

# 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:

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#### Office Administrators:

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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.*

## Come in, Lord!

Step into the sanctuary of Advent, a sacred season adorned in the penitential hues of violet, where joyful expectation harmonizes with the poignant melody of repentance. Like the brushstrokes of a divine artist, this season paints a portrait of St. John the Baptist, a Nazarite consecrated to God from birth, his countenance radiant with an unconventional dedication, adorned in camel's hair and sustained by locusts and wild honey.

In the wilderness, John stands as a herald, a voice resonating with the ancient prophecies, proclaiming, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." His life, a testament to selfless preparation, echoes with humility: "I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him." A Nazarite prophet, he willingly yields to the Messiah, proclaiming, "He must increase, but I must decrease."

In the grand tapestry of prophets, John's voice is both captivating and awe-inspiring. Prophets beckon, and we, torn between the allure of truth and the fear of the unknown, stand at the threshold of revelation. Like a beacon on a dark night, they beckon us to explore, to confront the truth, and to embrace the profound mysteries that lie ahead.

Our time, too, has known prophets—Mother Teresa, Pope John Paul II, Pope Francis—beacons of truth in a world often veiled in ambiguity. They speak of the sanctity of every life, the equality of all as God's children, the insignificance of possessions in the measure of life, the stewardship of Earth's bounty, and the imperative to respect and love one another, shunning violence.

John's direct and unapologetic style draws seekers from all walks of life, challenging them with a call to repentance: "You brood of vipers bear fruit that befits repentance." He doesn't merely idealize; he prescribes practical actions for the Messianic era—a "new way," a "new people," a "new life." His words resonate with relevance, urging us to share, to be just, and to avoid exploiting others.

The arrival of Jesus among us begets change. It begins within, a transformation termed repentance or conversion. Relationships,

preoccupations, priorities—all undergo a metamorphosis. Akin to planting flowers in a neglected garden, accepting Jesus in our midst is an invitation to catalyze change. A poignant tale unfolds of a housewife in a dilapidated neighborhood who, through her blossoming garden, sparks a vibrant transformation in her community.

Advent is the act of planting flowers today, an audacious declaration of hope that anticipates their future bloom. It transcends the anticipation of a final coming or the preparation for a Christmas Day celebration; it beckons us to welcome Jesus into our midst now. Accepting Him necessitates change, a blossoming transformation that touches every facet of our lives. To claim we have embraced Jesus without change is to keep Him at the doorstep, limiting His entry into our hearts due to the fear of transformation.

Now is the time to swing open the doors and invite God in. "Make a highway for our God; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain." Let the transformative power of Advent cultivate a sacred space within, where the uneven becomes level, the rough transforms into plain, and the heart, like a well-tended garden, blossoms with the vibrant colors of change and renewal.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS
<b>December 12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> ~ after 9:00 a.m. Mass</b>
<b>December 16<sup>th</sup> ~ 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.</b>
<b>December 19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ after 9:00 a.m. Mass</b>
<b>December 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.</b>



Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas Eve Mass 5pm**

Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas Day Masses 9am & 11am**

Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

**New Year's Eve Mass 5pm**

Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

**New Year's Day Masses 9am & 11am**

# MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Dec 9 <sup>th</sup>	<u>5 p.m.</u>	†Bob Kennedy Requested by Kennedy Family †Massimo Pellegrino Requested by Josie & Giovanni Pellegrino
Sunday Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	<u>9 am</u>	†Manuel Arango Requested by Josie Snaith †Deceased Members of D'Sa & Afonso Family Requested by D'Sa & Afonso Family
	<u>11 am</u>	For OLP Parishioners †Jan Swiderski & Deceased Family Members Requested by Emerling Family
Monday Dec 11 <sup>th</sup>	<u>No Mass</u>	
Tuesday Dec 12 <sup>th</sup>	<u>9 am</u>	†Patricia Mash Requested by Beverley Tollofson †Deceased Members of Ferrante Family Requested by Bernardita Ferrante Family
Wednesday Dec 13 <sup>th</sup>	<u>9 am</u>	†Cecilia Plut Requested by Plut Family †Esay Falco Requested by Falco Family
Thursday Dec 14 <sup>th</sup>	<u>9 am</u>	†Casey Noronha Requested by Agnes Noronha †Deceased Members of Sebastian Family Requested by Sebastian Family
Friday Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	<u>9 am</u>	†Ester Lopez Requested by Imelda Lopez †Deceased Members of Sladic Family Requested by Gwen & Tom Sladic



## Sanctuary Candles



### *Sacred Heart*

†Deceased Members of  
Doplaga Family  
(Doplaga Family)

### *Sanctuary*

†Deceased Members of  
Pileggi Family  
(Carlo & Polana Pileggi)

### *St. Joseph*

†Deceased Members of  
Ferrante Family  
(Bernardita Ferrante)



*The loving community of Our Lady of Peace parish is thrilled to welcome with open hearts and arms*

*Carter Brian Frances Huen*

*Giselle Jo Ramsay*

*Jackson Patrick Gregory Krikorian*

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



## Christmas Concert

### & Children's Pageant

All are invited to join us for our  
**Christmas Concert & Children's Pageant**  
Sunday, December 17, 2023,  
at Our Lady of Peace Church.  
4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

## Christmas Dinner

**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 6pm** (approx.)  
Following the Christmas Concert in the church hall  
**\$25 per person**

Includes: 3-course dinner, beverage & dessert  
Wine sold by the glass

Don't miss out...tickets are limited

Tickets available from the office 416-239-1259  
or call Joan Grima at 647-278-9362



## Christmas Flowers

As the joyful season of Christmas approaches, to make our sanctuary truly special, we are seeking your generosity in donating flowers for Christmas decorations. We welcome poinsettias, both big and medium size, in traditional Christmas colors or any that you feel would add a special touch to our decorations. Please bring your flower donations to the church on or before Monday December 18<sup>th</sup>. Your generosity will contribute to the shared spirit of Christmas in our parish, and we look forward to celebrating this joyous season with you.

## 2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



Offertory Envelopes for the year 2024 are conveniently placed on the table at the rear of the church. Upon collecting your 2024 envelopes, please complete the card sticking out

from the box, furnishing your full name, address, telephone number, and email address and leave it in the container provided. **To prevent any confusion, kindly refrain from using the 2024 envelopes until the beginning of the New Year.** Take a moment to inscribe your name and address on the envelopes for the initial weeks of 2024, offering an additional way to verify your contact details. We encourage you to include the donation amount on your envelope, providing valuable assistance to the counters.

If you currently do not use donation envelopes, we urge you to consider adopting them or explore the option of enrolling in a monthly preauthorized giving plan. Both approaches contribute to the financial stability of your parish while ensuring you receive a beneficial tax receipt annually. Your ongoing support is deeply appreciated. Thank you!



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