

# 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:

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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.*

**RSVP**

In the vibrant tapestry of India, we cherish banquets, for they are a celebration of life's most significant moments. We extend warm invitations to our cherished friends and beloved relatives, beckoning them to partake in the grandeur of weddings, baptisms, birthdays, and reunions. In this rich mosaic of tradition, these invitations often echo through the air, shared through spoken words, or conveyed through elegant cards, sometimes adorned with the curious acronym "RSVP."

Yet, in our cultural symphony, the RSVP note often drifts like a forgotten melody. The recipients of these invitations, more often than not, remain silent, leaving the host to navigate the sea of uncertainty. It's a dance we've grown accustomed to, but perhaps it's time for a different tune.

This Sunday, a powerful parable unveils itself in the pages of the gospel. It tells of a king who, in honor of his son's wedding, opened the doors of his heart and his palace to the world. With grace, he dispatched his servants to extend the invitation to those he held dear. Yet, to his dismay, those invited turned away, consumed by other worldly distractions. Some went so far as to mistreat and harm the very messengers bearing the message of celebration.

The king's response was swift but just. He punished those who had spurned his generosity, holding them accountable for their actions. In the wake of their refusal, he turned to the streets, inviting those who were yearning for something more, something greater.

This banquet, my friends, is the Kingdom of God. It is a realm where abundance knows no bounds, joy flows like a river, unity and harmony are the very air we breathe. It is a vision painted vividly in the first reading, where the Lord Almighty sets a table for all the nations upon Mount Zion. A promise of a world where sorrow is banished, where the banquet is a metaphor for our deepest human desires – nourishment for the hungry, companionship for the lonely,

recognition for the overlooked, reconciliation for those in strife, and acceptance for the rejected.

Fast forward almost two millennia, and these aspirations still burn brightly in the hearts of people across the globe. The journey to rebuild societies in pursuit of these noble goals is an ongoing odyssey, guided by the Spirit of God. The Good Shepherd leads us to the pastures anew, green and flourishing.

The King has prepared the banquet, and His invitation extends to all – the poor, the outcast, and the rejected. There is a place for the least, the lost, and the last. But in this grand feast, we must shift our priorities. Our daily cares and worldly pursuits must take a back seat to our noblest endeavor – to follow the King and partake in the business of His Kingdom. Seek first the Kingdom, and all else will find its place.

Yet, not only must we shift our priorities, but we must also don the proper attire. As St. Paul reminds us, we must clothe ourselves with truth, righteousness, and the readiness to spread the Good News of peace. Our faith becomes our shield, protecting us on this profound journey.

The invitation has been sent, and it bears an RSVP – an invitation from the King Himself, awaiting our response. We need not send letters, make phone calls, or type messages. Instead, let us bow in humble reverence and utter, "Yes, Lord, I come to do your will." In this resounding affirmation, we find our place at the eternal banquet, where the Kingdom of God shines in all its glory.



**The Annual Priests Seminar for clergy in the Archdiocese of Toronto is taking place this week. So, there won't be Holy Mass here during the week. I'll return on Friday, and I kindly ask for your prayers for all our priests.**

**Thank you. Fr. Biju Kannampuzha.**



**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday  
Oct. 14th 5:00 p.m. For **Marjorie Melnik**  
Requested by: Helina Bartosik

Sunday  
Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m. For OLP Parishioners  
9:00 am For: † **Pedro Jr. Sarsaba**  
Requested by: Mersol Sarsaba  
9:00 am For the Sp. Intentions of  
**Lynne Remedios**  
Requested by:  
Jennifer & Albert Castellino  
11:00 am For the deceased members  
of **Palermo, Passarelli and De Lio Families.**  
Requested by: Palermo Family

Tuesday  
Oct. 17th 9:00 am **NO MASS**

Wednesday  
Oct. 18th 9:00 am **NO MASS**

Thursday  
Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am **NO MASS**

Friday  
Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am **NO MASS**



October 14 to 21, 2023

Sacred Heart: + Danny Casalino (Menina Casalino)  
Sanctuary Lamp: Josie Snaith (Jennifer Castellino)



Please pray for those who have died recently: **Edward Szmítko and Edward Pogorzelski.**

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH INCOME AND EXPENSES 2023			
Month	Income	Expenses	Difference
Jan.	32001.00	32084.00	-83.00
Feb.	24310.00	27747.00	-3437.00
Mar.	22658.00	28291.00	-5633.00
Apr.	42154.00	32084.00	10070.00
May	23895.00	28339.00	-4444.00
Jun.	22334.00	32613.00	-10279.00
Jul.	25281.00	36962.00	-11681.00
Aug.	26114.00	38510.00	-12396.00
Sept.	29498.00	27285.00	2213.00
Tot.	248,245.00	28,3915.00	-35,670.00

**All Souls' Day**

All Souls' Day is a time when we come together as a community to remember and pray for those who have passed away, cherishing the memory of the lives they lived and the love they shared. This year, our parish will celebrate a **Special Requiem Mass on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.** It will be both a beautiful tribute and a comforting experience for all who attend.

During the Mass, we will have a special remembrance ceremony where we will read the names of those who have gone before us and light candles in their memory. It will be a poignant moment for you to remember and give thanks for your loved one, to acknowledge their life and all that it meant to you, and to offer our prayers for their eternal peace.

Following the Mass, we invite you to join us for a reception in the parish hall. Light refreshments will be served.

We look forward to coming together as a parish family to honor our deceased loved ones and find strength in our shared faith and community.



**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 or the parish office. We look forward to seeing you there!






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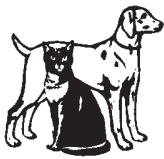
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