

# 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.*



**“Rejoice! Rejoice!”**

Advent possesses a captivating blend of beauty and mystery, yet concurrently, an unsettling, almost ominous undertone. Describing the Advent mood proves challenging; it often finds better expression in its somber hymns, resonating in minor keys. The scriptural lessons intensify this ambiance, persistently urging repentance, issuing dire warnings to "wait and watch," emphasizing the imperative preparation for what lies ahead. Stories abound of those caught off guard by God, analogous to tenants surprised by a long-absent landlord or bridesmaids anxiously awaiting the belated bridegroom.

In essence, Advent is a season of anticipation, primed with a nervous energy. However, the Third Sunday of Advent marks a significant shift. The foreboding lessons give way to a joyful dance. Suddenly, warnings transform into promises, with talk of deserts blossoming, seas exulting, and trees clapping hands. This Sunday, traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday, Latin for joy, becomes a day for celebration. Nevertheless, not everyone may feel like rejoicing. The prevailing mood might align more with the darker, anxious tones of the preceding Advent weeks, perhaps exacerbated by worldly concerns. The global news, often laden with sadness, anger, fear, and regret, echoes the unsettled nature of the season.

People come to church seeking a counter-narrative, burdened by daily struggles and larger societal worries. There's uncertainty about fate and future, and even the words heard in church may be questioned. The tension between the too-good-to-be-true nature of the Good News and the harsh realities of the world persists.

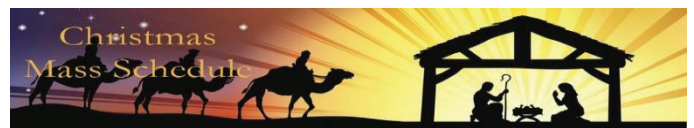
Despite this, the Third Sunday of Advent urges rejoicing. Placed strategically within the heavier Advent mood, it offers a

major key of joy amid plaintive longing. The transition is evident in the Old Testament lesson, starting in the usual minor key but blossoming into a proclamation of joy and divine love in Chapter three.

The narrative from judgment to mercy, wrath to tender forgiveness, fear to rejoicing, and death to life reveals a consistent theme: the God who comes as a judge is the same God who becomes our Savior. This unity holds the waiting and rejoicing moods of Advent together. Christ, bearing our deserved sentence, turns away the enemy at the gates, offering a reprieve akin to a governor's pardon.

Rejoicing is not only on the part of humanity; even God celebrates. The Christian story, at its core, is a love story, depicting God's profound love for us. It is not merely about religion but centers on the God who heals, saves, gives meaning and hope, and transforms death into life. This is the God worth waiting, working, praying, and rejoicing for. As the community rejoices and sings, the hope extends to future generations, echoing the love of God in this sacred space for years to come.

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 16 <sup>th</sup>	<u>5 p.m.</u>	†Luiza Pinto Requested by Pinto Family <b>For OLP Parishioners</b>
Sunday Dec 17 <sup>th</sup>	<u>9 am</u>	†John McCrae Requested by Winnie Kolich <b>Special Intentions of Marjorie Melnik</b> Requested by Helena Bartosic
	<u>11 am</u>	†Ester Lopez Requested by Lopez Family †Michelle Elizabeth Payne Requested by Anne Marie Payne
Monday Dec 18 <sup>th</sup>	<u>No Mass</u>	
Tuesday Dec 19 <sup>th</sup>	<u>9 am</u>	†Michael Steven Dellio Requested by Karen Dellio & Family
Wednesday Dec 20 <sup>th</sup>	<u>9 am</u>	†Juanito Lopez Requested by Imelda Lopez †Deceased Members of the Canete Family Requested by Canete Family
Thursday Dec 21 <sup>st</sup>	<u>9 am</u>	Cecilia Plut Requested by Plut Family †Patrick Costello Requested by Zirnhelt Family †Deceased Members of Fitzgerald Family Requested by Pat Fitzgerald
Friday Dec 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<u>9 am</u>	†Jorges Cortes Requested by Imelda Lopez †Deceased Members of Wallbridge Family Requested by Jane Wallbridge



## 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> 21<sup>st</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



Offering 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!



## Sanctuary Candles



### *Sacred Heart*

†Deceased Members of  
Williams Family  
*(Patricia Williams)*

### *Sanctuary*

†Deceased Members of  
Ferrante Family  
*(Bernardita Family)*

### *St. Joseph*

Special Intentions of  
Joan Kennedy  
*(Kennedy Family)*

## Christmas Concert & Children's Pageant

All are invited to join us for our Christmas  
Concert & Children's Pageant  
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