

# 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:

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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.*

## A Tale of Two Brothers

Many parents will give a knowing nod when they hear today's Gospel. They've asked a son or daughter to give a hand, say in washing the dishes. One child may have reflected the reaction of the second of the sons in today's Gospel. He was full of good intentions and readily agreed to do what was asked of him. But he was all talk and no action. He did nothing.

Then we can recognize the other brother. He was a surly chap, who at first refused to work in his father's vineyard. But then he had a change of heart and obeyed his father. We must admit that neither son was ideal. But at least the first son did eventually do what was asked of him, while the second didn't. With the Pharisees and elders we would agree that the first son's response was preferable to the second.

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the example of the problem parents have with uncooperative children to illustrate the problem God has with us, his children.

Jesus directs this parable at the Pharisees and elders who had just challenged his authority to teach in temple. They'd already refused to decide whether John's baptism was of heavenly or human origin. If they had conceded that John was a divinely inspired prophet they would have had to believe in Christ, whose mission John had endorsed. But if they denied that John acted with divine authority, they would have antagonized the crowd, which believed in John.

Lacking the courage and honesty to decide for or against John, they would not have believed Jesus if he had told them that he spoke and acted with divine authority. Jesus realized that there's no point in taking seriously someone who is not open to the truth.

This was the background for today's parable about the two brothers. The Pharisees and elders were like the second brother. They claimed to be willing to do God's will. They thought they, above all others, were pious and obedient. And yet their commitment was shallow and empty. They refused to heed God's prophet, John the Baptist, and would not accept Jesus himself. Since they refused to lead

the way in endorsing Christ's mission, they were not true workers in God's vineyard.

But tax collectors and prostitutes, whom the religious authorities wrote off as worthless sinners, did recognize John as a true pattern of righteousness. They heeded his word and repented. They were like the brother who at first refused to obey his father, but then had a change of heart, and did what was asked of him. To the indignation of the religious authorities Jesus said that these repentant sinners would enter heaven before those who thought their place there was assured.

It would be a great mistake for us to think that this parable was directed only against the Pharisees and elders. Jesus is questioning each of us. Are we like the second brother and the religious authorities? Do we claim to be devout, religious people, who are willing to obey God, while, in fact, refusing to do his will? Or are we like the first brother and the sinners -- people who at first refuse to obey God, but then repent and do his will? If so, we're in a far better state than those who are full of empty good intentions.

Neither of the brothers nor what they represent is ideal. Instead, we must be people who say, 'Yes' to God's will, mean what we say and do it.

We may well be surprised to find that those who had been dismissed as being beyond redemption are welcomed into heaven, while some we would have expected to be present are not there. We pray that we may be numbered among the repentant sinners whom Jesus welcomes into his kingdom.



**Starting in October 2023, we will no longer hold Mass on Saturday mornings at 9 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.**

### **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.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m. For † **John Domanski**  
 Requested by: Lydia Domanski

Sunday Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00 am For: **OLP Parishioners**  
 11:00 am For † **Peter Scherzinger**  
 Requested by: Nicolaidis Family  
 11:00 am For † **Ester Lopez**  
 Requested by: Lopez Family

Tuesday Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 am For † **Domenico De Francesco**  
 Requested by: Breda Donnelly  
 9:00 am For † **John McRae**  
 Requested by: Winnie Kolich

Wednesday Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am For † **Genevieve Chornenki**  
 Requested by: Michele Giorno

Thursday Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am For † **Domenico De Francesco**  
 Requested by: Teresa McNamara  
 9:00 am For † **Wally Diakiw**  
 Requested by: Elizabeth Karczuga

Friday Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am  
**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**



October 01 - 07, 2023

Sacred Heart: † Disnarda Flores

St. Joseph: † Disnarda Flores



**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION – October 6<sup>th</sup>**  
 First Fridays have traditionally been associated with the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To appropriately observe First Fridays there will be Eucharistic adoration following the 9:00 am Mass until 10:15 a.m. closing with Benediction.

**Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund**

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection being held this weekend to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. Special envelopes may be picked up from the table at the back of the church.

**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.



**Bingo & Pizza Night!**

Get ready for an evening of fun, fellowship, and food! We're excited to invite you to our Bingo and Pizza Night at Our Lady of Peace on Friday, October 27th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall.

For just \$10.00, you'll enjoy a delicious slice of pizza, a fresh salad, a beverage of your choice, and dessert. And if you're still hungry for more, extra pizza slices are available for only \$2.50 each. But that's not all! We'll have thrilling bingo games with exciting prizes to be won. Don't miss this chance to connect with your fellow parishioners and have a great time together.

We're also seeking donations of bingo prizes (gift cards or unused items) and desserts to make this night even more special.

For tickets and more information, please contact Joan Grima at 647-278-9362. We look forward to seeing you there!



**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 last weekend, you heard about stewardship, and received the 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.







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