

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.

Illuminating the Path to Eternal Love and Salvation

The primary focus of today's readings centers on the concept that our salvation is a generous gift bestowed upon us by a merciful God, delivered through His Son, Jesus. These readings underscore God's mercy, compassion, and the abundant love, kindness, and grace found in Christ. As an expression of our faith and appreciation for God's richness in mercy, we are encouraged to participate in Lenten penance, sharing in Jesus' sufferings to secure our eternal salvation and the promised glory of His Resurrection in Heaven.

In the fourth week of our Lenten journey, the Sacred Liturgy guides us deeper into the mysteries of God's grace, mercy, and salvation. The first reading from the Second Book of Chronicles reveals God's compassion and patience, choosing the pagan conqueror Cyrus the Great as an instrument of mercy for the exiled chosen people in Babylon. The Responsorial Psalm paints a poignant picture of Jewish exiles in Babylon, grieving their lost homeland due to their own infidelity.

Paul, in the second reading, emphasizes God's immense mercy, granting eternal salvation as a gift through Christ Jesus. The Gospel, echoing the theme of the first reading, elevates the concept, portraying Jesus as the divine agent of salvation for the entire world. John 3:16 underscores God's love, mercy, and compassion, demonstrated by the sacrifice of His only begotten Son for our salvation.

The significance of the crucifix, symbolizing God's forgiving, and merciful love is highlighted. It serves as a powerful reminder of God's love, mercy, and the cost of our salvation. Every Christian home is encouraged to embrace this symbol, not merely with compassion but with a commitment to alleviate the suffering of others. Wearing and carrying the cross daily is advocated as an expression of love and joy.

Reciprocating God's unconditional, universal, forgiving, and merciful love is emphasized. During Lent, we are urged to incorporate these qualities into their expressions of love towards others, recognizing that in loving and serving others, they love and serve God.

The ongoing process of rebirth through water and the Spirit is underscored. We are reminded to lead lives of repentance and continuous conversion, relying on the Holy Spirit's guidance. The renewal of the Spirit occurs through prayer, Adoration, Bible reading, and regular participation in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist.

We are called to be bearers of Jesus' Light, allowing it to radiate in their lives. God's forgiveness brightens every corner, restores relationships, and renews lives. The Light of Christ, encompassing truth, justice, holiness, and charity, is meant to bless others. We are urged to let this Light shine through them, dispelling darkness in the lives of others and bringing about transformative change.

Lenten Retreat

Join us as we continue our Lenten Bible Study Retreat, **on 12th 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 while enjoying tea, coffee and light refreshments.

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.

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Our Lady of Peace Parish, Archdiocese of Toronto



Mass Intentions

Saturday March 9th

5pm

- †Ralph & Jackie Fitzgerald Requested by Pat Fitzgerald
- †Marjorie Melnik Requested by Helena Bartosik

Sunday March 10th

10am

OLP Parishioners

- †Julia Costa Requested by Margaret McNeil
- †Matthew Spezza Requested by Stephen Tomev & Tara Reynolds

11:30am

- †Mary Cizmar Requested by Josie Snaith
- †Vicky Muscat Requested by Joan Grima

Tuesday March 12th

9am

- †John Mendes Requested by Veronica Mendes

Wednesday March 13th

9am

- †Conrad Perl Requested by Pat & Lisa Perl

Thursday March 14th

9am

- †Cecilia Plut Requested by Plut Family

Friday March 8th

9am

- †Candida Mendes Requested by Veronica Mendes

ShareLife

Next weekend Sunday March 17th 2024 is ShareLife Sunday

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign.

Every day, young people in our community need a helping hand due to homelessness, trafficking, or violence. ShareLife agencies ensure the safety of youth fleeing violent homes and provide them a supportive place to stay. This is all made possible thanks to amazing people like you who choose to support ShareLife. We thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Easter Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule

Tuesday March 12th – Friday March 15th 2024
After 9am Mass

Saturday March 16th 2024
3:00pm-4:45pm

Tuesday March 19th – Friday March 22nd 2024
After 9am Mass

Saturday March 23rd 2024
3:00pm-4:45pm

Sanctuary Candles

St. Joseph – †Joseph Snidero
requested by Mary Snidero

Please pray for those who are sick:
Pauline Picciuto



And those who have died recently:

- † Mary (Maura) Tootill
- † Patricia Zurawski
- † Conrad Perl
- † Vicky Muscat

May they Rest in Peace



Holy Week

Palm Sunday

Saturday March 23rd at 5:00 pm

&

Sunday March 24th 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 29th 3:00 pm

Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm

Easter Vigil

Saturday March 30th 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday

Sunday March 31st
10:00 am & 11:30 am



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