

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.

Servant Leadership

In the days of the Austrian emperors, a poignant tradition unfolded within the hallowed walls of Vienna's St. Stephen's Cathedral during their funerals. This ritual, a symbolic testament to the essence of humility and nobility, held a significant place in the proceedings. As the appointed official neared the imposing gates of the cathedral, they would often find them securely closed. To gain entry, a simple yet profound act was required – a knock on the door. At the sound of this knock, a priest within the sacred confines would inquire, "Who seeks entrance here?" The official would reply, "His apostolic majesty, the emperor!" Yet, the priest's response would be, "I don't know him." A second knock reverberated, accompanied by a similar question. This time, the official declared, "The highest emperor." But once again, the priest's response echoed, "I don't know him." Finally, a third and resolute knock rang out. The priest inquired once more, "Who is it?" This time, the official humbly responded, "A poor sinner, your brother, seeks admittance!" In that moment, the door was swung open, and the royal funeral could proceed. This time-honored tradition within the Cathedral of St. Stephen serves as a powerful reminder of the profound truth that humility, in the face of majesty, can open doors and unite us all as equals in the eyes of a higher calling.

The core theme of today's readings transcends time and culture, as it extends a resounding invitation and challenge: to embody humility, selflessness, diligence, commitment, and love through service to our community. The Gospel urges us to resist the allure of hypocrisy and the pursuit of status, just as it did for the early Church and continues to do for our own Church communities.

In the first reading, the prophet Malachi vehemently condemns the irresponsible, proud, and indolent priests of his era, highlighting the pitfalls of self-serving leadership. In the second reading, St. Paul exemplifies the ideal of servant leadership within a Christian community, emphasizing the importance of leading through service. The Gospel narrative further reinforces this message by casting judgment upon religious leaders

more concerned with self-promotion than the well-being of their community.

True leadership, in the spirit of Christ, demands unwavering integrity and honesty from those in positions of authority, whether they be priests, parents, teachers, or politicians. It calls for an end to double standards and instead nurtures a profound sense of equality and mutual respect between leaders and those they serve. This new community values service over status and seeks genuine humility as its defining attribute.

In a world that often glorifies the pursuit of power and personal gain, humility may appear out of place, even mistaken for weakness. Yet, this misunderstanding of humility diminishes its true value. Humility, at its core, is a virtue that beckons individuals to acknowledge their strengths and intrinsic worth while prioritizing the needs of others. It encourages a shift in focus from self to community, guiding leaders in various roles to act with humility.

A boss who values the well-being of their employees over personal recognition demonstrates humility. A parent who devotes time to their children displays humility. A politician who prioritizes the welfare of their constituents before electoral success is practicing humility. And when a priest or lay leader genuinely listens to the voices of their parishioners, they, too, embrace humility.

In light of these lessons, let us remember that our titles and positions should not inflate our egos but rather remind us of the specific responsibilities we hold in society. The mark of a true Christian, or a true leader, lies not in the number of servants they have but in the number of people they serve. By adopting this mindset, we can make humility a guiding principle in our lives and, in doing so, inspire others to follow the path of selfless service and genuine leadership.



The 2023-2024 Sunday Missals are ready for you at the back of the church. Please consider a minimum \$5.00 donation to cover the cost.





Saturday Nov 4 th 5:00 pm	For † Ante Bavcevic Requested by Bavcevic Family
Sunday Nov 5 th 9:00 am 11:00 am	For † Luigi Recchia Requested by Maria Lombardi For † Louis & † Loretta England For OLP Parishioners Sp. Intention Victoria Podbielski Requested by Podbielski Family
Tuesday Nov 7 th 9:00 am	For † Karolina Gawlik & † Kazimierz Emerling Requested by Emerling Family For † Alessandro Mazzucco Requested by: Mazzucco Family
Wednesday Nov. 8 th 9:00 am	For † Emmanuel Attard Requested by Micalleff Family For † Roberto Pimentel Requested by: Pimentel Family
Thursday Nov. 9 th 9:00 am	For † Susan Rodrigues Requested by Marianne Reis
Friday Nov. 10 th 9:00 am	For † Czeslaw Labieniec Requested by Podbielski Family For † Kevin & † Kathleen Fitzgerald Requested by Fitzgerald Family



◆ We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the esteemed parishioners who graced the Pizza/Bingo Night with their presence and contributed generously with prizes and delectable desserts. It is with great elation that we announce the overwhelming success of the evening, all thanks to your unwavering support.

We wish to express our deepest appreciation to the following distinguished businesses for their remarkable acts of benevolence:

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- YELLOW CUP CAFÉ –The East Mall.

Your support has illuminated our cause and has left an indelible mark on our community. We are profoundly grateful for your generosity and unwavering commitment to our shared mission.

Thank you for being shining beacons of hope in our community.

The Social Committee.



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.



Sacred Heart Candle

† Dan & † Wayne Currie
(Ralph & Rosemary Currie)

St. Joseph Candle

† Dan & † Wayne Currie
(Joan Kennedy)

Archdiocesan Consultation Underway.

****Your assistance is requested!****

Our archbishop, the Most Rev. Francis Leo, is inviting Catholics throughout the archdiocese to share their key priorities to help inform and guide an updated Pastoral Plan.

To participate in the consultation, visit: www.archtoronto.org/consultation. Please complete a brief survey by December 15, 2023. You can offer your suggestions and insights. The process should take just a few minutes and we ask that you complete the short survey as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from the Catholic community throughout the archdiocese. Thank you in advance for sharing your insights, ideas, and discernment.



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