

The new parish in Markham

Hello everyone, my name is Fr. Joseph Grima and I have been appointed by His Eminence Cardinal Collins to be the pastor of the new parish in Markham. The name and site of our new parish is still being finalized, but we will soon be starting weekday and weekend Masses at Brother Andre High School. A little bit about myself: I was born in Toronto, and at age 12, my family moved back to Gozo, Malta where my parents are originally from. I have two younger sisters both married and am a proud uncle to my niece Eve and nephews Amadeo and Braiden. Having completed my education in Gozo, I was ordained to the priesthood on June 23, 2000. Shortly thereafter, I returned to serve the Archdiocese of Toronto, and 17 years later, here we are!!



My Ministry began as a resident at Holy Rosary Parish in Toronto, then as associate pastor at St. Leonard's Parish in Brampton, St. Clare of Assisi Parish in Woodbridge, and as administrator of Immaculate Conception Parish in Sutton and Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Keswick. In 2007, I was assigned to St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Mississauga as pastor and for the past four years, as pastor of St. Francis de Sales Parish in Ajax.

My newest assignment, that of starting and nurturing a new parish community is met with much joy and anticipation. The need for a new parish is a visible sign that the Church is strong, growing and flourishing. Jesus called the disciples to Galilee and said:

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Domenic Barber, his associates and his staff for warmly welcoming me to the community of St. Patrick's. God willing, we will continue building a strong and vibrant Catholic community that together, with our new parish and the parishes of St. Patrick's and St. Justin Martyr, we unite and become a visible presence to everyone of God's love and what is possible when we allow Him to guide our way.

United before Him.

Fr. Joseph Grima