

# OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

## A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

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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."*

#### Our Pastor:

**Fr. Biju Kannampuzha**

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#### Office Administrators:

**Jeff Glover &**

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#### Office Hours:

**Monday to Friday**

9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

#### Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals:

Please contact the Parish Office.



#### Holy Mass

**Saturday**

5:00 p.m.

**Sunday**

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

**Tuesday to Friday**

9:00 a.m.

#### Confessions:

**Saturday**

4:30 p.m.

#### Adoration & Benediction

**First Friday**

following 9:00 a.m. Mass.

*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.*

**Stewardship Weekend**

In his homily on Stewardship Sunday, His Grace Most Reverend Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto begins by emphasizing the importance of fairness and justice in our lives but reminds us that applying these concepts to God's actions can be misguided, as God's ways are beyond human comprehension.

The central message revolves around the idea of stewardship, both as individuals and as a community of believers. His Grace asks us to reflect on whether our thoughts, convictions, and actions align with Christ's teachings. They urge us to put on the "mind of Christ" and emulate His selflessness and generosity in our daily lives.

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard from the Gospel is used as a teaching tool to highlight God's extraordinary generosity, which transcends human notions of fairness. Archbishop encourages us to widen our perspectives and avoid pettiness, acknowledging that God's thoughts and ways are far greater than our own.

The concept of stewardship is expanded upon, emphasizing that it goes beyond financial contributions to include sharing love, abilities, time, skillsets, faith, and experiences. The act of giving is celebrated as a means of receiving, echoing St. Francis of Assisi's wisdom.

The homily delves into the various gifts bestowed upon individuals through Baptism and Confirmation, including theological virtues, gifts of the Holy Spirit, and charisms. Charisms are presented as special abilities given for the service of others, meant to empower us to be witnesses of God's grace and love. The importance of discerning and utilizing these gifts is stressed.

The role of the Church in coordinating and unifying these gifts is mentioned,

highlighting the duty of ordained members in this regard. Archbishop calls for a focus on magnanimity, which involves recognizing and utilizing one's God-given gifts to strive for excellence.

Stewardship is a way to evangelize and spread the Gospel, and it calls for the identification and encouragement of charisms within parish communities. The transformative power of God's love is the greatest gift.

His Grace expresses gratitude for the community's efforts in furthering the Lord's Kingdom through generosity and encourages continuous mindfulness of God's gifts and their generous sharing. Mother Mary is a role model for her openness to the Holy Spirit's gifts and willingness to act on God's will.

Stewardship Sunday serves as a reminder to embrace a generous and selfless attitude in our lives, recognizing and utilizing the gifts God has bestowed upon us for the betterment of our community and the spread of God's love and grace.

*(The homily is available for download in video, audio, and written formats, on the website at <https://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship>)*



**Stewardship Commitment**

**Stewardship allows us to thank God for all the blessings He has given to us by committing to a life of prayer, participation, and generosity. At all Masses this weekend, you will hear more about stewardship, and will receive a commitment card. I humbly ask you to prayerfully consider to be a good steward of our parish community. Think about how you can commit to a life of prayer, participation, and generosity. Please pray that our Stewardship initiative will enlighten our entire parish.**



Saturday Sep.23rd	5:00 pm For OLP Parishioners
Sunday Sept.24 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am For † Leonard Staudinger 9:00 am For † Ester Lopez Requested by: Lopez Family 11:00 am For † Peter Scherzinger Requested by: Nicolaidis Family
Tuesday Sept. 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am
Wednesday Sept. 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am
Thursday Sept.28 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am For † Rosa Orsini Requested by: Orsini Family
Friday Sept.29 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am
Saturday Sept.30 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am † Thereza DeSouza Requested by: DeSouza Family



September 24 – 30, 2023

Sacred Heart: Giorno Family

Starting in October 2023, we will no longer hold Mass on Saturday mornings at 9:00 o'clock. This change is aimed at accommodating the Sacraments of baptisms, weddings, and funerals. Thank you for your understanding and commitment to our shared faith journey.

**Celebration of the Solemnity of St. Michael & Conferral of the Pallium upon**

**Most Rev. Francis Leo.**

All are welcome to join in a special celebration on Friday, September 29, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass. As part of the celebration, the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, the Most Rev. Ivan Jurkovič will confer the pallium on our archbishop, a symbol of his role as Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto and shepherd to the faithful.

**Office Hours Changed**

We are pleased to announce that our parish office is now accessible to the public from Monday to Friday, between the hours of 9:30 am and 4:30 pm.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Children's Liturgy of the Word is designed to make the gospel message and the celebration of the liturgy relevant to the lives and experiences of young children. During the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, children ages 4 through grade 4 are invited to join Children's Liturgy of the Word to hear and reflect upon an age-appropriate version of the Sunday gospel. Come join us for a Sunday filled with smiles, stories, music, and spiritual growth.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN**

Baptism serves as a foundational step for receiving other Sacraments, including First Holy Communion and Confirmation. If you desire to have your child, who is in Grade 2 or older, baptized or received into the Roman Catholic Church (if already baptized in another Christian denomination), kindly reach out to the Parish office. Registration packages can be obtained either directly from the parish office or from the website or from the table located at the rear of the church.

**FIRST COMMUNION**

**Registration at the Church: - Saturday  
September 30, 2023, at 3:00 pm**

We request that at least one parent attend this meeting with the child. To register, please bring with you the completed registration form, donation amount (suggested \$75 minimum- cash only please), and a copy of your child's baptismal certificate.

**CONFIRMATION**

**Registration at the Church: - Sunday  
October 1, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.**

We request that you attend Sunday Mass at 11:00 a.m. and register your child for Confirmation. To register, please bring with you the completed registration form, donation amount (suggested \$75 minimum- cash only please), and a copy of your child's baptismal certificate.





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