# **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.

### The Holy Wrath of God

In the pages of history, luminaries like Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Jr., Mahatma Gandhi, and Nelson Mandela blazed a trail of righteous anger against societal injustices. Their fervent indignation at slavery, racial discrimination, and apartheid exemplified a forceful and righteous anger that sought to challenge and eradicate evil. We recognize this righteous anger when we witness a bully tormenting the vulnerable, a thief preying on the defenseless, or cruelty and meanness spreading like wildfire.

The Lord has instilled within us a moral compass that stirs righteous anger when faced with evil and injustice. It is easy for anyone to be angry, but to channel that anger with precision – directed at the right person, to the right degree, at the right time, and with the right purpose – requires a depth of discernment.

Reflecting on John 2:15-16, we find Jesus making an impactful scene in the Temple, confronting those who turned it into a marketplace. The sellers were exploiting sacred practices for personal gain, serving themselves rather than the will of God. This incited the holy wrath of our Lord, not as a result of unchecked emotions but as a deliberate expression of love's powerful passion.

Jesus' wrath wasn't a loss of temper; it was an exercise of controlled indignation driven by a profound love for His Father and a sincere desire for the conversion of the people. In the same vein, our passions, including anger, are not inherently sinful; it's the driving force behind them that defines their morality.

Jesus' wrath emanated from a deepseated hatred for sin and a boundless love for the sinner. The overturning of tables and the driving out of merchants were expressions of His love for God and His people, aiming for their repentance and transformation.

In our own lives, we can draw inspiration from Jesus' example. Let us, this Lent, reflect

on those aspects of our lives that Jesus desires to cleanse. Allow His voice to resound within, speaking directly and firmly, driving us towards genuine repentance. The Lord's perfect love desires the cleansing of all sin in our lives, and at times, a holy rebuke becomes a necessary step toward our correction.

Fear not the Lord's rebuke, for it is an expression of perfect love, urging us to a path of renewal. As we journey through Lent, may we be receptive to the divine passion that seeks our transformation, ensuring that every corner of our lives is bathed in the light of His perfect love.

### **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 Lenten Bible Study Retreat, on 5<sup>th</sup> March 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



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.



### Saturday March 2nd

5pm

†Luciano D'Souza Requested by Charmaine D'Souza

†Matthew Spezza Requested by Spezza Family

### Sunday March 3rd

### 9am

†Theresa Cross & †Michael Cross Requested by Beverley Tollofson †Fred Fenech Requested by Josie Snaith

### 11am

In Thanksgiving : Golden Wedding Anniversary of Marlene & Gaetano Micallef

†Thomas Gorman Requested by Aaron Gorman

**OLP Parishioners** 

### Tuesday March 5th

9am

†Deceased members of the Mifsud Family Requested by Josie Snaith

### Wednesday March 6th

9am

†Gertrude Mary Lacombe Sheppard Requested by Lynn Sheppard

### Thursday March 7th

9am

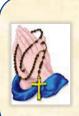
In Thanksgiving : 40th Wedding Anniversary of Ian & Andrea Pereira

Requested by Marianne & Leo Reis

### Friday March 8th

9am

†Cecilia Plut Requested by Plut Family



Please pray for those who are sick;

Mary (Maura) Tootill

# \*New Sunday Mass Times\* Starting \*March 10th, 2024\*

Beginning March 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.

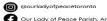
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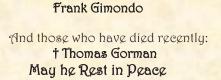
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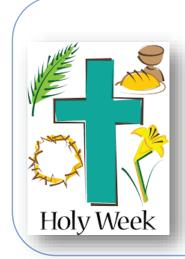
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Palm Sunday	Saturday March 23 <sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 pm & Sunday March 24 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00 & 11:30 am
Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper March 28th 7:00 pm
Good Friday	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord March 29 <sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm Stations of the Cross
	7:00 pm
Easter Vigil	Saturday March 30 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 pm
Easter Sunday	Sunday March 31 <sup>st</sup> 10:00 am & 11:30 am



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