

# Our Lady Of Peace Parish

10th August 2025  
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Office Hours Monday to Friday 9:30 am - 12:30 pm & 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

## *Our Mission*

*Guided by the love of God and the teachings of Jesus Christ, we the parish community of Our Lady of Peace come together embracing diversity and unity, to celebrate the Sacraments, to study the Word of God, and to provide unwavering support for one another. Through dynamic liturgical celebrations, meaningful fellowship, and continuous education, we strive to nurture each person's unique relationship with God and empower them to live out their faith in the world.*

## Holy Mass

Saturday  
5:00 p.m.

Sunday  
10:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday to Friday  
9:00 a.m.

## Confession

Saturday  
4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

## Adoration & Benediction

First Friday  
following 9:00 a.m. Mass

## Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals

Please contact the Parish Office.

## Our Pastor

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*Our catholic faith has been passed down from generation to generation. Please ensure our faith lives on for generations to come by remembering your parish in your Will.*

## "Faithful and Ready – Living in the Light of the Promise"

Today's readings invite us into a deeper understanding of what it means to live with faith, to live with hope, and to live with readiness.

### Faith Is Our Foundation

In the second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews, we are given a powerful definition: "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Abraham believed in God's promise even when it seemed impossible. He left everything familiar, not knowing where he was going. He trusted even when the road was unclear. And he was even willing to offer his only son, Isaac, believing that God could raise the dead. That's the kind of faith God is calling us to — a faith that trusts God even when we don't have all the answers, a faith that steps forward when logic tells us to stay back. How often in our lives are we tempted to wait until we "see" before we act? But real faith moves before it sees. Real faith says, "God has spoken, and that's enough."

### A Call to Be Ready

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us: "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit." We live in a world of distractions. It's easy to get caught up in the busyness of life — work, family responsibilities, technology, entertainment — and forget that we are waiting for the Master to return. But Jesus says: "You must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour." This isn't meant to frighten us — it's an invitation to live with purpose, with awareness, and with joy. Being ready doesn't mean being fearful — it means living each day as if it matters, because it does. It means living with hearts focused on eternal things, not temporary treasures. As Jesus reminds us: "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." So let's ask ourselves — where is my treasure? Is it in wealth, reputation, comfort? Or is it in generosity, love, service, and truth?

### Wisdom from the Ancestors

The first reading reminds us that even our ancestors found joy in trusting God's promises. Even in secret and in danger, they sang songs of praise and trusted in the covenant. And they were delivered. We are their spiritual descendants. Their legacy is not meant to be admired but continued. They remind us that God is always working — even in the darkest night, even in uncertainty, God is faithful.

Live each day with active faith — trust God with your future, even when it's unclear. Live each day with spiritual readiness — keep your heart awake and your hands busy in love. Live each day as a faithful steward — using your gifts, your time, and your presence to build up the kingdom. Don't wait for the "right moment" to begin living fully for God — that moment is now. Let us walk like Abraham, who didn't know where he was going but trusted anyway. Let us serve like faithful stewards, alert and ready. Let us fix our hearts on heaven — on the city God has prepared for us. And when the Master returns, may He find us watching, serving, and loving — ready to enter the joy of the kingdom.

**Unpack the  
Christian faith  
together.**

[Click Here to read more about ALPHA](#)

Curious about faith?

### **ALPHA is for you**

Join us for a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment.

At each Alpha session, you'll be hosted in small groups, to share a meal, to watch an episode on a different question of life & faith — then you have a chance to share your thoughts and hear what others think.

All are welcome, no matter your background or beliefs, and it's completely free!

**This series will start on Monday September 15th 2025 & runs for 11 sessions. Doors will open each evening at 6:30 pm in Parish Hall.**

*For more information on Alpha or to register online,  
please see [Our Website - Click here](#) under "Parish Life" and select "Alpha"*

*Forms will also available at the back of the church*



## Mass Intentions

Saturday 9th August - 5:00pm

†**Bob Kennedy** Requested by Kennedy Family

†**Antoinetta Mazzucco** Requested by Mazzucco Family

Special Intentions of Janice Dwyer

Sunday 10th August 2025

10:00am

†**Melanio & Ester Lopez** Requested by Imelda

11:30am

†**Ross Shawaga** Requested by Shawaga & Plut Families

Tuesday 12th August - 9:00am

Special Intentions for Gilda Orrico & Family

Birthday Intentions for Eliane Ngomu

Wednesday 13th August - 9:00am

†**John, †Joseph & †Cecilia Plut** Requested by Plut Family

Thursday 14th August - 9:00am

†**Concetta Sulprizio** Requested by Menina Casalino

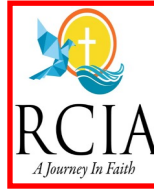
Friday 15th August July - 9:00am

In thanksgiving - The Macan Family

†**Alejandro Ortiz** Requested by Marisa & Javier Rincon

**Our Lady of Peace, Pray for Us**

## Interested in Becoming Catholic or Deepening Your Faith?



Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program begins in September 2025, and registration is open now!

This program is for: Those not yet baptized. Those baptized in another Christian denomination. Those baptized in the Catholic Church but who have not yet received First Communion or Confirmation. Even fully initiated Catholics who wish to deepen their understanding, knowledge, and faith in God and the Church.

RCIA is a journey of faith, prayer, learning, and community. It offers a welcoming and supportive environment to explore the Catholic faith and prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact the parish office to register or meet the pastor.

Come and see what God may be inviting you to - Your journey of faith starts here!

### Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed

Wednesday, August 13, 2025, 7pm  
Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga  
Celebrant: Most Rev. Ivan Camilleri

## **ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO MARTYRS' SHRINE**

**Sunday, August 24, 2025  
(16163 Highway 12 West, Midland, Ontario)**

During this Jubilee Year, we warmly invite you to join **Cardinal Leo, Fr. Biju**, and the bishops, priests, deacons, and faithful of the Archdiocese for a pilgrimage to the **Martyrs' Shrine**, a national holy and historic site honoring the Canadian Martyrs.

### **Program for the day:**

- 9:00 – 10:45 a.m. — Arrival and personal time to explore the grounds; Sacrament of Reconciliation offered
- 11:00 a.m. — Holy Mass with **Frank Cardinal Leo**, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto
- 12:30 p.m. — Lunch (please bring a picnic lunch — limited catering available onsite)
- 1:30 p.m. — Rosary Procession
- 2:00 p.m. — Eucharistic Adoration
- 2:45 p.m. — Benediction
- 3:00 p.m. — Fellowship and departure at leisure

**Entrance Fee** (payable on arrival): Adults \$10 / Youth (0–18): Free

Please bring your own lawn chair for seating at Mass (and don't forget sunscreen and a hat!). You may wish to drive yourself or travel with **Our Lady of Peace and St. Clements** parishioners on our **chartered coach bus** to this special Archdiocesan Pilgrimage. The cost per pilgrim for the bus (including admission to the Shrine) is **\$50**. Departure from the **St. Clements Parish parking lot** will be at **8:00 a.m.**, with an estimated return by **5:00 p.m.** To reserve your seat on the bus, (as seating is limited) please contact the parish office by phone or email, and provide the names of each pilgrim along with an email address and phone number. Payment can be made by cash or cheque payable to **Our Lady of Peace Parish**. We look forward to making this meaningful pilgrimage with you!

### Pastoral Letters of Reference

If you anticipate needing a pastoral letter of reference from the pastor for applying to a position within the Catholic School Board, such as a Teacher or a Lunch Supervisor, or for roles like a Confirmation Sponsor or a Godparent, it is crucial to establish an early connection with the pastor. This ensures that the pastor has the opportunity to become acquainted with you. The reference letter aims to confirm that the candidate is a practicing Catholic, actively participating in the parish community by regularly attending Sunday Mass. Please note that a request for a letter of reference may not be fulfilled if the pastor lacks sufficient familiarity with the individual making the request.

### Mass Intention Requests

If you would like to request a Mass for a deceased loved one, for healing, birthday wishes or in thanksgiving. Please contact the office. 415 239 1259 ext. 0

**Announced Masses: \$20** (date of Mass provided, intention announced at the beginning of the Mass, printed in the bulletin and our website)

**Unannounced Masses: \$10** (the Mass is celebrated privately, without a formal announcement in the parish bulletin or during services).



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