

# Our Lady Of Peace Parish

May 18th, 2025  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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

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

## 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.



*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.*

## The Mark of Christian Identity: Love

The readings for this weekend are deeply encouraging, reminding us that God is not a distant figure, but a God who is with His people—Emmanuel, “God with us.” Our God is with us, walking beside us, and constantly at work, taking away our pain and tears. He is actively bringing healing and peace into the hearts of His beloved people. This is the nature of our God: present, compassionate, and deeply involved in the lives of His followers.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus offers His final instructions to His disciples before His suffering and death. When someone knows their time is short, when the hour of their departure is imminent, their deepest values and desires come to the forefront. What Jesus said and did in those final moments reveals what is truly important to God, and what He wants us to focus on in our own lives.

It’s crucial to notice what Jesus did not say at this pivotal moment. He did not say, “Above all else, even if you’re not living out the Gospel, at least make sure you look the part.” He certainly didn’t say, “Remember this if you remember nothing else: keeping up appearances and following the letter of the law is the most important thing.” And He most definitely didn’t say, “Disassociate yourself from everyone who stumbles or falls short.”

What Jesus did say is powerful: “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this, all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The message is clear. Love is what matters above all else. Love and compassion are at the heart of what it means to follow Christ. Keeping God’s law and doing good are not unimportant, but they must be done with the love of God in our hearts, flowing outward into actions motivated by that love. If we miss the love, we miss everything.

Before He suffered and died, Jesus wanted to make this abundantly clear: “People will know you are my disciples by the way you love one another.” This is the defining characteristic of a Christian—love. When others see the quality of our love, mercy, compassion, and care, they are inspired and moved. But when they don’t see it, they can be discouraged, even scandalized, and may lose trust, hope, and faith.

To illustrate this, consider the story of the renowned French artist Paul Gustave Doré. While traveling in Europe, Doré lost his passport. At a border crossing, he explained his situation to a guard, hoping to be recognized and allowed to pass. The guard, however, was skeptical, saying that many people try to cross the border by claiming to be someone they’re not. Doré insisted on his identity, and the guard proposed a test. He handed Doré a pencil and a piece of paper and asked him to sketch some peasants nearby. Doré, with incredible skill, completed the sketch in no time, and the guard, convinced of his identity, allowed him to pass. Doré’s actions confirmed who he was. In the same way, Jesus tells us that our love for one another is the test that confirms our identity as His disciples. “By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Love is the Christian’s identity. It’s not just a feeling or an abstract concept; it is our uniform, our habit, our way of life. If we wear the habit of love, we are in—we belong to Christ. If we do not wear love as a habit, we are out. True Christian love is a love that seeks the best for others, even at the cost of our own desires and ambitions. It is a love that serves, sacrifices, suffers, and puts others first.

This is the love that Jesus wanted His disciples to carry with them after His death. It is the love that identifies us as Christians—the love that moves us to action, to give of ourselves for the good of others. This is how the world will know we are Christians: by the depth, quality, and practicality of our love. They will know we are Christians by our love.

So, let us be inspired and convicted by this call to love. Let us wear the mark of Christian identity, not in outward appearances, but in the genuine, self-giving love we offer to others. In doing so, we reflect the love that Jesus has shown us, and we become the living testimony of His presence in the world.

"Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us who have recourse to thee"

## **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)*



### Saturday 17th May—5:00pm


†Steve Castrucci *Requested by Nesbit Family*

†Marlene Berthium *Requested by Nesbit Family*

†Mary Chadelka *Requested by Nesbit Family*

### Sunday 18th May

#### 10:00am

 Healing-Pat Graham *Requested by Colavecchia Family*

#### 11:30am

† Ramon Rafael Torres *Requested by Torres Family*

† Josephine Ouano *Requested by Family*

### Tuesday 20th May - 9:am

† Maria Galati *Requested by Josie Galati*

### Wednesday 21st May —9:00am

† John, †Joseph and †Celia Plut *Requested by Stephan Plut*

 Special Intentions of the Walsh Family

### Thursday 22nd May - 9:am

† Maria Raimondo *Requested by Nicki Raimondo*

### Friday 23rd May - 9:00am

† Lumel Aguirre



# Faith & Fellowship



## Coffee Sunday

After all Masses this weekend  
May 17th & 18th

We warmly invite you to join us in the parish hall for coffee and fellowship. It's the perfect way to connect and share in some delightful moments with fellow parishioners.

Parish Pastoral and Finance Council Members will be on hand to address and answer any questions regarding the Diamond Jubilee Campaign

### 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



## Our Lady of Peace- Diamond Jubilee Capital Campaign

As part of our Diamond Jubilee celebration, Our Lady of Peace is launching a vital Capital Campaign to secure the future of our parish and continue to serve our community with care and compassion. The funds raised through this campaign will help address key needs that are essential to maintaining and improving the life of our parish. Some of the specific goals include:

- ◇ Hiring a full-time youth minister to revitalize youth ministry and engage the next generation of believers.
- ◇ Bringing on a dedicated staff member to coordinate programs and support for maturing adults.
- ◇ Expanding outreach efforts to assist the homeless, refugees, and connect with isolated seniors in our community.
- ◇ Removing harmful asbestos from the church, rectory, office, and parish hall to ensure the health and safety of all who use these spaces. Refurbishing the sanctuary carpet, restoring the pews, and renewing the church floor to maintain the beauty of our sacred space.
- ◇ Upgrading the church's sound system and lighting to enhance the worship experience.
- ◇ Paying off our outstanding debt to ensure a financially sustainable future for Our Lady of Peace.

To address these important needs, our goal is to raise \$3.8 million. Thanks to the generosity of our parish family, we have already pledged \$1.5 million toward this goal. Of that, \$462,000.00 has been received, bringing us closer to fulfilling this vision.

We are incredibly grateful for your support in our Diamond Jubilee Capital Campaign. There are several ways you can make your pledge and contribute to this important effort. You can give in the following ways:

- ◇ **Cash:** Direct contributions can be made in person at the parish office or during Mass.
- ◇ **Cheque:** Please make cheques payable to "Our Lady of Peace" and drop them off at the parish office or mail them in or put it in the offertory basket.
- ◇ **Credit Card:** You can make your pledge securely online using your credit card.
- ◇ **Pre-Authorized Debit:** Set up automatic monthly contributions through Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) for a hassle-free and consistent giving experience.
- ◇ **Securities and Shares:** Gifts of stocks, bonds, or other securities can be a great way to contribute and may offer tax benefits. Please contact the parish office for more information on how to donate securities.

We are deeply grateful for your continued support and encourage all members of our community to join us in this important effort. Together, we can secure a bright future for Our Lady of Peace and continue to be a place of grace, growth, and service for many years to come.

Thank you for being part of this important journey!

Fr. Biju Kannampuzha CMI, Pastor.  
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