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:

Fr. Biju Kannampuzha Tel: 416-239-1259 Ext 3

Office Administrators:

Teresa McNamara & Rosanne Colavecchia Tel: 416-239-1259 Ext 0

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.

CHRIST THE KING

History is replete with tales of intriguing, albeit morally questionable, monarchs. Ivan the Terrible earned his ominous nickname through the torture of both enemies and friends, deriving pleasure from their suffering. Henry VIII, rewriting moral codes to suit his desires, embarked on six marriages, including the murder of two wives to pave the way for others. Montezuma, the esteemed Aztec king, waged war for the gruesome purpose of acquiring captives for human sacrifice. The common sentiment, as cynically expressed in 'Huckleberry Finn,' is that "All kings are mostly rapscallions."

Yet, amidst this narrative, the Gospels present a stark contrast with the portrayal of Jesus. Descended from the House of David, Jesus is of royal blood, but His kingship transcends the sordid tales of earthly rulers. Born in Bethlehem, not in a palace but a stable, with no place to lay His head, He was laid to rest in another man's tomb. His regal entry into Jerusalem occurred not on a chariot but on a humble donkey, and His royal adornments included a spittle-covered purple rag, a crown of thorns, and a reed for a scepter. His journey through the streets was marked by weakness and blood, met with Calvary jeers, not cheers. saw His enthronement on an executioner's gibbet.

Christ the King stands apart from earthly rulers, and His kingdom bears no resemblance to temporal realms. In His domain, there are no masters because all are servants. Even the King came to serve, not to be served. Greatness in His Kingdom is found in humility, with the reward for service being not promotion and wealth but further opportunities for selfless acts. The lowest are the highest, and societal distinctions crumble in the face of divine justice.

Living in both the kingdoms of this world and Christ's presents a challenge for Christians. The temptation to merge the two often results in a Church that mirrors a temporal earthly kingdom, rather than influencing earthly kingdoms to align with Christ's eternal heavenly Kingdom. The structures of society diverge from those of the Kingdom of God, making it challenging for Christians to navigate.

The hallmark of Christ's rule is a unique form of justice—one that defies our conventional understanding. While we typically equate justice with giving people what they deserve, Christ's Kingdom upends this notion. Here, the epitome of justice is forgiveness. If we received what we truly deserved, God's Kingdom would be a dismal place. Throughout His life, Jesus emphasized forgiveness, tempering justice with a merciful spirit.

Those who truly belong to the Kingdom are easily recognizable. They are the ones ready to forgive, feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, welcoming outcasts, clothing the naked, and visiting the sick and imprisoned. Their actions reflect the transformative power of Christ's Kingdom—a realm where forgiveness reigns supreme, and justice is defined by boundless compassion and selfless love.

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.

Recycle bins are located near the church exit doors. If you'd like to discard your Sunday Missals from past years, kindly place them in the designated bins.

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Saturday Nov 25 th	<u>5 pm</u>	For OLP Parishioners
Sunday Nov 26 th	<u>9 am</u>	†Adele Snidero
		Requested by Mary Snidero
		†Deceased Members of Botelho & Cabral
		Families
		Requested Botelho /Cabral Family
	<u>11 am</u>	†Danny Casalino
		Requested by Menina Casalino
		†Vince Rositano & †Joe Grima
		Requested by Theresa Rositano
Monday	N. M.	
Nov 27 th		<u>INU MASS</u>
Tuesday Nov 28 th	<u>9 am</u>	†Pasquale Schiavone
		Requested by Tina Schiavone
		†Deceased Members of Sebastian Family
		Requested by Sebastian Family
Wednesday Nov 29 th	<u>9 am</u>	†Cecilia Plut
		Requested by Plut Family
		†Deceased Members of Canete Family
		Requested by Canete Family
Thursday Nov 30 th	<u>9 am</u>	†Mr. Rampersaud
		Requested by Agnes Noronha
		†Deceased Members of Gwen & Tom Sladic
		Family
		Requested by wen & Tom Sladic Family
First Friday	<u>9 am</u>	†Phyllis Kramarich
		Requested by Walsh Family
Dec 1 st		†Julian Molina Requested by Fr. Yaw
		†Reg Watkins



Sanctuary Candles Part Sanctuary

ues St.

St. Joseph

†Deceased Members of Snidero Family *(Mary Snidero)* †Deceased Members of Olalia Family (Raymund & Katherine Clalia)

†Deceased Members of Dano Family (Euferrio & Restituta Dano)

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION -December 1st

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.

Christmas Concert & Children's Pageant

All are invited to join us for our Christmas Concert & Children's Pageant 4:00 pm. to 6:00 pm, on Sunday, December 17, 2023, at Our Lady of Peace Church.



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.



The next meeting of the Catholic Moms Group is on <u>Wednesday, November 29th</u> <u>10am-12pm</u> in the Blue Room at Our Lady of Peace. For more information visit <u>www.catholicmomsgroup.com</u>

or email info@catholicmomsgroup.com

All Mothers welcome.

