

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

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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.

“Rising Beyond: Inspired Living in the Footsteps of Jesus”

"Rising Beyond: Inspired Living in the Footsteps of Jesus" The readings today call upon us to rise courageously beyond societal expectations, to emulate the goodness exemplified by Jesus, rather than succumbing to despair over the world's vast pain and suffering. They beckon us to delve into the profound importance of our work, drawing inspiration from the lessons of Job, Paul, and Jesus.

There is a story about a couple who had been married for more than thirty years. One evening, when the husband returned from work, he found his wife packing. "What in the world are you doing?" he asked. "I can't handle it anymore," she replied. "I'm tired of all the bickering and arguing and complaining that's been going on between us all these years, I'm leaving." Whereupon, the startled husband suddenly dashed to the bedroom, pulled a suitcase out of the closet, filled it with his belongings and ran after his wife, saying, "I can't handle it anymore either. I'm going with you!"

Today's first reading tells the story of a man named Job who is at a point in his life where he can't handle it anymore. He expresses himself as a man without hope. However, Job's journey leads him to a transformative place where, with trust and faith, he surrenders everything, including his essential suffering, work, and losses, to the greater wisdom of God (Job 42:1-6).

The second reading introduces Paul as a dynamic follower of Jesus, driven by an intense conviction in the Good News. His commitment is so compelling that preaching the Gospel becomes a heartfelt compulsion, and he chooses to do so without seeking recompense.

The Gospel narrates the spontaneous response of Peter's healed mother-in-law, who, after experiencing Jesus' miraculous touch, serves selflessly. Today's Gospel teaches us that authentic discipleship involves engaging in selfless service to others. Jesus, on his first day of public ministry, tirelessly ministers to the needs of others, offering healing, forgiveness, and new beginnings. Even today, Jesus continues his ministry of healing through the Church and its followers. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick becomes a vessel for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness, and comfort for the suffering. We all yearn for healing in our minds,

memories, and broken relationships. Jesus employs various channels— counselors, doctors, friends, even strangers—in his ongoing healing ministry.

Let's identify with Peter's mother-in-law in today's Gospel, seeking ordinary healing in our lives. Gratitude for our healing should manifest in our turn to serve others. Our personal healing is truly complete when we extend our hands to help others in their needs and shift our focus beyond ourselves. The challenge lies in emulating Jesus, the man for others, who balanced prayer, healing, rest, and reconciliation in his life. Let's rise to this challenge by sharing love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness with others. Instead of viewing life as mundane, let's live it dynamically and zealously, mirroring the spirit of Jesus for the greater glory of God.



February 14th - Masses 10am & 7pm

Embarking on the season of Lent, we commence with Ash Wednesday on February 14th, a day that involves the symbolic markings of the baptized with ashes as a communal declaration of penance. This solemn occasion signals the beginning of a period dedicated to introspection, self-examination, and spiritual realignment.

Ash Wednesday prompts us to engage in a thoughtful review of our past actions, fostering a commitment to eliminate undesirable habits through the disciplines of fasting and prayer. It is a day of fasting and refraining from meat, underscoring a collective effort towards spiritual growth.

The blessing and distribution of ashes will take place during Masses at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. marking a significant and communal moment within the Lenten journey.



Participate in the Stations of the Cross devotion every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. throughout the Lenten season. Following the meaningful journey through the stations, everyone is warmly invited to gather in the parish hall for a shared meal of soup and bread



Mass Intentions

Saturday Feb 3rd **5pm**

†**Bernard Robinson** Requested by Mae Gilleece
 †**Marjorie Melnik** Requested by Melnik Family
 †**Giulio (Julio) Tanzi** Requested by Tanzi Family

Sunday Feb 4th

†**Ester Lopez** Requested by Lopez Family
 †**Patricia Staudinger** **9am**

In thanksgiving for the 48th Wedding Anniversary of **Julie & Eladio (June) Perez**

Parishioners of OLP
 †**Marjorie Melnik** Requested by Elisabeth Isack **11am**

Monday No Mass

Tuesday Feb 6th **9am**

†**Cecilia Plut** Requested by Plut Family

Wednesday Feb 7th **9am**

†**Deceased members of Patrick & Mae Gilleece**
 Requested by Mae Gilleece

Thursday Feb 8th **9am**

No Mass requests

Friday Feb 9th **9am**

†**Barry Nowoselski** Requested by Fr Yaw



Please pray for those who are sick;
Maura Toothill, Geraldine Frost,
Leon Bowser and Frank Gimondo

And those who have died recently:

† **Jadwiga Zalęski**

† **Mike Ruta**

May they Rest in Peace.



Sanctuary Candles



Sacred Heart

In thanksgiving for the
 48th Wedding Anniversary of
Julie & Eladio (June) Perez

Sanctuary

St. Joseph

† In honour of Patricia Staudinger

Bingo & Pizza Night!

Friday February 9th, at 6:30 p.m.
 in the Church Hall

Get ready for an evening of fun, fellowship, and food!

We're excited to invite you to our Bingo and Pizza Night at Our Lady of Peace

For just \$10.00, you'll enjoy a delicious slice of pizza, a fresh salad, a beverage of your choice, and dessert.

And if you're still hungry for more, extra pizza slices are available for only \$2.00 each.

But that's not all! We'll have thrilling bingo games with exciting prizes to be won.

Don't miss this chance to connect with your fellow parishioners and have a great time together.

We're also seeking donations of bingo prizes (gift cards or unused items) and desserts to make this night even more special.

For tickets and more information, please contact **Joan Grima at 647-278-9362 or the parish office.**

We look forward to seeing you there!



We extend our most heartfelt greetings to all our visitors and extend a warm welcome to new members of our parish community. We hope you

feel at home and embraced

as part of Our Lady of Peace. New parishioners are encouraged to complete a parish registration form, which can be found at the rear of the church or by visiting our Parish Office. We offer Offertory Envelopes and Pre-Authorized Giving forms for your convenience

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