

Message for World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

His Grace Most Reverend Francis Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

July 28, 2024



In 2021 Pope Francis established *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly* to be celebrated on the Fourth Sunday in July. The theme chosen by the Holy Father this year is: "Do not cast me off in my old age" (cf. Ps. 71:9) and he wishes to underscore that "loneliness is the bitter lot in life of many elderly persons, so often the victims of the throw-away culture." ...

Our grandparents and the elderly in our communities must be cherished and loved. We ought to celebrate their contributions both past and present in a way that both guides and inspires our future. False measures or standards of "utility" or "usefulness" need to be opposed and resisted because "by isolating the elderly and leaving them in the care of others without the closeness and concern of family members, we disfigure and impoverish the family itself." At times our elderly require specialized care and attention, more than we can provide; it would be irresponsible to not recognize and respond to their needs. We know that they are oftentimes vulnerable and all alone. Nevertheless, familial bonds cannot be torn asunder. True, authentic love, the one which gushes forth from the Sacred Heart of Jesus, looks beyond utility and convenience and seeks a relationship with the other "just because."

...The "prayer of the elderly person" in Psalm 71 recalls the life they have lived in God and seeks His continued protection and help knowing that He will come to their aid. During our 2024 *Year of Prayer* in preparation for the *Jubilee 2025*, let us be extra attentive to this Psalm's supplication which provides for us new spiritual insights into their suffering, cares, concerns, and dreams. The Psalm ends with the elderly person seeking strength not for personal gain, but so that they might continue to praise God: "O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to all the generations to come" Ps. 71:17-18.

... [T]o all Grandparents and the Elderly: Know that you are loved and appreciated. You are a gift to us, you inspire us; we honour your sacrifices and value your wisdom. We are here for you – you are not alone. Thank you for everything you have done for us personally and as a society. Thank you for your witnessing in the community of believers and your guidance for the future; for your hard work and your generosity; for your tears and your love which are palpable and life-giving to us all. Please pray for the Archdiocese of Toronto and her mission in the world. We hold you in our hearts and we are abundantly blessed to have you as treasured members of our families.

For the Archbishop Leo's full message:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/message-for-world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly/>

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Email Scam Alert

In recent weeks there has been a sharp increase in the amount of fake/scam emails being received by parishioners throughout the archdiocese. These emails, usually sent from Gmail accounts operated by scammers, appear to be from a priest and often request the purchase of gift cards or electronic payments. Please exercise caution should you receive an email like this and contact the parish via telephone to validate its authenticity.

Mass of Thanksgiving

for the Vocation of

Sr. Natalie Doummar

Sunday August 18

11 am Mass

<https://salesiansisterscanada.com/>



God Walks with His People

Read Pope Francis' Message for the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/20240524-world-migrants-day-2024.html>

One-Day Retreat: The Assumption & The Afterlife
with Fr. Pierre Farrugia OFM
St. Francis Centre

Saturday August 24 / 8:30 am—4:00 pm

For reservations, call: 519-941-1747

www.stfranciscentre.net

\$40.00 at the door (cash or cheque)

Please bring INDOOR SHOES

Church Yard Sale

Saturday September 14

9:00 am—3:00 pm

St. Benedict Church

PARKING LOT

Save the Date

More details coming...



**You extend compassion to grandparents
and the elderly through ShareLife**

On World Grandparents' Day, we are called to show our love to grandparents and the elderly – to honour them and recognize their many contributions to society.

Through your support, ShareLife agencies are able to provide seniors with security, companionship, and connectedness. Thank you for sharing your blessings and ensuring seniors hold a vital space in the soul of our community.



Pray for the Dead
Wayne Sellars



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growth and
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or priesthood?**

September 20-22
Queen of Apostles



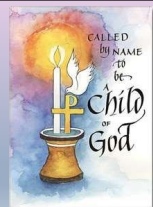
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Our faith community welcomes

Alessio Bruno Ferreira

Brysen Amores

Emma Rosemarie Muchison

I have called you by name, you are mine. Is 43:1

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering (envs & loose only): **\$5,069**

PAG (MONTHLY Pre Authorized Giving) July 20, 2024 **\$6,886**

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

To request a mass intention, contact Susan:
speresso@stbenedicts.ca/416-743-3830 X0

Monday, July 29

8:00am Caterina Laurenza by Francesca, Guglielmo Quaglietta & family
7:30pm Memorial Mass for Vincenzo Armocida

Tuesday, July 30

8:00am Alfonso Montellano JR. by family
7:30pm Deceased members of the Ragogna family
by Aldo & Marisa D'Andrea

Wednesday, July 31

8:00am Maurice, Greta & Jim Fay by Mary Fay

Thursday, August 1

8:00am Deceased members of the Aquino family by Quaglietta family

Friday, August 2

8:00am Mrs. Mak Tang & family by Savio Mak
7:30pm Alfonso Sr. & Maria Montello Jr. by family

Saturday, August 3

8:00am Alex Jamieson by Betty Jamieson
5:00pm Clarence Grostate by Jackie Halge

Sunday, August 4

8:00am Mary Dorothy Browning by Joe & Josephine Muscat
9:30am Marino Moras by Moras family (Ital/Ch)
9:30am For the People (Eng/Hall)
11:00am Mom & Dad by Tammie

Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed

Wednesday, August 14, 2024 / 7:00 pm



Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services – Archdiocese of Toronto invites all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed.

CEMETERY / CELEBRANT

[Assumption Cemetery](#), Mississauga, Most Rev Ivan Camilleri
[Christ the King Cemetery](#), Markham, Rev Msgr Vid Vlasic
[Holy Cross Cemetery](#), Thornhill, Most Rev Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto
[Mount Hope Cemetery](#), Toronto, Most Rev Robert Kasun
[Queen of Heaven Cemetery](#), Woodbridge, Rev Msgr Patrick O'Dea
[Resurrection Cemetery](#), Whitby, Most Rev Vincent Nuyen
[St. Mary's Cemetery](#), Barrie, Most Rev John A Boissonneau

IN THE EVENT OF RAIN, MASSES WILL BE HELD IN:

- Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum at Assumption Cemetery
- Holy Family Mausoleum at Holy Cross Cemetery
- St. Anthony's Mausoleum at Queen of Heaven Cemetery
- Main Mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetery
- Christ the King Cemetery will celebrate Mass in the Reception Centre at the cemetery office
- Mount Hope Cemetery will celebrate Mass at St. Monica's Parish, 44 Broadway Ave. Toronto
- St. Mary's Cemetery will celebrate Mass at St. John Vianney Parish, 13 Baldwin Lane, Barrie