

Our Lady Of Peace Parish

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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 faith in the world.

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Holy Mass

Saturday

5:00 p.m.

Sunday

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

Tuesday to Friday

9:00 a.m.

Rosary 8.30am

Confession

Saturday

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

(Or by appointment)

Adoration & Benediction

First Friday

following 9:00 a.m. Mass

Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals

Please contact the Parish Office



Dear Parish Family,

Our Lady of Peace Parish is joyfully celebrating a very special milestone — **our 75th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee!** As we give thanks for God's countless blessings throughout these seventy-five years, we warmly invite you to join us for an unforgettable evening of celebration at our **Diamond Jubilee Gala on Friday, November 6, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Le Tréport, 1075 Queensway East, Mississauga.** This will be a wonderful opportunity for our entire parish family — past and present — to come together, reconnect with friends, celebrate our journey, and look forward with hope to the years ahead.

The evening will feature:

A delicious dinner, Open Bar, Dancing and Live Entertainment, A spectacular grand door prize valued at \$5,000, *and* Exciting raffle prizes.

We encourage you to reserve your tickets early and invite your family and friends to celebrate this remarkable occasion with us. **Tickets are \$200 each & Now Available!**

Purchase your tickets online here:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/our-lady-of-peace-diamond-jubilee-gala>

For every ticket purchased, a \$75 tax receipt will be issued to the purchaser of the ticket.

If you have any questions or would prefer to purchase your tickets **with cash**, please contact the parish office. We will be happy to assist you.

We look forward to celebrating

75 years of Our Lady of Peace Parish — together as one family!

With gratitude and every blessing,

Fr. Biju Kannampuzha Pastor, Our Lady of Peace Parish

THE GRACE TO FORGIVE

Today's readings place one of the most difficult and most beautiful challenges of Christian life before us: forgive as we have been forgiven. Peter comes to Jesus with a question that is also our question: *"How often should I forgive?"* Perhaps Peter thought he was being generous when he suggested seven times. But Jesus takes forgiveness far beyond counting: "Not seven times, but seventy-seven times." In other words, Jesus is telling us: *Do not keep score. Do not put a limit on mercy.*

This is not an easy teaching. We all know what it means to be hurt by another person. Sometimes the wounds come from a family member, a friend, a colleague, a neighbour, or someone we trusted deeply. Some hurts are small; others can remain in our hearts for years. We may remember the words that were spoken, the disappointment we experienced, or the injustice we suffered.

Jesus does not tell us that the hurt was insignificant. He does not ask us to pretend that nothing happened. Forgiveness does not mean saying that evil was acceptable or that injustice does not matter. Rather, forgiveness means refusing to allow anger, resentment, and bitterness to control our hearts.

The parable Jesus tells today makes the reason clear. The servant receives an enormous debt of mercy from his master, yet he refuses to extend even a small measure of mercy to another. Jesus wants us to recognize ourselves in that story. Before God, we are all recipients of mercy. Every day we receive forgiveness, patience, love, and grace that we could never earn by ourselves. That is why forgiveness is at the very heart of the Christian life.

Every time we pray the Our Father, we say: *"Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."* We are asking God to forgive us while promising to become people who forgive others.

Sometimes we say, "I will forgive, but I will never forget." Perhaps we cannot erase painful memories, and perhaps we should not. But with God's grace, we can learn to remember without hatred. We can remember without allowing the past to imprison us. Forgiveness changes our relationship with the wound. It gradually frees us from resentment and opens our hearts to peace.

Forgiveness also does not always mean immediate reconciliation. There are situations where trust has been seriously damaged, and rebuilding a relationship takes time, honesty, boundaries, repentance, and change. We can forgive someone while still recognizing that harmful behaviour must stop. Mercy does not mean condoning wrongdoing. Christian forgiveness seeks truth, justice, healing, and ultimately reconciliation whenever reconciliation is possible.

Perhaps there is someone we need to forgive today. Perhaps there is also someone from whom we need to ask forgiveness. We can begin with a simple prayer: "Lord, I cannot forgive on my own. You know my hurt, my anger, and my pain. Give me the grace to let go of resentment.

Bless the person who has hurt me, and bless me as well. Heal what has been broken and show me the path toward peace."

Sirach reminds us: *"Remember the end of your life, and set enmity aside."* Life is too short to spend it carrying hatred in our hearts. None of us knows how much time we have. Let us therefore not postpone forgiveness. The measure of our Christian faith is not only how faithfully we pray, how often we come to Mass, or how much we know about our faith. One of the deepest measures of our discipleship is how willing we are to forgive.

Today, Jesus invites us to put away the calculator of the heart—to stop asking, *"How many times must I forgive?"*—and instead to ask: "How much mercy have I received from God, and how much mercy am I willing to share with others?"

May we receive God's mercy with humble hearts, extend that mercy generously to those who have hurt us, and become instruments of reconciliation in our families, our parish, our community, and our world. "Forgiveness is the door through which God's mercy enters our hearts and peace enters our lives."

May the Lord give us the courage to forgive, the humility to ask forgiveness, and the grace to live reconciled with one another.



A special weekend of celebration!

***Welcome Back to Our
Renovated Sanctuary BBQ!***

With great joy and thanksgiving, we return to our beautifully renovated sanctuary this weekend! Join us for our 3rd Annual Welcome Back BBQ and Coffee Weekend to celebrate.

Enjoy a **Knights of Columbus BBQ** after the Saturday 5:00 PM and Sunday 11:30 AM Masses, and Coffee Sunday with our Social Committee after the 10:00 AM Mass.

***All free-will donations directly support our Youth
Ministry. Bring your family and friends!***



Coffee Sunday

13th September 2026 -10am Mass.

Join your fellow parishioners in the church hall after mass for refreshments.

Coffee & tea will be available after the 11:30 am mass for anyone attending the welcome back BBQ.

Donations of finger foods for coffee Sunday are greatly appreciated. Savory treats are always needed and can be dropped off in the kitchen before or after mass. ***Thank you!***

Gardening Expert Wanted! 🌿

We're looking for someone with expertise in shrubbery and grounds care to teach our gardeners about pruning, feeding, and caring for our beautiful shrubs and plants.

We meet on **Tuesday morning** we'd love some hands-on guidance!

If you're interested or know someone who might be, please reach out to the office.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 12th September 2026 - 5pm

- †Joseph & †Cecilia Plut Requested by The Plut Family
- †Patrick Graham Requested by The Hunwicks Family

Sunday 13th September 2026

10:00am

- †Mary Fode Requested by Patricia Coker
- †Joanne Litigio Requested by Mavi Maceda
- †Canunita Enerio-Edmilao Requested by Mavi Maceda
- Thanksgiving—60th Wedding Anniversary of Stanislaw & Janina Tobola Requested by Anna & Family
- In Celebration of Stanislaw Tobola's 85th Birthday Requested by Anna & Family

11:30am

- †Teresa Hajdasz Requested by Jennifer & Ted Novak

Tuesday 15th September 2026 - 9am

- Special Healing for Gilda Orrico Requested by The Orrico Family

Wednesday 16th September 2026 - 9am

- †Adele Morrisette Requested by Cecile Bisson

Thursday 17th September 2026 - 9am

- †Deceased Members & Friends of The Salazar Family

Friday 18th September - 9am

- Thanksgiving – 60th Wedding Anniversary of Stanislaw & Janina Tobola Requested by Anna & Family

RCIA: The Journey Home

Come, Explore, Discover, and Grow in Faith

Are you searching for deeper meaning, curious about Catholicism, or looking for your spiritual home?

We warmly invite you to *The Journey Home*—our parish RCIA program for anyone exploring the Catholic faith. Whether you come from another faith background, are a Catholic seeking to complete your Sacraments, or are taking your very first steps with God, you are welcome here! This is a supportive space to ask questions, meet others, and discover Christ at your own pace—with zero pressure or obligation. **Our weekly gatherings begin Sunday, September 13th, from 11AM to 12:30PM (right after the 10:00 AM Mass) Come and See!**

Register today on the parish website under "Parish Life, Sacraments at OLP", or contact the Parish office. Your journey home to Christ and His Church starts here.



Whether you are a returning participant or joining us for the first time, you are warmly welcome! Bring a friend and discover the beautiful

Sanctuary Candles

Sacred Heart: †Adele Morrisette

Requested by Susan Galiardi

Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation Registration



Registration for **Confirmation** will take place on **Saturday, October 3rd, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass.**



Registration for **First Holy Communion** will take place on **Sunday, October 4th, at the 11:30 a.m. Mass.**

Registration forms will be distributed to St. Elizabeth and Our Lady of Peace Schools in mid-September. If your child does not attend either of these schools, please contact the Parish Office to receive a registration form.

Please note: A copy of your child's Baptism Certificate is required at the time of registration.

We look forward to celebrating these special sacraments with our families!

Fit & Fun



We are delighted to welcome back Michael, PJ & Sam, our accredited fitness and wellbeing experts, who generously volunteer their time and expertise to support our parish community.

Join us on Thursday afternoons from 2:00–3:00 p.m. for a friendly, accessible fitness and wellbeing class. Sessions focus on strength, mobility, fat loss, and overall health and wellbeing.

Thursday, September 24, 2026 — Michael

Thursday, October 1, 2026 — PJ & Sam

Thursday, October 8, 2026 — Michael

Thursday, October 22, 2026 — Michael

Thursday, November 5, 2026 — PJ & Sam

Thursday, November 12, 2026 — Michael

Thursday, November 26, 2026 — Michael

Thursday, December 3, 2026 — PJ & Sam

Thursday, December 10, 2026 — Michael

All sessions take place in our Parish Hall. Water and refreshments will be provided. This is a wonderful opportunity to get active, stay healthy, and enjoy some time together as a parish community — completely FREE of charge!

We encourage everyone to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity to support your health and wellbeing.

Find out more about PJ & Sam:

strongandleansolutions.ca

Tuesday Treasures: Sharing the Treasures of Our Faith

Tuesday Treasures is back! Join us for a 12-week Fall series filled with faith, fellowship, and inspiration.

Beginning **Tuesday, September 22nd, at 9:00 AM with Holy Mass**, our weekly sessions will explore the virtues of faith, hope, love, and charity—drawing inspiration from *The Chosen* and the lives of the Saints.

Whether you are a returning participant or joining us for the first time, you are warmly welcome! Bring a friend and discover the beautiful treasures of our faith together in a relaxed, friendly setting.

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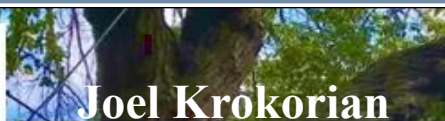
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