

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.

The End

This Sunday's readings deliver the customary reminders about preparing for the culmination of our earthly journey, the closure of our time in this world, and our transition to another realm. They emphasize the significance of a vigilant, inquiring, and evolving heart for nurturing a vibrant and dynamic faith in God. These readings prompt us to consider our readiness for these significant events and how we are actively preparing for them.

In light of the parable in today's Gospel, which features five wise and well-prepared women, the first reading has been thoughtfully selected to personify wisdom as a woman. The author urges the Jewish community in Alexandria not to envy the wisdom of pagan philosophers, for they possess true wisdom in their Sacred Scripture. This wisdom not only guides their present lives but also offers direction for the life to come. Therefore, they are called to live in alignment with the divine wisdom generously bestowed upon them by God.

In the second reading, Paul imparts Christian wisdom, assuring those early Christians who expected Jesus' second coming in their lifetime that the death and Resurrection of Jesus is a saving grace even for those who pass away before this event. However, he emphasizes the need for alertness, preparedness, and vigilance.

The Gospel parable of the ten virgins conveys a message about preparedness. The foolish virgins, symbolizing the "Chosen People of God," waited for the Messiah but found themselves excluded from the messianic banquet due to their lack of preparation. This parable teaches us to follow the example of the wise virgins, attending to our present duties and preparing in the moment, rather than procrastinating until it's too late.

Wise Christians exhibit readiness by recognizing Jesus in the ordinary experiences of daily life, in the people they encounter, the events they participate in, and the circumstances they find themselves in. They conscientiously make choices that align with God's commandment of love, displaying kindness, mercy, and forgiveness.

Let us ensure that our lamps are perpetually prepared for the culmination of our earthly

journey. Spiritual readiness, preparation, and growth are cultivated through intentional habits integrated into our lives. We cannot rely solely on Sunday Mass or weekly services for our spiritual nourishment. Neither can we expect Christian fellowship to suffice for our spiritual development. Meeting spiritual needs and fostering spiritual growth require consistent attention to ordinary spiritual disciplines. This includes maintaining a reservoir of spiritual "fuel," such as compassion, mercy, patience, sympathy, and forgiveness.

We unlock these graces by setting aside time for prayer and solitude with God, by engaging with His Word, and by leading a sacramental life. Acts of service to others, moral integrity, and fellowship with other believers further aid our spiritual journey. As these practices become habitual, they cease to be a struggle and become a wellspring of strength and blessing, equipping us to withstand the challenges of the world.

An ancient Greek Olympic race uniquely honored not the swiftest runner, but the one who finished with their torch still ablaze. In some schools, this was mimicked with a 50-meter race for children holding lighted candles. Let us adopt this timeless metaphor and run the course of our lives with the flame of our torches still burning brightly for God, ever prepared and vigilant for the journey ahead.

Faith & Fellowship

We warmly invite you to join us for our upcoming **Coffee Sunday on November 19th** in the church hall!

It's the perfect way to connect and share in some delightful moments with fellow parishioners after the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses.

We'd love to make this gathering even more delicious, so if you can, please consider bringing along some of your favorite finger foods. Your contributions are always appreciated and can be dropped off in the church hall before either of the Masses. Your participation and tasty treats will make our Coffee Sunday extra special.



Letter from our Archbishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ may Jesus and Mary be in your soul.

It has been a true blessing and joy to spend time with so many Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto since my arrival in March 2023. This includes the dedicated priests and deacons, religious women and men as well as the numerous laity, parishioners, volunteers and all those who are working to strengthen the Body of Christ in our archdiocese in ecclesial movements and associations, as well as those serving in education, healthcare, social services, and institutions.

The Archdiocese of Toronto is blessed with an abundance of workers in the vineyard of the Lord. I am grateful for your role in reflecting the face of Christ to all those we encounter each day. In his Sermon on the Mount (Mt. 5-7), our Divine Lord Jesus taught us that, as his disciples, we are salt of the earth and light of the world (Mt. 5:13-16). In fidelity to the mission to evangelize entrusted to the entire Church, let each one of us make every effort so as to proclaim Jesus Christ, bear witness to the Gospel and serve with a compassionate heart.

In 2013, our Archbishop-emeritus Cardinal Thomas Collins launched a Pastoral Plan to focus our attention and identify areas of emphasis to help bring us closer to the Lord, our faith and one another. It is now an appropriate time to review the current Pastoral Plan, updating the vision through the lens of 2023 and our current reality.

I would ask for your assistance in helping to identify what you believe to be key priorities and objectives as we move forward as a faith community. I am reaching out to our archdiocesan family to solicit your thoughts and dreams, what you believe to be your **three key priorities** for our archdiocesan Pastoral Planning for the next decade. I encourage you to ground your reflection and responses in prayer to the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, so that He may inspire, guide, and animate this Archdiocesan ecclesial process of consulting the Body of Christ. I invite you to visit www.archtoronto.org/consultation to participate in our wide-spread consultation. We have made every effort to ensure the process is brief and efficient. Options are also available should you consult with others and wish to offer a group or hard copy submission. Please make sure every effort to complete your feedback by **December 15, 2023**. We will then gather and analyze the results, which will help guide us as we discern and craft an updated Pastoral Plan, to be shared at an appropriate time in 2024.

Be assured of my ongoing gratitude for all that you do and witness and prayers for your loved ones and communities. Yours Sincerely in Jesus with Mary,
Most Rev. Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Nov 11 th	<u>5:00 pm</u>	†Wes Domanski Requested by Irene Domanski Family † Deceased members of Lista/Colavecchia Families Requested by Lista/Colavecchia Family
Sunday Nov 12 th	<u>9:00 am</u>	†Sharon Austin Requested by Josie Snaith For OLP Parishioners
	<u>11:00 am</u>	†Deceased Members of Amarel & Tavares Families Requested by Amarel Family †Teresina &†Giannino Voem Requested by Teresa & Rick Voem
Tuesday Nov 14 th	<u>9:00 am</u>	†Cecilia Plut Requested by Plut Family †Deceased members of Micallef Family Requested by Micallef Family
Wednesday Nov 15 th	<u>9:00 am</u>	†Rosella Mais & †Danny Casalino Requested by Menina Casalino
Thursday Nov 16 th	<u>9:00 am</u>	†Deceased Members of Menina Casalino Family Requested by Menina Casalino †Deceased Members of Zabala Family Requested by Zabala Family
Friday Nov 17 th	<u>9:00 am</u>	†Deceased Members of Snidero Family Requested by Mary Snidero †Deceased Members of Sunga Family Requested by Sunga Family

Sanctuary Candles

Sacred Heart

Sp. Intentions
Audrey Leblanc
(Elaine Cormier)

St. Joseph

Deceased members
of McRae Family
(Susan McRae)

Sanctuary

Deceased members
of Ferrante Family
(Bernardita Ferrante)

Celebration
of the
Sacrament of Baptism



The loving community of Our Lady of Peace parish is thrilled to welcome

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&
Seline Esme Karamath**

with open hearts and arms.
May your baptism be the start of a
life filled with faith, love, and God's
presence.

SUNDAY
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