

# *Our Lady of Grace Parish*

***Dedicated September 17, 1983***

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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.**

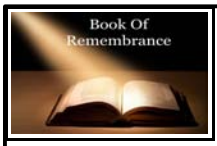
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| MASS INTENTIONS | | |
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| Mon., Nov. 16th | 8am | + Ersilia Mercurio |
| Tue., Nov. 17th | 8am | + Rita Angelo |
| Wed., Nov. 18th | 8am | + Heather Ferracuti |
| Thu., Nov. 19th | 8am | + Pat & Joan Fahey |
| Fri., Nov. 20th | 8am | + Judge Manola Maddela |
| Sat., Nov. 21st | 9am | (SI) Fr. John Bertao, (SI) Vocations to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ, + Fr. Joseph Nguyen, + Edilberto dela Cruz Sr., + Marianna Drag, + Cecilia Wong, + D'Souza & Martin Families, + Souls in Purgatory, + Deceased Priests |
| | 5pm | + Nelly Camila Flores |
| Sun., Nov. 22nd | 8am | + Ganna Wall |
| | 10am | + Elsie Lin Ching Lan & Lin Chu Tun & Family |
| | 12pm | "Populo" for the intentions of our parish families |
| | 7pm | (SI) Anna & Piotr Mikorzewski |

## 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.




## 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.

## CWL Annual Sports Raffle – Weekends of Nov. 14th/15th & Nov. 21st/22nd




The CWL's popular Major Sports Raffle is back! Raffle tickets are available for purchase in the Narthex after all Masses on the weekends of Nov. 14th/15th & Nov. 21st/22nd. Don't miss your chance to participate and support the CWL.

## 2nd Collections for the month of November

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

This weekend, the 2nd collection will be for The Shepherds' Trust. 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.

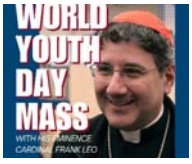
• **Debt Reduction – Nov. 21st/ 22nd**

Next weekend, our 2nd collection will go toward reducing our parish debt. Please give generously. Your efforts help to support our parish life and community. Thank you for your kindness.

## 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.

## World Youth Day Mass with Cardinal Leo – Sat., Nov. 21st, 2026




Join young adults from across the Archdiocese for a special World Youth Day Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo on Sat., Nov. 21st, 2026 at St. Thomas More Parish located at 2234 Ellesmere Rd. in Scarborough, 7pm. Come together for an evening of faith, prayer, community, and joyful celebration as we honour Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, and gather as one Church. Free admission. No registration required. Open to all young adults ages 19-39. Bring a friend and come be a part of this beautiful celebration of Christ the King, faith and fellowship! Video link: https://bit.ly/WYDMass2026

## ShareLife – 50 years of your Faith in Action

For 50 years, your kind generosity has helped ShareLife-funded agencies serve people across our community. Now, as we bring the year to a close, there's one more matching gift opportunity, and it's an extraordinary one: From Nov. 2nd until Dec. 31st, 2026, a generous anonymous donor will match year-end gifts dollar for dollar, up to $500,000. That means your gift can go twice as far in helping ShareLife-funded agencies care for our brothers and sisters in need. This year, ShareLife and Catholic Charities have committed $850,000 through Food Security Grants to help agencies respond to growing needs. Your year-end gift can help sustain this work and so much more. To have your gift matched, please give online at sharelife.org/donate or by using a ShareLife envelope at your parish.

Thank you for 50 years of standing with our brothers and sisters in need through your support of ShareLife!

## Road Closure – Sat., Nov. 21st

Yonge St. from St. John's Sideroad to Henderson Dr. in Aurora will be temporarily closed on Sat., Nov. 21st, from 3 - 8pm for the Santa Under the Stars Parade. Those attending the Saturday 5pm are encouraged to plan their commute accordingly and allow extra time for travel.

## Advent Confessions

Advent Confessions will take place on:
Thu., Dec. 3rd from 6pm to 9pm
Please see below the links provided on "How to go to Confession" & "Examination of Conscience".

For Youth:
guide-youth-en-2016.pdf (archtoronto.org)
For Adults:
guide-adult-en-2016.pdf (archtoronto.org)

## Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in February 2027 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

## St. Vincent de Paul Jesse Tree Program 2026

As Advent approaches, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at Our Lady of Grace Parish invites you to participate in our Jesse Tree Program to support Rose of Sharon in Newmarket and Good Shepherd Ministries in Toronto. These ministries serve families and individuals struggling with poverty, providing essentials, comfort, and hope. Your participation is greatly appreciated. Our Lady of Grace Parish has always been so generous and these organizations are extremely grateful for the help that we provide. A tree will be set up in the Upper Narthex of the church from the first week of Advent until Christmas. You may select a tag from the tree, and return your donation at any time during the week.

Thank you for your generosity.

## Coffee Sundays




Our final Coffee Sunday of the year will be on Nov. 29th. Coffee Sunday will resume on Jan. 3rd, 2027. Our sincere thanks to all our volunteers and families who helped make Coffee Sundays a success!

## 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



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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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