

Our Lady Of Peace Parish

April 13th, 2025

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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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



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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

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.

Two Processions, One Heart

Today is Palm Sunday, and the liturgy invites us to witness two processions. The first takes place as Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem, and the second unfolds as He is led outside the city walls. At first glance, these processions seem to stand in stark contrast. One is marked by triumph and joy—the other by sorrow and scorn.

Yet, despite their differences, both processions center around the same figure: Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. He enters Jerusalem as a triumphant king, hailed with palm branches and cries of “Hosanna!” And He departs as a condemned prisoner, burdened by a cross, surrounded by mockery and rejection. Still, He is unchanged—steadfast and obedient, journeying to the cross to conquer sin and death, to capture our hearts for the Father, and to lead us, ultimately, to the joy of eternal life.

While Christ remains constant, the crowd around Him does not. And that crowd is, in many ways, a reflection of us. Like the people in the Gospel, we are often changeable. We cheer when the moment is glorious and easy, and we jeer when the path grows difficult. Our hearts, too, can be divided—drawn at times toward God, yet easily swayed by fear, pride, or indifference.

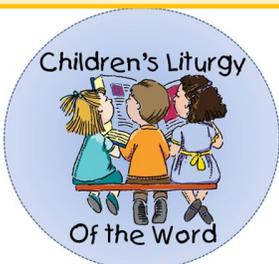
Christ’s invitation to us, especially in this sacred season, is to be single-hearted—to belong entirely to Him. Lent, with its traditional practices of penance, is a time for this transformation. It offers us the chance to shed the double heart, to become people who no longer shift with the crowd but stand firm in love.

Prayer calls us to love God with our whole heart, soul, and mind. Fasting teaches us to govern ourselves wisely, loving ourselves in a way that is life-giving rather than self-indulgent. Almsgiving leads us to love our neighbor as ourselves, sharing our blessings with those in need.

These Lenten disciplines purify our hearts, training us in love, that we may recognize which procession we are truly a part of. And so the question confronts us: When Christ passes by, which side are we on? Do we cheer Him as King or turn away when the cross becomes visible?

But even this is not the final question. Christ does not simply ask us to choose between cheering and jeering, between following or abandoning. He invites us to something deeper: to walk with Him. Like Simon of Cyrene, we are called to take up the cross—not just to watch the procession, but to become part of it. Not merely to avoid the mob, but to become like Christ.

Our Lenten journey leads us to Easter—the great celebration of resurrection and baptism. On that



Children's Liturgy 10:00 AM Mass on Sundays

Liturgy of the Word with Children is suitably adapted to be made relevant to the lives and experiences of young children preparing them for full participation in the Liturgy. It gives them an opportunity to receive and respond to the Sunday readings.

Please Note: There will be No 9am morning Mass during Holy Week (14th April – 18th April)

Holy Week Schedule



Monday 14th April

Holy Mass 7:00pm
 Confessions 7:30pm

Tuesday 15th April

Holy Mass 7:00pm
 Confessions 7:30pm

Wednesday 16th April

Holy Mass 7:00pm
 Confessions 7:30pm

Holy Thursday 17th April

Mass of the Lord's Supper
 & Washing of the Feet 7:00pm

Good Friday 18th April

Passion of Our Lord 3:00pm
 Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

Holy Saturday 19th April

Blessing of Food Baskets 10:00am
 Easter Vigil 8:00pm

Easter Sunday 20th April

Holy Mass 10:00am
 11:30am



Blessing of Baskets

We are delighted to extend a warm invitation to all parishioners to join us for a special Food Basket Blessing ceremony at 10 am on Holy Saturday, April 19th in the Parish Hall. As we gather, we will offer prayers of thanksgiving for the abundance we have received & seek blessings for the nourishment that sustains our bodies and souls.

Our Lady of Peace Summer Camp 2025 is here!

Week 1: July 21st—25th

Week 2: August 18th—22nd

PRICE PER DAY: \$20 (per child)

Forms available from Parish Office or back of the Church Please see poster for details or contact Arnold: asamson@archtoronto.org



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday April 12th 2025

†Wes Domanski Requested by Irene Domanski
 †Armando Rosati Requested by Fasciano Family
 †Bob Kennedy Requested by Currie Family

Palm Sunday April 13th 2025

10am

†Andrew & †Janina Tobola Requested by Drozdzal Family
 For Healing Pat Graham Requested by Colvecchia Family

11:30am

† Maria Tomaszewski Requested by Her children

Monday April 14th 2025

7pm

Tuesday April 15th 2025

7pm

Wednesday April 16th 2025

7pm

Holy Thursday April 17th 2025

7pm

Good Friday April 18th 2025

Passion

3pm

Stations of the Cross

7pm

Sanctuary Candle Intentions

Sacred Heart: †Bob Kennedy
 Requested by Joan Kennedy and Family

Sanctuary: Special Intentions

St. Joseph: †Steve Castrucci

Requested by Kerry Castrucci



Easter Flowers

As Easter draws near, to make our sanctuary truly special, we are seeking your generosity in donating flowers such as Easter Lilies, Hydrangeas or Tulips.

Please bring your flower donations to the church by Wednesday April 16th

Your contribution is deeply appreciated.

7 Week Keep Fit Qi-Gong Class

Time: 2-3:30PM Cost: \$20

Class Dates: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5

Come join our Spring keep fit Qi-gong Program!

This is an ancient Chinese system of physical exercise & meditation that combines movement, breathing, and mental concentration.

Registration forms are available at the back of the church, please submit completed forms & fee to the parish office. Thank you!



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