Our Lady Of Peace Parish

15th November 2026
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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. (Children's Liturgy)
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



PUT YOUR TALENTS TO WORK: DON'T PLAY IT SAFE!

There is an old story about two farmers talking over a fence in early spring. One asked his neighbour, "Jake, what are you going to plant this year? Corn?" "No," Jake replied. "I'm afraid of the corn borer." "Well, what about potatoes?" "No, too much danger of potato bugs." "Then what are you going to plant?" "Nothing!" Jake answered. "I'm going to play it safe." It is a funny story, but it reveals something about human nature. Sometimes, out of fear of failure, we become so determined to protect what we have that we accomplish nothing. We avoid risks, refuse new opportunities, and bury the very gifts that God has given us.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us the parable of the talents. A master entrusts his servants with different amounts of money before leaving on a journey. Two servants put their talents to work and double what they have received. The third servant, however, digs a hole and buries his talent. He is afraid of losing what has been entrusted to him. When the master returns, he does not praise the servant for keeping the money safe. Instead, he calls him "wicked and lazy." The lesson is clear: **God does not ask us merely to preserve what we have received. He asks us to make it grow.**

My dear brothers and sisters, every one of us has received gifts from God. Some have the gift of leadership, others the gift of hospitality. Some can sing, teach, organize, cook, encourage, listen, or care for those who are suffering. Others have the quiet but powerful gift of prayer. We may not all have five talents. We may not even have two. But none of us has been given nothing. The question is not how many talents we possess. The question is what we are doing with them.

As we celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Our Lady of Peace Parish, we have a wonderful opportunity to reflect on this question. For 75 years, this parish has been blessed by the faith, generosity, and dedication of countless parishioners. We are grateful for those who built this community, those who sustained it through difficult times, and those who continue to make it a vibrant place of worship and service.

But the Jubilee is not simply an occasion to look back with gratitude. It is also a call to look forward with courage. **What kind of parish will we leave for the next generation?** A parish is not built by its beautiful church alone. It is built by people who are willing to put their faith into action. It is built by volunteers who give their time, families who nurture faith in their children, parishioners who welcome newcomers, and disciples who reach out to those who feel forgotten.

At Our Lady of Peace, there are many opportunities to put our talents to work. We need people to serve in our liturgical ministries, support our children and youth, assist our seniors, reach out to the poor, welcome new parishioners, and strengthen our community. We need people who are willing to say, "Here I am, Lord. Use me."

Perhaps you have been attending Mass for years but have never considered becoming involved in a ministry. Perhaps you feel that you are too busy, too old, too young, or not talented enough. Perhaps you are afraid that you might make a mistake.

Remember the third servant. His problem was not that he had received only one talent. His problem was that he allowed fear to prevent him from using it. God is not asking us to do everything. He is asking us to do something. A small act of kindness, a few hours of volunteer service, a sincere invitation to someone who has drifted away from the Church, or a commitment to pray for another person can become a great blessing. What seems insignificant in our eyes may bear abundant fruit in the hands of God.

There is also a deeper lesson in this parable. Our greatest talent is not simply our ability to do something well. It is the gift of faith itself. Faith is not meant to be buried within our hearts or kept as a private possession. It must be shared. We are called to bring Christ into our homes, workplaces, relationships, and communities. We preserve our faith not by hiding it, but by living it and passing it on.

Let us be a parish that takes the risk of welcoming, the risk of serving, the risk of forgiving, and the risk of loving. Let us be a community that does not bury its gifts but generously shares them for the glory of God and the good of others.

One day, each of us will stand before the Lord. The important question will not be how much we possessed, how comfortable our lives were, or how carefully we avoided failure. The question will be whether we faithfully used what God entrusted to us.

May we hear those beautiful words of Jesus: *"Well done, good and faithful servant. Come and share the joy of your master."*

Our Lady of Peace, let us not play it safe. Let us put our talents to work, build up our parish, and make our faith fruitful. The Lord has entrusted much to us. Let us give Him our very best.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 – 5:00 p.m.

✝ **Ernest Kumudchandra Das** – *MacIsaac Family*
✝ **John Plut** – *Plut Family*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 – 10:00 a.m.

🙏 **All Holy Souls in Purgatory** – *Veronica Mendes*
✝ **John Mendes** – *Veronica Mendes*
✝ **Wes Domanski** – *Domanski Family*
✝ **Persuelo L. Antonio** & ✝ **Rufina A. Antonio** – *Mary Joy A. Dela Cruz*

11:30 a.m.

✝ **Thomas Periere** – *Beverlyn, Ian & Family*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 – 9:00 a.m.

✝ **Wiktoria** & ✝ **Dominik Michalik** – *Podbielski Family*
✝ **Anna** & ✝ **Andrzej Wilczynski** – *Podbielski Family*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 – 9:00 a.m.

✝ **Antonio,** ✝ **Francesco** & ✝ **Caterina Sciarretta** – *Sciarretta Family*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19 – 9:00 a.m.

✝ **Addolorata Marcinicchio** – *Lombardi Family*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20 – 9:00 a.m.

✝ **Charlie Muscot** – *Joan Grima*

TUESDAY TREASURES

Sharing the Treasures of Our Faith

Join us every **Tuesday,** beginning with
Holy Mass at 9:00 a.m.,
followed by fellowship, faith-sharing and reflection inspired by ***The Chosen.***

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Refreshments and snacks will be provided.
Please feel free to bring along a treat to share!

Everyone is welcome!

Interested in Volunteering at OLP?

We have many ministries always seeking more to serve,
maybe one is for you!

"Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto Me."
Matthew 25:40

Please email
The Volunteer Co-Ordinator at
✉ olpeaceVS@archtoronto.org
for more information.

Week at a Glance

Sat, Nov 14	25th	5:00 p.m. Mass – Fr. Biju's 25th Anniversary
Mon, Nov 16		***Faith in Focus*** 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Tue, Nov 17		***Tuesday Treasures*** 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
		Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Wed, Nov 18		***Choir Practice*** 7:00 p.m.
Thu, Nov 19		***Fit & Fun*** 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
		Lectio: Mary 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Fri, Nov 20		***Edge Night*** (Gr. 6 – 8) 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Sat, Nov 21		**First Holy Communion Class** 3:45 p.m.

OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH
Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH
9 AM TO 2 PM

Shop for unique gifts from local vendors.

Enjoy homemade treats, coffee, tea, Krispy Kreme® donuts, homemade sandwiches!

Children's Area for Crafts, Cookie Decorating & More!

Take your child's photo with Santa & Mrs. Claus.
Every child gets a treat from Santa!

Santa, Mrs. Claus & Esmeralda Twinkle Toes

OLP Children's Christmas Pageant

A Call for All Children
Ages 7 – 13

Be part of our OLP Children's Pageant!
Share the joy of the Christmas story and help bring the Nativity to life!

To be performed at the Christmas Dinner (Dec 13th – Evening)

✉ Interested parents & children contact Arnold at
asamson@archtoronto.org

Peacemakers Youth Ministry
YOUTH NIGHT

Grades 3 – 8 & 6 – 8
Friday Evening 6 – 8.30pm
in the Parish Hall

*Come along, have fun, make friendships and get closer to **GOD!***

Our Lady of Peace Little Gift Shoppe

Faith-filled gifts for sacraments, special occasions and every step of your faith journey!

Bakers Wanted!

*We need homemade baked goods for our Bake Sale taking place at the **Christmas Bazaar** on **Saturday, November 28th.***

If you can help, please bring your tasty treats to the church on ***Friday, November 27th.***

All baked goods must be labeled with a list of ingredients.

Fit & Fun THURSDAYS

Join us every Thursday!

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
FIT HOUR
Enjoy an hour of gentle fitness and movement with expert guidance. Suitable for all ages and fitness levels!

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
FUN & FRIENDSHIP
Relax and enjoy a friendly afternoon of cards, board games, tea, coffee, refreshments and great conversation!

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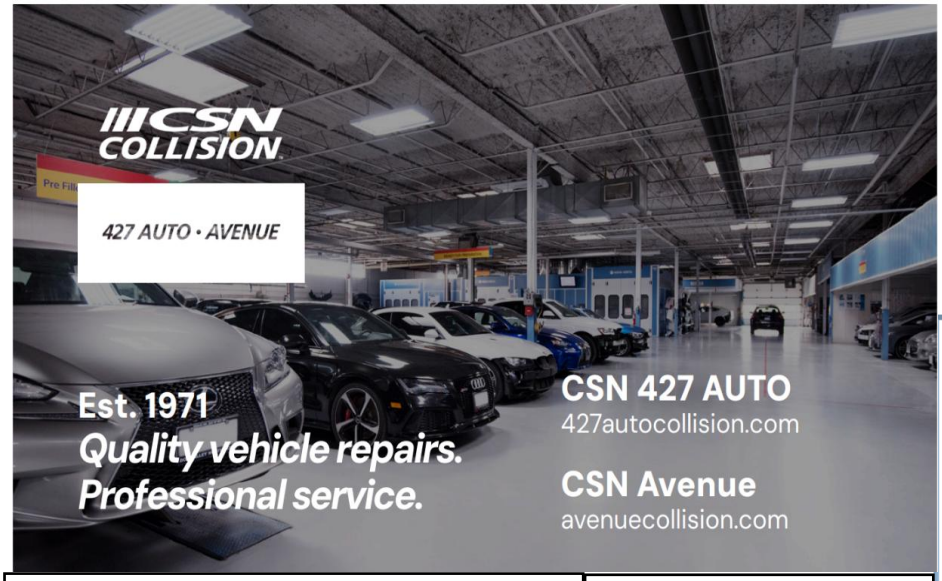
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