

# Our Lady Of Peace Parish

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May 11th, 2025

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

*World Day of Prayer For Vocations*

*Good Shepherd Sunday*

## Holy Mass

Saturday

5:00 p.m.

Sunday

10:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy) &

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

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## Office Hours

Monday to Friday

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## Pope Leo XIV

On May 8, 2025, the Catholic Church ushered in a new era with the election of Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost as the 267th Pope of the Roman Catholic Church. Taking the name Pope Leo XIV, he becomes the first American to ascend to the papacy.

Born on September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Cardinal Robert Prevost's journey to the papacy is one marked by devotion and service. Raised in the United States, he joined the Augustinian Order and was ordained a priest in 1982. His early ministry took him to Peru, where he served for over a decade. Cardinal Prevost's commitment to serving others was evident in his leadership within the Order of Saint Augustine, where he served as Prior General from 2001 to 2013.



Later, as Bishop of Chiclayo, Peru, and President of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, Cardinal Prevost demonstrated a deep understanding of the challenges facing the Church, particularly in Latin America, and the world. He brings a unique perspective as someone who has navigated both the North and South American continents, bridging cultural gaps within the global Church.

In this time of transition and renewal, we are reminded that the Church is not simply led by one person, but by the Holy Spirit who guides us all. Pope Leo XIV is a servant of Christ and a shepherd to the faithful, and we are called to walk with him in prayer and solidarity. Let us lift up our hearts in prayer for our new pope, for the Church, and for the world. May Pope Leo XIV's papacy be a beacon of hope, healing, and unity for all.

## **Good Shepherd Sunday & World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

On Good Shepherd Sunday, we are called to reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, who lovingly guides, nurtures, and protects His flock. This day also marks the "World Day of Prayer for Vocations," inviting us to reflect on the vocations of those who dedicate their lives to serving others, especially priests, teachers, parents, and anyone entrusted with the care of others.

As we contemplate the role of a shepherd, we realize that a shepherd's responsibilities extend far beyond mere leadership. A shepherd is called to lead, feed, nurture, comfort, correct, and protect the flock. These same responsibilities fall on priests, teachers, parents, and all those who care for others in their various roles. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, shows us that caring for others requires sacrifice, love, and constant vigilance. It's not just about giving instructions—it's about walking alongside those we serve, offering them compassion, guidance, and protection.

In the readings today, we see the early Christian community responding to God's call. In Acts, Paul and Barnabas, despite opposition, continue to spread the Good News, reflecting the universal mission of Christianity. They boldly share God's message, even when rejected. The Responsorial Psalm reminds us, "We are His people, the flock He tends," reminding us that, as those entrusted with the care of others, we are all part of God's flock, called to serve with love and dedication.

In Revelation, we see Christ as both the Lamb and the Shepherd. This vision of the glorified Christ offers great comfort to all who suffer for their faith, encouraging them that Christ will shelter them through the hardships of life and bring them to eternal joy. This is a reminder for all of us, especially those who serve others, that our work is never in vain—Christ, the Good Shepherd, is with us every step of the way.

As priests, teachers, parents, and leaders in any capacity, we are entrusted with the care of others. We must love those in our care, protect them from harm, nurture their growth, and guide them with wisdom and compassion. We must recognize that our roles require ongoing dedication, not just during specific tasks or moments, but in the way we live each day. Our work, no matter how challenging, is an opportunity to reflect Christ's love and care.

Just as pastors, teachers, and parents care for others, so too are we called to support and care for those who serve us. As a community, we must listen to the guidance of our shepherds—whether that's following the advice of our pastors, or the instruction of our teachers. Our role as "sheep" is to cooperate with those entrusted with our care, offering support and encouragement.

Support your pastors and teachers by actively engaging in your parish, school, and community. Participate in the sacraments, attend Mass, and offer constructive feedback to help them in their mission. Support your parents and caregivers by showing gratitude and love. Help create a home and community environment where faith is nurtured and the responsibilities of caring for others are shared.

Let us all pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, and the many other ways God calls people to serve. Parents, especially, are called to foster vocations by creating a loving and faith-centered home, praying for and supporting those who feel called to religious life, and encouraging them in their journey. We can also contribute by supporting seminarians and religious communities through prayer and financial aid.

As those entrusted with the care of others, let us embrace our roles as shepherds, walking with those in our care through every season of life. And let us always remember that the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, walks with us, leading us to eternal life. By answering His call with love and dedication, we will build stronger communities and a more compassionate world.

## **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS...**

### **To Help Feed The Less Fortunate**

**We're looking for volunteers to help with shopping for food, preparing meals, delivering, and cleaning up afterward, all in the Parish Hall Kitchen. There are many ways to pitch in, and every little bit helps!**

**Join us for our first meeting on Tuesday, May 20th, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall.**

**The more hands we have, the lighter the load for everyone — so please come and be part of something special! Together, we can make a difference.**

***"And the King will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'" Matthew 25:40 (NRSV)***

# MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday 10th May—5:00pm**

† Maria Tassone *Requested by Tassone Family*

**Sunday 11th May**

**10:00am**

† Leonard Staudinger *Requested by Jane Wallbridge*

† Diana Enerio *Requested by Mavi Maceda*

† Serafina & † Antonino Mulé *Requested by Walsh Family*

**11:30am**

† Constantia Borzacchini *Requested by Josephine Pellegrino*

† Adele Capirchio *Requested by Capirchio Family*

**Monday 12th May No Mass on Mondays**

**\*\*Tuesday 13th May —NO MASS\*\***

**Wednesday 14th May —9:00am**

† Spina & Monaco Families *Requested by Susan Monaco*

**\*\*Thursday 15th May —NO MASS\*\***

**Friday 9th May—9:00am**

† Rosella Mais *Requested by Menina Casalino*

**PLEASE  
NOTE...**

Please be informed that Fr. Biju, our pastor, will be participating in the Annual Retreat for priests in the Archdiocese from May 12 to May 15. **As a result, there will be no Mass on Tuesday,**

**May 13, and Thursday, May 15.**

We ask for your prayers for Fr. Biju and all the priests attending the retreat, that they may experience a time of spiritual renewal, reflection, and deepening of their faith. Let us continue to support them through our prayers during this special time.

Thank you for your understanding and prayers.

**Sacred Heart:** Special Intentions of the Samson Family & Pope Leo XIV



**Sanctuary Candle:** † Ramon Rafael Torres  
*Requested by Torres Family*

**St Joseph:** † Leonard Staudinger  
*Requested by Jane Wallbridge*

## **Parish Hall Activities**

**Monday:** Alpha - 6pm-9pm

**Tuesday:** Tuesday Treasures -9.30am-12.30 pm

**Wednesday:** Creative Writing Course - 2pm-4pm - starting June 5

**Thursday:** Keep Fit Class - 2pm-3.30pm

*Dear Beloved Mothers,*



Today, on this special day, we gather as a congregation to honor and celebrate you—our mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures. It is with grateful hearts and full of admiration that we acknowledge the beautiful, sacrificial love you give day in and day out. You are truly a reflection of God's unconditional love for us, a love that nurtures, guides, and strengthens.

On this day, I also want to acknowledge those for whom Mother's Day may bring mixed emotions. For those who have lost a mother or have experienced the pain of infertility or unfulfilled dreams of motherhood, we stand with you in prayer. God sees your heart and understands your sorrow. May His peace and comfort surround you today.

To those who are still in the trenches of sleepless nights, endless laundry, and balancing work and family—keep going. Your efforts do not go unnoticed. God sees your sacrifice, and He delights in the love you pour into your family.

Today, we celebrate you. We pray for you. And we thank God for the gift that is you. May you feel the love and appreciation that you so richly deserve, and may you be filled with God's peace, joy, and strength in all that you do.

Thank you for being the heart of the family, the hands of love, and the shoulders of grace. You are truly a blessing to this congregation, to your families, and to the world.

**Happy Mother's Day!**  
In Christ's love,

*Fr. Biju Kannampuzha CMI*



## **The Annual OLP Ladies' Brunch**

**Sunday, June 8th, 12:30pm**

**at the Canadiana Restaurant. \$30**

**includes Brunch, door prizes, and,**

**back by popular demand, guest speaker: Sister Carmella.**

**Tickets on sale at each Mass at the back of the church or call Joan Grima : 647 278 9362**



## **Sacrament of First Holy Communion**



Congratulations to the Children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Peace Parish this weekend

May you feel the peace of Christ filling your heart and the joy of His presence in your life. Amen





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