

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:

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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.

A Day of Cheers and Tears

Today, the jubilant echoes of Palm Sunday resonate through the hearts of the faithful, stirring within us a profound reverence for the majestic entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Picture the scene: as Jesus, our Messiah, graced the streets of Jerusalem, a tidal wave of exultant cries engulfed Him. The throngs, in awe, showered their cloaks upon the path, adorning it with the symbol of victory – the palm branches – heralding, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" and "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

In the sacred narratives of today, we traverse the depths of Christ's passion. Within these chapters lies the essence of our Christian faith – the journey of suffering, death, and resurrection. Mark meticulously unfolds five pivotal events, tracing the poignant moments of Jesus's final days on earth. From the solemn sharing of the Last Supper with His disciples to the harrowing crucifixion on Calvary's hill, each episode pulsates with the divine purpose of redemption.

Reflect on the resolute determination of Jesus as He embarks on His pilgrimage to Jerusalem, a path ordained for glorification through the sacrificial embrace of the cross. It is in this journey that we witness the boundless love of God personified in His beloved son, Jesus. Behold the crucifix, where the Son of God, in an act of unparalleled love, offers Himself as a ransom for humanity, enduring agony and humiliation for our sake.

Amidst the jeers of the Pharisees, the mockery of the people, and the condemnation of earthly powers, Jesus, in His divine mercy, utters words that reverberate through eternity: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." These words, a testament to His infinite

compassion, extend beyond time, enveloping us in the embrace of divine forgiveness.

As darkness descends upon the land and the powers of darkness inch closer to their perceived triumph, Jesus, with unwavering faith, commends His soul to the Father. In His final moments, a ray of light pierces the gloom as Joseph of Arimathea, a lone voice of righteousness in a sea of hatred, steps forward to honor the body of Christ.

In our journey through Holy Week, let us not merely be spectators but active participants in the divine drama of redemption. Let us draw inspiration from the courage of our forebears, who, in the face of adversity, remained steadfast in their allegiance to Christ. Today, as we join the throngs of Palm Sunday, let us declare our loyalty to Christ and pledge fidelity to His teachings. Let the palm leaves we carry symbolize our unwavering commitment to accept Jesus as the sovereign ruler of our lives and families.

As we immerse ourselves in the solemnity of this sacred season, let us express our gratitude to Jesus for the boundless gift of redemption. Through our active participation in the liturgy and our sincere repentance, may we find reconciliation with God and His Church, embracing the pardon and forgiveness offered to us through the ultimate sacrifice of Christ.



The next meeting of the Catholic Moms Group is on Wednesday, March 27th 10am-12pm in the Blue Room at Our Lady of Peace.

Come along for chat, prayer and coffee.

For more information visit

www.catholicmomsgroup.com

or email info@catholicmomsgroup.com

All Mothers welcome

Mass Intentions

Saturday March 23rd

5pm

†Janina Karczuga Requested by Elizabeth Karczuga

Sunday March 24th

10am

†Joseph Snidero Requested by Mary Snidero

11:30am

OLP Parishioners

†Bernie Papuga Requested by Sitarz Family

Monday March 25th

7pm

Special Intention for Vince Donnelly requested by Breda Donnelly

†Cecilia Plut Requested by Plut Family

Tuesday March 26th

7pm

†Jack Byron Requested by Helen Montemurro

Wednesday March 27th

7pm

†Juanito Lopez Requested by Imelda Lopez

Holy Thursday March 28th

7pm

Mass of the Last Supper and Washing of the Feet

Good Friday March 29th

3pm

Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord

7pm

Stations of the Cross

Easter Vigil Saturday March 30th

8pm



Easter Food Basket Blessing

We are delighted to extend a warm invitation to all of you to join us for a special Easter Saturday Food Blessing ceremony at **10 am on Saturday 23rd March**. As we gather we will offer prayers of thanksgiving for the abundance we have received and seek blessings for the nourishment that sustains our bodies and souls.

Easter Flowers Donations



As Easter draws near, to make our sanctuary truly special, we are seeking your generosity in donating flowers such as Easter Lilies, Hydrangeas or Tulips. Please bring your flower donations to the church parish office by **Wednesday March 27th**.

Your contribution is deeply appreciated!



Please pray those who are sick:
Vince Donnelly

Please pray those who have died recently:
†Barrie Fodhan
May he Rest in Peace

*****Please note*****

There will be **No 9am** Masses during Holy Week

Weekday Masses will be at 7pm
Monday 25th - Thursday 27th March 2024



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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