

# 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 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**

4:15 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.*

## God and Caesar

Today's readings resonate with a powerful message that stirs the very core of our existence. They illuminate the profound connection between our obligations to God and our devotion to our beloved country. In these sacred texts, we find a path towards becoming exemplary citizens of both Earth and Heaven, demonstrating the harmonious coexistence of our earthly duties and our divine calling.

In the first reading, Isaiah, the revered prophet, beautifully foretells the magnificent way in which even the actions of great worldly rulers, like the Persian Emperor Cyrus, can unknowingly become part of God's grand plan for His chosen people. It reminds us of that God's divine purpose weaves through the fabric of history, and our earthly actions can find profound meaning when aligned with His divine will.

Today's Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 96) serves as a gentle reminder of the profound truth that when we prioritize God's kingdom, we all reap the rewards. It illustrates the idea that a society rooted in faith, justice, and compassion is a society that thrives and flourishes.

In the second reading, the words of Paul shine like a beacon of hope as he commends the faithful converts in Thessalonica for their unwavering commitment to God and to Christ. Their embodiment of the theological virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity, guided by the Holy Spirit, is a testament to the transformative power of devotion to God.

In the Gospel, Jesus masterfully navigates a tricky question about paying taxes to Caesar. His response, "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God," echoes through the ages, reminding us that our commitment to God should far surpass any earthly obligations. It beckons us to recognize that while we have responsibilities to our nation, they must be carried out with the same dedication and respect that we reserve for our Creator and Lord.

Our duty as citizens extends to contributing to the common good by honoring just laws and actively working for the welfare of all. We must be vigilant in holding our elected representatives

accountable to maintain law, order, and justice in our land, without infringing upon the laws of God.

As for our devotion to God, we are called to give ourselves completely, dedicating more than just a portion of our lives. We should approach our Sunday obligations with generosity, while also seeking daily moments for prayer, worship, and the nurturing of our faith and moral values.

Moreover, our offerings to the Church, be they financial or in the form of our time and talents, serve as expressions of our gratitude to God. Every act of service in our community becomes an offering to God, a reflection of our commitment to give Him our entire being.

In the symphony of life, let us be the virtuosos of earthly citizenship and heavenly devotion. By embracing our obligations to both God and country with unwavering commitment and enthusiasm, we manifest the highest form of human excellence, one that inspires others and brings us ever closer to the divine.



## World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday, an annual tradition established 1926 by Pope Pius XI, unites over one billion Catholics worldwide. In October, the universal Church comes together to reflect and pray for missions that span the globe. This day serves as an opportunity to acknowledge the profound importance of mission work, reminding us that we are all part of one global Church committed to continuing Christ's mission, irrespective of our unique circumstances.

The most potent tool for fulfilling this mission is living a genuinely Christian life—one filled with love, mercy, kindness, compassion, and forgiveness. Much like Mahatma Gandhi's "apostolate of the rose," we should let our lives radiate our faith and values, attracting others through our actions rather than just words.

As we celebrate Mission Sunday, we should remember our missionary obligation by living transparent Christian lives, offering fervent prayers, and generously supporting the Church's missionary efforts. In doing so, we become the living embodiment of Christ's love, bringing hope, compassion, and salvation to a world in need of spiritual nourishment.





<b>Saturday</b> <b>Oct. 21st</b> 5:00 pm	For † Beata Bialozor Requested by: Vicky Janosik For †Aleira & †Ester Jaramillo Requested by: Teresa Voem
<b>Sunday</b> <b>Oct. 22nd</b> 9:00 am	<b>OLP Parishioners</b> <b>Sp. Intention for Tina &amp; Justin Sequeira</b> Requested by: Jennifer & Albert Castellino
11:00 am	†Mario & †Pasqualina Iannotta Requested by: Iannotta Family †Maria Lista Requested by: Lista/Colavecchia Family
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>Oct. 24th</b> 9:00 am	<b>Sp. Intentions for Stephen Castellino</b> Requested by: Jennifer & Albert Castellino
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>Oct. 25th</b> 9:00 am	†Emmanuel Attard Requested by: Micallef Family <b>Sp. Intentions for Ophelia Castellino</b> Requested by: Jennifer & Albert Castellino
<b>Thursday</b> <b>Oct. 26<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 am	†Denis Lafrost Requested by: Eileen Lafrost <b>Sp. Intentions for Xavier Remedios</b> Requested by: Jennifer & Albert Castellino
<b>Friday</b> <b>Oct 27<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 am	†Monaco/†Spina Families Requested by: Monaco Family †Pantaleao Castellino Requested by: Jennifer & Albert Castellino



October 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Sacred Heart: † Bob Kennedy**

**Would you like to Join our Adult Choir?**

Our adult choir is actively seeking new members. While the ability to read music is a valuable skill, it's not a requirement. We welcome voices for all parts, including soprano, alto, tenor, and bass. Currently, we're particularly interested in welcoming tenors and basses to our ensemble. Our rehearsals are held every Wednesday in the choir loft, starting at 7:30pm and concluding at 9:00pm. As a member, you'll have the opportunity to sing at the Sunday 9:00am Mass. Join our choir family and share your musical talents to enhance our music ministry. For more information, please contact the parish office or make use of the blue sign-up cards available in your pews. We're eagerly looking forward to meeting you and harmonizing together.

**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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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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