

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

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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.

Embracing Transformation and Glory in Faith

Embrace the profound significance of the readings for the Second Sunday of Lent, as they illuminate Jesus' divine identity, unveiled through his baptism and Transfiguration, and challenge us to fathom the mystery of his sacrificial death on the cross. Today's readings extend an uplifting invitation and a daring challenge, beckoning us to place our unwavering faith in the compassionate promises of a merciful God who sent His Son to transform our lives during this Lenten season.

Let us seize this opportunity for a spiritual renewal that transcends ordinary existence, allowing our lives to resonate with the transformative power of a Spirit-filled existence. The narrative unfolds, recounting the remarkable story of Abraham's trusting faith, which spared the life of his son Isaac and renewed God's promise of blessings. Yet, in a poignant paradox, we recognize God's boundless love as His own Son willingly embraced the cruel sacrifice on the cross for the redemption of humanity.

The second reading, eloquently conveyed by Paul, underscores the profound nature of God's sacrificial love, as He spared not His own Son, affirming an everlasting pledge to protect and provide for us. The Responsorial Psalm echoes the sentiment that the death of the faithful is of great concern to the Lord. The Gospel unfolds a magnificent revelation of Jesus in His transfigured glory, transcending the experiences of Moses and Elijah, solidifying His identity as the beloved Son of God.

In the Holy Mass, the miracle of transubstantiation unfolds, offering us a wellspring of heavenly strength against temptations and a pathway to renewal throughout Lent. Our communion with the living Jesus becomes a catalyst for our daily transfiguration, fostering a transformation of our minds and hearts to engage in humble and selfless service to others.

The sacraments, pivotal in our spiritual journey, bring forth transformative moments: Baptism makes us heirs of Heaven, Confirmation transforms us into temples of the Holy Spirit, and Reconciliation guides the sinner back to the path of holiness. Amidst moments of doubt and despair, envisioning our heavenly transformation becomes a source of encouragement and hope, resonating with God's consoling words, "This is my beloved son."

Amidst the Lenten practices and daily crosses we bear, let us offer our sacrifices to draw nearer to the suffering of Christ, ultimately sharing in the glory of His Resurrection. Elevate your spiritual journey during Lent by seeking "mountain-top experiences" through extended prayer, fasting, and self-reflection. Embrace the hunger for spiritual energy, enabling nobler thoughts and a willingness to aid those in need.

The call for transformation in our Christian lives resonates strongly. Let reconciliation triumph over revenge, love supersede enmity, and prayer extend to those who harbor hate. In this transformative process, let love govern our words, fostering understanding and friendship even with those we may not naturally gravitate towards. May this

Lenten season be a profound journey of renewal, ultimately leading us to the glory of transfiguration and resurrection.

Lenten Retreat

Are you seeking a more meaningful and enriching Lenten Season? Delve into a deeper understanding of the Bible and connect with new friends over tea, coffee, and cake in a warm and inviting atmosphere. Join us as we continue our 5-week Lenten Bible Study Retreat, on February 27th, continuing every Tuesday during Lent at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Together, we will bring the WORD to life and explore practical wisdom from the Bible for everyday living. The retreat, led by our passionate parishioner Sarah, aims to inspire, and share valuable insights.

For more information, please contact the office or simply join us!

All are most welcome

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

March 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, March 1st until 10:15 a.m. closing with Benediction



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 delicious homemade soup and Cordi Italian Bakery bread.

Kindly consider a donation of \$5.00, Thank you.



The next meeting of the Catholic Moms Group is on Wednesday, February 28th 10am-12pm in the Blue Room at Our Lady of Peace.

For more information visit

www.catholicmomsgroup.com

or email info@catholicmomsgroup.com

All Mothers welcome



Mass Intentions

Saturday Feb 24th 5pm

†Christopher Ferrao Requested by Albert and Jennifer Castellino
†Cajetan D'Souza Requested by Charmaine D'Souza

Sunday Feb 25th

9am

OLP Parishioners
†Jeffery Natividad
†Marjorie Melnik Requested by Helena Bartosik

11am

†Angus MacDonald Requested by Paul MacDonald
†Stefan Lavor Requested by Halina Lavor
†Costantino Vinante Requested by Vicky Iamascia

Monday No Mass

Tuesday Feb 27th 9am

†Deceased members of the Strachan Family

Wednesday Feb 28th 9am

†Jadwiga Zaleski Requested by the Zaleski Family

Thursday Feb 29th 9am

†Cecilia Plut Requested by the Plut Family

***First Friday March 1st 9am**

†Deceased members of the Snaith Family Requested by Josie Snaith



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Special Intentions of Currie Family



Please pray for those who are sick;
Mary (Maura) Tootill,
Geraldine Frost,
Frank Gimondo

And those who have died recently:
† Mary Moraghan

May she Rest in Peace

New Sunday Mass Times

Starting

March 10th, 2024

Beginning March 10th, 2024, our Sunday Mass schedule will be updated to better serve our community.

New Mass Times: 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.



These new timings aim to accommodate your schedules and enhance the attendance. Please mark your calendars, spread the word, and join us in welcoming this positive change. We look forward to your continued presence and participation in our Sunday Mass celebrations

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Pastoral Letters of Reference

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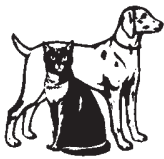
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