

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

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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. - 4:45 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.

LOVE IS THE KEY

In the warm embrace of the flickering fireside, an elderly couple found themselves sharing a moment that spoke of a love weathered by time. He gazed into her eyes, a spark of romance dancing in his own, and whispered, "After fifty years, I've found you tried and true." Her hearing might have faded with age, and she leaned in, asking, "What did you say?" With unwavering devotion, he repeated, "After fifty years, I've found you tried and true." She, with a playful glint in her eye, responded, "After fifty years, I'm tired of you too." It was a moment infused with humor, a testament to a love that had not only endured but had thrived for half a century.

Today's readings immerse us in the profound beauty of the greatest commandment of love found in the Bible: to love God and express that love through our actions towards our neighbors. The words of Exodus in the first reading unveil the myriad ways we can demonstrate love for our fellow human beings, especially those less fortunate. In the second reading, St. Paul commends the Thessalonian Christians for their remarkable embodiment of Christ's love through mutual care and compassion. As we delve into the gospel, we find Jesus combining the commandment to love God with the commandment to love one's neighbor, presenting them as a singular, paramount directive that shapes the essence of Christian life.

In the midst of this profound message, a Pharisee, well versed in both the written Law and the oral tradition, witnessed how Jesus masterfully dismantled the arguments of the Sadducees. Eager and full of admiration, he posed a challenge: Could Jesus encapsulate the essence of the Mosaic Laws in a single sentence? This challenge was no small feat, considering the era's tendency to proliferate the Mosaic Law with countless rules and regulations while also seeking to distill the 613 precepts of the Torah into a brief, concise statement. Jesus' response resonates with timeless wisdom, revealing that the supreme commandment is to love God by loving others and to love others by loving God, for God's presence resides in every one of us.

Loving God means giving Him the foremost place in our hearts, respecting His name, and sanctifying His day through prayer and worship. This love transforms our lives, permeating every moment of our waking existence.

Loving our neighbors entails profound respect for their lives, relationships, reputations, and property. Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18 illuminate love in action, encouraging us to look at others through the lens of respect that God has given them. This love begins within our own homes, radiating outward to encompass all we encounter. Love for our neighbors transcends boundaries, be they national, social, or otherwise, because God's love knows no such divisions.

In a world where people can be unpredictable, illogical, and self-centered, we are urged to love them anyway. Even if our good deeds are misinterpreted, we must continue doing good. In the face of success, which might attract false friends and true enemies, we should keep succeeding. The good we do may be forgotten, but we should do good anyway. Honesty and frankness may make us vulnerable, yet we should remain honest and candid. Our life's work may crumble overnight, but we should keep building. Some people might resist our help, but we should help them anyway. And, despite the world's harshness, we must always give it the very best of ourselves.

This is the enduring message of love – to love unconditionally, to persist in goodness, and to be undeterred by life's challenges. For in the end, it is through love that we find our true purpose and, as the elderly couple by the fireside taught us, a love that is tried and true can weather any storm.



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.





Saturday Oct. 28th <u>5:00 pm</u>	For † Jose Lecaros Jr Requested by: Jeanette Lecaros For † Stan Swiderski Requested by: Czeslawa/Emerling Family
Sunday Oct. 29th <u>9:00 am</u> <u>11:00 am</u>	For † John Mendes Requested by: Veronica Mendes For OLP Parishioners For † Bernadina De Souza Requested by: Jennifer & Albert Castellino
Tuesday Oct. 31st <u>9:00 am</u>	For † John Diakiw Requested by: Elizabeth Karczuga Sp. 95th Bday Intention for Maurice Pinto Requested by: Jennifer & Albert Castellino
Wednesday Nov. 1st <u>9:00 am</u>	For † Tom Kenney Requested by: Helen Montemurro Sp. Bday Intention for Avril Ogle Requested by: Jennifer & Albert Castellino
Thursday Nov. 2nd <u>9:00 am</u> <u>7:00 pm</u>	No Mass ALL SOULS' DAY*
First Friday* Nov. 3rd <u>9:00 am</u>	For † Carl Kuntz Requested by: Cheryl Stoneburgh For † Ida & † Luigi Giorno Requested by: Mazzucco Family

***FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION – November 3rd**

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.

Welcome New Members

We extend our most heartfelt greetings to all our visitors and extend a warm welcome to new members of our parish community. We hope you feel at home and embraced as part of Our Lady of Peace. New parishioners are encouraged to complete a parish registration form, which can be found at the rear of the church or by visiting our Parish Office. We offer Offertory Envelopes and Pre-Authorized Giving forms for your convenience.

***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 2nd, 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.



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. ♪

Open House

Holy Name of Mary College School (HNMCS), an independent Catholic school for girls in grades 5-12, will host an Open House on November 4th 10 am. For more information, please visit www.hnmcs.ca.





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