

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

10:00 a.m. & 11:30 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 the Sacrificial Path for Others

In a humble kitchen in Alabama, Martin Luther King once knelt in prayer amidst the turmoil ignited by his call for civil rights. The very windows of his home bore the scars of stones thrown in opposition. In that moment of peril, with his family in jeopardy, King grappled with the weight of his convictions. He chose to surrender personal security, even that of his loved ones, and embraced a higher calling – to serve God by championing the rights of the oppressed. His decision mirrored the profound truth uttered by Jesus in the gospel: like a grain of wheat falling to the ground, choosing to die is the catalyst for a rich harvest.

Jesus himself epitomized this principle, becoming the grain of wheat that falls and dies, yielding a harvest of life. His prophetic words echo with power: "When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself." The essence of God's love was revealed not only in Jesus' years of healing and ministry but most fully in his sacrificial death. The astonishing love manifested on the cross continues to draw countless souls to God, creating a timeless connection between humanity and the divine.

Each of us encounters moments demanding significant sacrifice to remain true to our deepest selves and to fulfill God's calling. Life imposes losses, some beyond our control, forcing us to let go of those we cherish. Yet, in accepting these inevitable losses, we often discover a fuller and richer existence.

Lent invites us to reflect on our mortality, acknowledging that death is an inescapable part of life. Jesus did not come to abolish death but to guide us on how to face it. As we walk through the valley of death, we are not alone; Jesus, who has traversed that path, is our companion. He assures us that death does not have the final say – resurrection awaits. We will be young again, and laughter will return.

A poignant story unfolds of a grieving grandmother, initially consumed by anger and despair after the tragic loss of her beloved grandson. In a dream-like encounter, the young man appeared, clad in his baseball uniform, assuring her of his happiness in the afterlife. This

transformative moment allowed the grandmother to release her grief and rage, embracing the promise of a joyful reunion.

The unavoidable struggle to let go of life and confront its finality is a universal challenge. However, as we navigate these losses inherent to existence, we find strength in Jesus' words: "When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself." We trust that, after the trials and tribulations, the Lord will draw us to Himself, and in that divine embrace, we will lack nothing. The journey of sacrifice and surrender leads not to emptiness but to a profound and eternal fulfillment.

Lenten Retreat

Join us for the last day of our Lenten Bible Study Retreat, **on 19th March at 9:30am 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.

As this is the last day, you are all invited to share your favourite bible verse and bring a treat for all to enjoy.

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.

To Our Confirmation 2024 Candidates,

We look forward to seeing you all again at Confirmation Retreat March 23rd 3pm-6pm
In the Parish Hall

Our Lady of Peace, Pray for Us



Mass Intentions

Saturday March 16th

5pm

†**Maura Tootill** Requested by Josie Snaith

Sunday March 17th

10am

OLP Parishioners

†**Maria Rosa Da Silva & Francisco Sebastiao Da Silva**

Requested by Da Silva Family

11:30am

†**Cecilia Plut** Requested by Plut Family

†**Oksana Bilak** Requested by Sladic Family

Monday March 18th

10am

†**Funeral Mass**

For the Repose of the Soul of Catharine Bonello

Tuesday March 19th

9am

†**Cyril Mendes** Requested by Veronica Mendes

Wednesday March 20th

9am

†**Deceased members of Montemurro & Kenney Families**

Requested by Helen Montemurro

Thursday March 21st

9am

†**Ester Lopez** Requested by Imelda Lopez

Friday March 22nd

9am

†**Louise Kelley**



Please pray those who have died recently:

† Pauline Picciato

† Catharine Bonello

† Norma Gelua

May they Rest in Peace

ShareLife

This weekend 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, olpeace.archtoronto.org or at sharelife.org/donate

Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support

Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule

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

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



The loving community of Our Lady of Peace parish is thrilled to welcome with open hearts and arms

Ryan Bajus-Paterek

May your baptism be the start of a life filled with faith, love, and God's presence.



Palm Sunday

Saturday March 23rd at 5:00 pm

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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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