

Our Lady Of Peace Parish

13th July 2025
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals

Please contact the Parish Office

Our Pastor

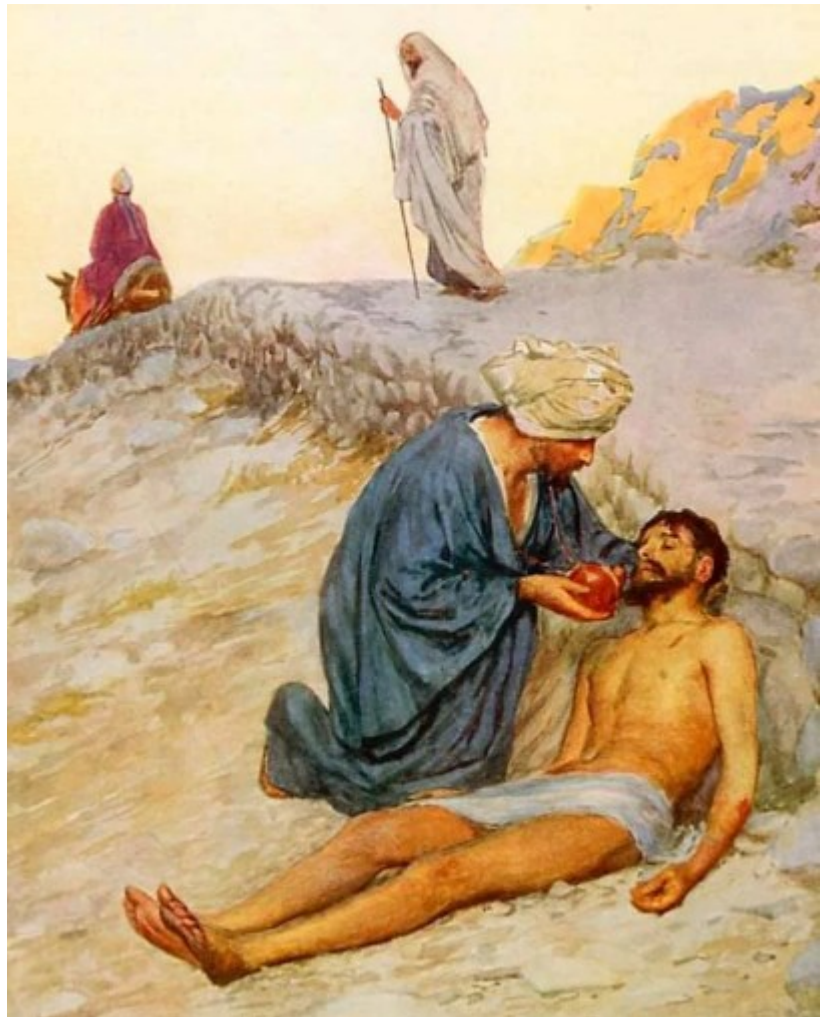
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Monday to Friday
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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.



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.

Am I a good neighbour?

A scribe once asked Jesus a profound question: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus pointed him straight to the heart of the Scriptures: Love God—and express that love by loving your neighbor. But for the scribe, "neighbor" meant only someone like him—a fellow scribe or Pharisee. Certainly never a Samaritan or Gentile! So, to open his heart, Jesus shared one of His most powerful parables: the Good Samaritan.

Through this story, Jesus turned the question around. The real question is not "Who is my neighbor?" but "Am I a good neighbor?" In other words: Do I open my heart to the hurting stranger on my path, or do I walk by with excuses and indifference? The parable of the Good Samaritan teaches us three attitudes toward our neighbor.

The thieves' attitude: "What's yours is mine—and I'll take it." Greed, exploitation, and violence are ancient sins that still plague our world today. Some rob with clubs; others rob with pens, deceit, or power. Whether it's corruption, betrayal, or exploitation—whenever we love things more than people, we steal from the dignity God gave them.

The priest and Levite's attitude: "What's mine is mine—and I'll keep it." These religious men knew the Law but missed its spirit. Fear, selfishness, or rigid legalism stopped them from helping. Like them, we can hide behind excuses: "It's not my problem." But when we do only what is required, we fail to love.

The Samaritan's attitude: "What's mine is yours if you need it." He crossed boundaries of hatred and history. He took risks. He gave his time, his money, and his heart. The Samaritan saw a wounded enemy—but treated him as a brother. No rule compelled him, but love did.

So, who are we on life's Jericho Road? The indifferent passerby—or the merciful neighbor? Do we walk past the wounded—those hurting in our homes, our workplaces, our communities—or do we stop, risk, and pour out compassion?

Jesus calls us to be Good Samaritans. The lawyer's question "Who is my neighbor?" reveals a self-centered heart. Jesus wants to transform that question into a mission: "To whom can I be a neighbor today?"

It starts small: a kind word, a listening ear, an act of generosity, a step across a barrier that divides. The world is desperate for Good Samaritans—those who see the invisible, stand with the forgotten, lift up the broken.

Pope St. John Paul II put it simply: "Your neighbor is the living image of God the Father, redeemed by the blood of Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit. Love them—even if they are your enemy—with the same love God has for you."

Sometimes we must also let ourselves be touched by Good Samaritans. Sometimes God's mercy reaches us through unexpected people—those we once despised or avoided. Sometimes reconciliation begins with an outstretched hand, like the historic handshake between enemies who dared to build peace.

So let's pray: Lord, open our eyes and soften our hearts. Make us true neighbors. Help us love not just in words, but in action—right here, right now, for every wounded soul we meet along life's road.

This week, be the Good Samaritan. Let your mercy be the visible sign of the invisible God.

Wool & Yarn Donations Needed

If you have any spare wool or yarn at home, please consider donating it to the Parish Office. Our Volunteers knit items for those in need. Thank you kindly.



Interested in Gardening & Volunteering?

Do you have a little time to help out in the garden or around the grounds?

We'd love a helping hand! If you're available to volunteer, please give the office a call and leave your name—we'd be so grateful for your support. **Thank you so much!**

Mission Appeal Weekend

Rev. Christian C. Bustonera, AM, a priest from Philippines and a member of the Religious Institute of the Disciples of Mary has been authorized by the Archdiocese of Toronto to make Mission appeals in our Parish on this weekend. Fr. Bustonera will share his missionary experiences and the challenges the young people face in his country. Those who wish to support please use the special envelopes, available at the back of the church. Thank you!



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.

Parents, Please bring your child/children to the Parish Hall before Mass and look for a volunteer with a name tag.

Last Class will be July 20th and will return 7th September

Mass Intentions

Saturday 12th July - 5:00pm

†Doris Mazza Requested by Burnie & McGovern Families

Sunday 13th July 2025

10:00am

†Dino Snidero

†Edward Staudinger Requested by Jane Wallbridge

†Tomas Oducayen Requested by Eden Molina

11:30am

Thanksgiving-

75th Birthday Celia Galvez Requested by Galvez Family

†Asuncion & †Domingo Faustino Requested by Raquel Faustino

†Andrea Escasura Requested by Raquel Faustino

Tuesday 15th July - 9:00am

No Intention

Wednesday 16th July - 9:00am

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

Thursday 17th July - 9:00am

†Edward Staudinger Requested by Teresa McNamara

Friday 18th July - 9:00am

Birthday Thanksgiving Christian & Michel Kashando

Requested by Eliane Ugomu



Sanctuary Candles

St. Joseph: †Edward Staudinger
Requested by Jane Wallbridge



**!Calling all children who have received
First Holy Communion!**

**Altar Server Training - Sat, July 19th,
10am-2pm**

Would your child be excited to do something special? If your child is curious what it means to be an altar server, has a desire to serve God in a unique way, or is already willing to become an altar server, please join us for a summer training session.

Free pizza lunch provided! for more info or to join, contact our Youth Minister, Arnold, or come out to the training and say hi!

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!

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!



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