

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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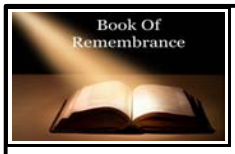
PASTORAL REFERENCES

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., Nov. 23rd	8am	+ Dr. William Fetherston
Tue., Nov. 24th	8am	+ Rosemary Ewan
Wed., Nov. 25th	8am	+ Carlos Martins
Thu., Nov. 26th	8am	+ Mary Britton Hladky
Fri., Nov. 27th	8am	+ Jose Galam
Sat., Nov. 28th	9am	(SI) Nemia Baladhay, (SI) Vocations to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ, + Natalia Maddela, + Perry-Boy Tugad, + Vanessa Di Pasquale, + Fr. Joseph Nguyen, + Fr. Stephen Dunn, + Deceased Priests, + Souls in Purgatory
	5pm	+ Ursula O'Conner
Sun., Nov. 29th	8am	+ Susan Liske
	10am	+ Duarte Teves
	12pm	"Populo" for the intentions of our parish families
	7pm	+ Rosaly Challey

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.



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.

Registration for the Sacrament of 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 the Sacrament of Confirmation is Fri., Dec. 11, 2026.

Advent Confessions



Advent Confessions will take place on Thu., Dec. 3rd from 6pm to 9pm. There will be several priest available to hear confessions.

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)



Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

Mon., Dec. 21st	8am	Advent (Note: Dec. 24th only Mass; no Adoration & Rosary
Tue., Dec. 22nd	8am	
Wed., Dec. 23rd	8am	
Thu., Dec. 24th	8am	
Thu., Dec. 24th	4pm - Children's Mass, 6pm - Family Mass & 8pm - Mass	Christmas Eve
Fri., Dec. 25th	8am, 10am & 12noon (no 7pm Mass)	Christmas Day
Sat., Dec. 26th	9am	St. Stephen, the 1st Martyr
Sat., Dec. 26th	5pm - Vigil Mass	Holy Family
Sun., Dec. 27th	8am, 10am, 12noon & 7pm	
Mon. Dec. 28th	9am	Octave of Christmas
Tue., Dec. 29th	8am	
Wed., Dec. 30th	8am	
Thu., Dec. 31st	8am	
Thu., Dec. 31st	5pm - Vigil Mass	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year)
Fri. Jan. 1st	8am, 10am & 12noon (no 7pm Mass)	

Debt Reduction – Nov. 21st/ 22nd

This 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.



CWL Raffle Tickets & Gift Baskets

The CWL thanks everyone who supported our Christmas Market. Santa wanted us to mention that you are all on his "Nice List"! Sports Raffle tickets will be available for sale this weekend of Nov. 21st/22nd after all the Mass in the Upper Narthex. After this weekend, tickets will remain available until Mon., Dec. 7th by email and e-transfer to olgcwl@gmail.com.

Coffee Sundays

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

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

Once again this Advent, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at Our Lady of Grace Parish invites you to participate in our Jesse Tree 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. The Jesse Tree will be displayed in the Upper Narthex of the church beginning the first week of Advent, decorated with tags representing the needs of those served by these charities. Take a tag to make a donation, and drop it off at the parish after any Mass in the box by the tree. As we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, let us follow His call to love our neighbor and bring light to those in need. Your generosity is a beautiful way to live out the Gospel this Advent.

Why The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at Our Lady of Grace does not sponsor families at the church?

You may be wondering why St. Vincent de Paul asks for financial donations at this time of year over items to be purchased, or families to be sponsored. There are many reasons for this: as Catholics we are called to uphold the dignity of parents and families, recognizing them as the primary providers for their children. By enabling parents to choose and purchase gifts themselves, charities reflect the Catholic values of respect for the individual, the sanctity of family life, and the importance of personal connection. This approach not only meets material needs but also honors the unique bond between parents and their children, fostering a spirit of hope, love, and joy in the true meaning of Christmas.

Message for World Youth Day
22 November 2026
His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

My Dear Brothers and Sisters, especially the Youth of the Archdiocese of Toronto,

May Jesus and Mary be in your soul.

World Youth Day 2027 is coming fast, gathering hundreds of thousands of young Catholics from every continent in Seoul, South Korea. It is my hope and prayer that young people from across the archdiocese will consider participating in this beautiful experience. The theme: "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (Jn 16:33), reminds us that our hope and confidence rest not in ourselves, but in Jesus, who brings us together, and who sends us into the world as his witnesses.

The World Youth Day theme brings us back to the Last Supper where Jesus speaks to his disciples on the night before his suffering and death. Amid the uncertainty, misunderstanding, and search for meaning of the disciples (Jn 13:6–9,21-25,27-29; 14:1-5, 8-9; 16:5,16-18,29-32), Jesus prepares them for his departure, teaches them to abide in his love, promises them the gift of the Holy Spirit, and assures them that his victory is greater than anything they will face in the world. World Youth Day mirrors this movement by gathering young people, helping them to deepen their encounter with Christ, strengthening their belonging in the Universal Church, and sending them forth as witnesses of God's love.

Christian courage is not self-confidence or fearlessness, rather it comes from knowing Christ and trusting him. It is the inner strength to believe when faith is questioned, to hope when the future seems uncertain, and to love generously in a world often marked by division and indifference. Christian courage is "constancy in the pursuit of the good" (CCC 1808), and is experienced especially as a family of faith that spans every nation, language, and culture, united by the same faith and the same Lord.

The choice of Seoul, South Korea is significant because it is the first World Youth Day to be held in a country where Christians are a minority. This setting also reminds us that the Gospel flourishes wherever courageous disciples bear witness to Christ with humility, joy, and perseverance. The history of the Church in Korea, born largely through the witness of lay faithful and strengthened by the sacrifice of its martyrs, offers a powerful example of faith lived with conviction and courage.

I warmly encourage our young people to make this pilgrimage. It is not uncommon for pilgrims to return home with renewed faith, lasting friendships, and a greater desire to serve Christ and his Church in their families, parishes, schools, and communities. May the words of Jesus echo in every heart: "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (Jn 16:33) and inspire a new generation of missionary disciples who place their trust not in themselves, not the secular agenda, nor in empty promises that regrettably our culture makes us - but in the One who has already won the victory and who continues to lead his Church with hope: JESUS.

Be sure to contact your parish office or the Archdiocese's **Office of Catholic Youth** https://ocytoronto.org/wyd-seoul-2027 for more information.

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