

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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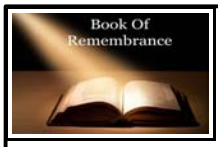
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PASTORAL REFERENCES
For a pastoral reference, you must be a registered parishioner with envelopes for a minimum of one year, attending Sunday Mass regularly, be in good canonical standing within the Church and participating in the sacramental and pastoral life of the Church community by serving in a parish ministry (e.g. lector, catechist) on an ongoing basis.

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MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon., Nov. 9th	8am	+ Becky DeHaas
Tue., Nov. 10th	8am	(SI) Anthony Bertao & Family
Wed., Nov. 11th	8am	+ Robrigo Santiago
Thu., Nov. 12th	8am	(SI) Nicholaspillai & Family
Fri., Nov. 13th	8am	+ Antoni Burg
Sat., Nov. 14th	9am	(SI) Vocations to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ, (SI) Lourdelina Batugal, (SI) Lourdes Manuel, + Fr. Ronald Mahon, + Michael Pun, + Mary & Dennis Smith & Family, + Russel & Madeleine Ascott & Family, + Nevio & Diva Cantarutti & Family, + Da Silva & Pimentel Families
	5pm	+ Rosa Rodriguez
Sun., Nov. 15th	8am	+ Carmelo & Michelina Zambri
	10am	+ Ana Leonor Parra
	12pm	"Populo" for the intentions of our parish families
	7pm	+ Souls in Purgatory



Book of Remembrance

You are invited to add the names of family and friends into the Book of Remembrance, located in front of the Ambo. Prayers will be offered for all names included in the book, at all Masses during the month of November. Envelopes have also been provided where you may provide names of deceased loved ones along with an offertory donation.

SANCTUARY CANDLES SPONSORSHIP	
Dec. 13th to Jan. 12th, 2027	(SI) Arthur & Justin Zhou
Jan. 13th to Feb. 12th, 2027	(SI) Dave & Jill Tate & Family
Feb. 13th to Mar. 12th, 2027	(SI) Donkers & Blanco Families
Mar. 13th to Apr. 12th, 2027	(SI) Puviraj Family
Apr. 13th to May 12th, 2027	+ Deceased Priests & Souls in Purgatory
May 13th to June 12th, 2027	(SI) Fonseca & D'souza Families
June 13th to July 12th, 2027	(SI) Sarracini & Cassano Families
July 13th to Aug. 12th, 2027	+ Ornelas & Costa Families
Aug. 13th to Sep. 12th, 2027	(SI) Mario & Fatima Alberto & Family
Sep. 13th to Oct. 12th, 2027	+ Bertao Family
Oct. 13th to Nov. 12th, 2027	+ Maria Melo & Family
Nov. 13th to Dec. 12th, 2027	(SI) Sal & Mimi Vinluan & Family

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Pope Leo in his message for the 2026 World Day of the Poor (to be observed on Sun., Nov. 15th) says, "The poor of our day are the forgotten and the marginalized: robbed not only of bread, but also of a voice and a face. May they encounter the Son of God, who draws near to everyone without neglecting anyone. May they encounter Him, first and foremost, in those who call themselves Christians. In the Church, His Body, it is Jesus who offers bread and friendship; He brings light and opens a horizon of hope; He calls each person by name and restores dignity to all." The Holy Father challenges us to do more than speak about poverty. He calls us to listen to people experiencing poverty, to stand alongside them and, ultimately, to become a refuge for the poor. This call speaks directly to the heart of the mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Through home visits, food assistance, and countless acts of compassion, the members of our Society of St. Vincent de Paul conference remind our neighbours in need that they are not forgotten and that they do not have to face difficult circumstances alone. This weekend of Nov. 7th/8th, we will be sharing an activity report, to let you know some of the ways that your donations to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul have been put to work within our community, to help those in need. If you want to learn more about our ministry, you can contact us at olgssvp@gmail.com. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mass of Remembrance

Wed., Nov. 11th at 8am

Registration for Confirmation

As in the past years, we will have 'final preparation' sessions for those children wanting to receive the sacrament of 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 Confirmation is Fri., Dec. 11, 2026.

2nd Collections for the month of November

- **Shepherds' Trust – Nov. 14th/15th**

The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care.

- **Debt Reduction – Nov. 21st/ 22nd**

CWL Annual Sports Raffle – Sat./Sun., Nov. 7th/8th & Christmas Market – Sat., Nov 14th



The CWL is thrilled to say that our major sports raffle event is back! Skip the lines and buy your raffle tickets early 'Pre-Christmas Market' in the Narthex, after all Masses this weekend of Nov. 7th/8th.



Then, join us for the CWL Christmas Market on Sat., Nov. 14th, from 9am to 2pm in the Parish Hall. Enjoy our Christmas Bakery, a hot lunch at the CWL Bistro, face painting, a visit from Santa, and shopping with over 20 unique vendors. Come share in this wonderful family tradition and help us raise funds to support local charities in our community!

Red Wednesday - Wear Red, Speak Up, Defend Religious Freedom on Wed., Nov. 18th

Red Wednesday 2026 will be observed on Nov. 18th, uniting Canadians in prayer and action. Since its first official event in the UK in 2016, the initiative has grown with events now taking place in more than 20 countries. In Toronto, which has hosted Red Wednesday since 2018, a Mass will be celebrated at 5:30pm at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica by Bishop Vincent Nguyen, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto. The Cathedral's facade will be lit red as in previous years. Attend the Mass, organize a Rosary, host a prayer vigil, light a building in red, or wear red in solidarity. Share online with #RedWednesday2026. For more information, contact Evellyne Lemos at el@acn-canada.org, an ACN Canada initiative with the support of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

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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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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Message for Red Wednesday
18 November 2026
His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May Jesus and Mary be in your hearts.

I am writing to you on the occasion of Red Wednesday, which this year is observed on 18 November 2026. Organized by Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), Red Wednesday is an international campaign that draws attention to the persecution of Christians across the world and the denial of religious freedom suffered by millions of our brothers and sisters as well.

The day began in 2015 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil when the statue of Christ the Redeemer was illuminated in red to draw attention to the persecution of Christians in Iraq. Since then, Red Wednesday has grown with both sacred and secular buildings illuminated in red across the globe. Here in the Archdiocese of Toronto, St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica is lit in red on this day. I invite you to also light your homes, community dwellings and parish churches in red as a sign of prayerful solidarity with those who suffer for the faith.

There is a temptation to think of persecuted Christians as distant figures whose suffering belongs to another place or another time. Through Baptism we are all members of one Body in Christ (cf. 1Cor 12:12-13). "If one member suffers, all suffer together" (1Cor 12:26), when one member remains faithful, the whole Church is strengthened by that witness. The courage of Christians who continue to pray, worship, and proclaim the Gospel despite threats to their freedom and their lives is not only an inspiration—it is a gift to the entire Church.

Christian hope does not deny the reality of suffering. Rather, it proclaims that suffering united to Christ is never the final word. Throughout history, the blood of the martyrs has become the seed of new Christian life (cf. Tertullian, *Apologeticum*, 50), revealing the power of God to bring light from darkness and life from death (cf. Jn 12:24-26). The persecuted Church continues to proclaim this truth today; even in places where churches are destroyed or communities scattered, the Gospel cannot be extinguished, because Jesus remains faithful to his people (cf. Mt 16:18; 2Tim 2:11-13).

While we enjoy in Canada the freedom to gather for the Eucharist, carry a Bible openly, or speak about Christ without fear of imprisonment or death, many hide their faith through silence or

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indifference to avoid discomfort. The example of those who endure persecution asks each of us a simple but profound question: “How deeply do I trust the Lord?” (cf. Mt 10:28-33). The witness of those who are persecuted encourages us to renew our own commitment to the Catholic faith, to prayer, charity, forgiveness, and joyful witness in the ordinary circumstances of daily life (cf. Phil 1:27-30).

Red Wednesday is more than a day of remembrance; it is an invitation to deeper unity and solidarity (cf. Heb 13:3). Through our prayers, sacrifices, and participation in the celebration of the holy Eucharist, we accompany those who suffer for the faith. I pray that our own hearts may be ever more courageous and that we never forget that the Church is one family (cf. Eph 4:4-6). If you, your family, parish, or community wish to show your solidarity with those who suffer for the faith, please visit Aid to the Church in Need Canada for more information or to register your participation.

May the Blessed Mother cast her mantle of protection upon us all.

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