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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."*

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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.

"Living in the Light: The Day of the Lord"

In today's second reading the Apostle Paul provides crucial insights into living in anticipation of the Day of the Lord. Let us open our hearts and minds to the guidance and encouragement that Paul imparts to the Thessalonian believers, guidance that remains relevant and transformative for us today.

Paul begins by addressing the anticipation of the Thessalonian Christians regarding the return of Christ. They were eager to know the specific timing of this monumental event. Paul, however, reminds them that the exact times and dates are not for us to know. Instead, the focus should be on living prepared lives at all times.

Just as a thief comes unexpectedly, so will the Day of the Lord. Paul encourages us to be vigilant, living in a constant state of preparedness. This means cultivating a deep and abiding relationship with Christ, nurturing our spiritual lives through prayer, study of the Word, and fellowship with other believers.

The uncertainty of the day should not breed fear but a heightened spiritual awareness. Let us not be caught off guard, but rather, let us be like the wise virgins in Jesus' parable, who kept their lamps burning, ready for the arrival of the bridegroom.

Paul then contrasts the false sense of security in the world with the believers' assurance. While the world may proclaim "Peace and safety," the reality is that sudden destruction awaits those who are spiritually unprepared.

As children of the light, believers are called to live in stark contrast to the darkness of the world. This involves living with integrity, walking in the light of God's truth, and allowing our lives to be transformed by the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit.

Paul's exhortation is clear: we are not to live in spiritual slumber. Instead, we are to be awake and sober. This involves an active and

alert faith, continually seeking God's will, and being sensitive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

In a world filled with distractions and spiritual lethargy, believers are called to live counter-culturally. Let us be people who are awake to the needs of others, sober-minded in our decision-making, and actively pursuing righteousness.

Dear brothers and sisters, the message from Paul to the Thessalonians is as relevant today as it was in the first century. The Day of the Lord is approaching, and our response matters. May we be a community of believers known for our readiness, children of the light who live with spiritual awareness, and individuals who are awake and sober in a world that often slumbers. As we await the glorious return of our Lord, may our lives shine brightly, reflecting the transformative power of the Gospel.



Shepherd's Trust Collection

Today, there will be a special collection in support of the shepherds' trust. The aim of the shepherds' trust is to contribute to the well-being of elderly and disabled priests by ensuring they have adequate financial resources for a dignified life in their retirement. The trust also ensures that priests facing illness or infirmity have access to nursing home facilities and necessary medical care. Special envelopes are on the table at the back of the church. We sincerely appreciate your support in furthering this crucial mission.



We warmly invite you to join us in the parish hall for coffee and fellowship. 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 today.

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.



Saturday Nov 18 th	5:00 pm	†Pamilla Nardini Requested by Susan Gagliardi † Lucrecia Marin Torres Requested by Torres Family
Sunday Nov 19 th	9:00 am	†Halina & †Joseph Drozdal Requested by Drozdal Family †Constantino & †Francesca Lombardi Requested by Maria Lombardi
	11:00 am	For OLP Parishioners †Maria Labieniec
Tuesday Nov 21 st	9:00 am	†Cecilia Plut Requested by Plut Family †Deceased Members of Colosimo Family Requested by E. Colosimo Family
Wednesday Nov 22 th	9:00 am	†Cecylia & †Waclaw Wilczynski Requested by Podbielski Family †Deceased Members of Kramarich Family Requested by Kramarich Family
Thursday Nov 23 rd	9:00 am	†Deceased members of Plut Family Requested by Plut Family †Casey Noronha Requested by Darryl Noronha
Friday Nov 24 th	9:00 am	In Thanksgiving Requested by Leo & Marianne Reis

Sanctuary Candles

Sacred Heart

†Deceased Members of
Plut Family
(Cecilia Plut)

Sanctuary

Josie Snaith
(Jennifer Castellino)

St. Joseph

†Deceased Members
of Zaleski Family
(Zaleski Family)



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.

**Mark Your Calendars...Sunday
December 17th 2023** There will be a
Christmas Dinner in the church hall
following the Christmas concert.
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information.



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