner and overnight.

April 21 This morning we depart to Santiago de Compostela, the burial place of St. James and major pilgrimage destination since Middle Ages. We visit the Cathedral, dedicated to St. James, his tomb, and the Old City. Mass, dinner and overnight.

April 22 After breakfast we travel to Burgos. Upon arrival we tour the spectacular Gothic cathedral declared UNESCO World heritage site. Mass, dinner and overnight.

April 23 After breakfast we depart for Avila, Spain, perhaps the best-preserved walled city in the world and home of Saint Teresa of Avila until her death in 1582. It is here, with her spiritual director Saint John of the Cross, that Saint Teresa reformed the Carmelite Order. We visit and celebrate Mass in Avila. Continue to Madrid for dinner and overnight.

April 24 Morning sightseeing tour of Madrid takes us to Puerta del Sol, Plaza Espana with its monument to Cervantes, Cibeles fountain, elegant Calle Alcala and Paseo Castellana. We also view the Cathedral and the Royal Palace. In the afternoon excursion to Toledo. Situated on a granite hill surrounded on three sides by river Tagus, the ancient capital of Castille attracts more sightseers than any other Spanish town. We visit the 13th century Cathedral, where we celebrate Mass, and Moorish bridge. Return to Madrid for dinner and overnight.

April 25 Today, we proceed to Lourdes, the birthplace of St. Bernadette to whom Our Lady appeared in 1858. Mass, dinner, procession with candles and overnight in Lourdes.

April 26 Full day in Lourdes. Time to visit the Grotto and the Basilicas. We have Mass and The Way of The Cross, time for individual prayer and bath. Afternoon we visit the House of Bernadette. Dinner, procession with candles and overnight.

April 27 After morning Mass we travel to Barcelona. En route visit Carcassonne (time permitting) beautifully preserved medieval fortified town with its massive defences encircling the castle. Continue to Barcelona for dinner and overnight.

April 28 Morning tour of Barcelona features the Columbus Monument, elegant tree lined "Ramblas", Plaza de Catalonia, Paseo de Gracia, and the famous church of Sagrada Familia. Mass, some free time in the afternoon for shopping, dinner and overnight in Barcelona.

April 29 Today we have an excursion to Montserrat, the mountaintop Benedictine monastery, surrounded by breathtaking scenery. Visit the Black Madonna where we will have Mass, time for devotion and meditation and afternoon free time. Dinner and overnight in Barcelona.

April 30 Morning transfer to the airport for our flight back to Toronto.

Travel arrangements by: International Heritage Tours — 416-444-6666, 877-999-8868, www.ihtours.com

For information and registrations call: Halina – ext. 315 or 647-294-4116 halina@ihtours.com; Alex – ext. 317 alex@ihtours.com; Joseph – ext. 330 joseph@ihtours.com

You may have seen images of the Holy Father's recent pilgrimages to both Spain and France. Truly inspiring! This coming spring, Fr. John would be delighted if you could join him on this pilgrimage to recapture some of those places, where thousands gathered to remember and pray to our Blessed Mother. Please refer to the flyers by the parish office or at the entrances to the church. To book or for more details, please see below.

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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18 September 2026

My dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord Jesus,

Thank you for all that you continue to do to strengthen the Kingdom of God in our archdiocese. Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to be instruments of healing, reconciliation and hope. This requires us to listen with humility, acknowledge the wounds of the past and work together to restore relationships that have been fractured. During his Penitential Pilgrimage to Canada in 2022, the late Pope Francis invited us to walk together with Indigenous Peoples of This Land and to reflect upon the pain and suffering experienced by so many.

I invite you to join me in praying for all those who continue to carry emotional, physical and spiritual wounds, especially residential school survivors, their families and their communities. In a particular way, we lift our prayers to the Lord on Wednesday, 30 September, as Canada observes the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

I also ask that you prayerfully consider supporting the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF) through the collection that will take place on the weekend of 3/4 October 2026. The Fund was established by the Bishops of Canada as part of our ongoing journey of healing and reconciliation. It is overseen by a national Board of Directors composed of Indigenous and non-Indigenous leaders and supports locally determined initiatives undertaken in collaboration with First Nations, Métis and Inuit partners.

As we work to fulfil the February 2022 archdiocesan pledge, the Archdiocese of Toronto, to date, has already committed $4.5 million to Indigenous Reconciliation Fund projects supporting healing and reconciliation, culture and language revitalization, education and community building, and Indigenous spirituality and culture. Proposals are reviewed by our archdiocesan committee before being forwarded to the national body for approval and disbursement. To learn more, please visit www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation.

We remain mindful of the profound words offered by the late Pope Francis during his Penitential Pilgrimage to Canada: *"Our own efforts are not enough to achieve healing and reconciliation: we need God's grace."*

Through prayer, generous support and a sincere willingness to listen and learn, may we continue walking together in faith and hope, guided by the Holy Spirit toward truth, healing and renewed relationships. May the Blessed Mother accompany us on this journey.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Protectress of Canada, pray for us.

Sincerely yours in Jesus with Mary,

+ Frank Card. Leo

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