

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 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

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.

I am the Good Shepherd

On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, known as Good Shepherd Sunday, we continue our contemplation of the Resurrection's significance. This day also marks the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Today, we honor the risen Lord as the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His flock. The title "pastor" for the leader of a parish stems from its meaning: shepherd. In this role, the pastor guides, nourishes, comforts, corrects, and safeguards Christ's flock—the parishioners. Early Christians recognized Jesus as the fulfillment of the ancient Jewish hope for a Good Shepherd and sought to extend God's flock to include Gentiles.

In the first reading, Peter boldly declares before the Jewish assembly that salvation comes solely through Christ, the rejected and crucified Good Shepherd whom the apostles proclaim and heal in His name.

In the second reading, St. John illustrates how Yahweh, the Good Shepherd of the Old Testament, expressed His love by making us His children through His Son, Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

In today's Gospel, Jesus identifies Himself as the "Good Shepherd," claiming to know and love His sheep to the extent of being willing to die for them. The Gospel comforts us with the assurance that the Good Shepherd knows, provides for, and loves us. It also challenges us to both shepherd those under our care and be obedient sheep in Christ's fold.

Anyone entrusted with others' care is a shepherd—whether bishops, pastors, parents, teachers, healthcare providers, or leaders. We fulfill this role by loving, praying for, sacrificing time and resources for, and protecting those in our charge. Parents, in particular, must set examples for their children by living exemplary lives.

Let us be obedient sheep in Christ's fold: a) By heeding our shepherds' guidance through their teachings, counsel, and advice. b) By partaking in spiritual nourishment through regular Mass attendance, sacraments, prayer, and participation in parish activities. c) By supporting and cooperating with our pastors, offering feedback, encouragement, and gratitude for their ministry. d) By actively participating in parish initiatives and ministries as good stewards.

Let us pray for vocations. We pray for God's call to priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life, marriage, and singlehood, so that we may have more dedicated shepherds to lead and serve the Church. Jesus Christ embodies the ultimate Priest as the mediator between God and humanity, offering

Himself as a unique sacrifice. The universal priesthood of believers, emphasized since Vatican II, underscores the shared priesthood in Christ among the baptized. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we encourage and pray for young men to heed God's call to serve in the priesthood and for all of us to discern and fulfill our vocations according to His will.

TUESDAY TREASURES!



Every Tuesday in the Parish Hall

9.30am-12.30pm.

A beautiful relaxing morning as we continue to watch and discuss Episode 3 of "The Chosen"—A multi-season series about the life of Jesus.

Please come along, connect and chat with friends, while enjoying Teas, Coffee & Refreshments

*Everyone is Welcome, Drop in or stay awhile!
We look forward to seeing you there!*

Any questions?

Please call the Parish Office 416 239 1259 ext. 0



Bingo & Pizza Night!



Bring your family and friends to a fun-filled Pizza & Bingo night on Friday, May 3rd, 6:30 pm 2024 in the Parish Hall.

Admission is \$10.00 and includes one slice of pizza, Caesar salad, beverage and dessert.

Additional pizza slices are \$2.00 each.

You will have plenty of chances to win exciting bingo prizes!

Bingo cards are 3 for \$5.00 or \$2.00 each. 50/50 raffle draw.

Reservations are required.

Tickets are available after each Weekend Mass, the parish office or contact Joan Grima at 647-278-9362

SL ShareLife

Next Weekend April 27th-28th, 2024

Share the love with our beloved seniors through ShareLife

Last year, ShareLife supporters like you offered quality care and companionship to over 2,300 vulnerable seniors.

We ask you to share your blessings through the parish olpeace@archtoronto.org or at sharelife.org/donate.

Thank you for living the Gospel!



Mass Intentions

Saturday April 20th

5pm

†Nicodemo & †Giuseppina Scarfo Requested by Angeles Family

†Lourdes & †Eveline Mathias Requested by Peter Mathias

†Maura Tootill Requested Norma Stoneburgh

In thanksgiving Legie Rose Cacho Requested by Geraldine Cacho

Sunday April 21st

10am

†Marjorie Melnik Requested by Helena Bartosik

Healing Intention ~ Esperanza Zapata

Requested by Mauricio Dimate

11:30am

†Robert Emerling Requested by Czeslawa Emerling

†Mary McGourty Requested The Williams Family

Monday April 22nd

No Mass

Tuesday April 23rd

9am

†Cecilia Plut Requested by Plut Family

Wednesday April 24th

9am

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Thursday April 25th

†Peter Ferrante Requested by Bernardita Ferrante

†Umberto Orsini Requested by Anna & Lucy Orsini

Friday April 26th

9am

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Sanctuary Candle Intentions

Sacred Heart:

†Florencio & †Gregoria Lopez

Requested by the Lopez Family

Sanctuary Candle:

†Ester & †Melanio Lopez

Requested by the Lopez Family

St. Joseph:

†Nazaria & †Catalino Sr. Partoriza

Requested by the Lopez Family



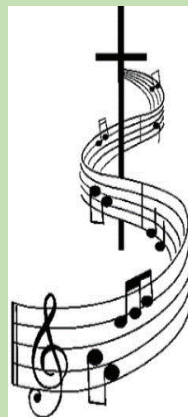
Please pray those who are sick:
Edward Staudingor

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Pray for Us!

Pastoral Letters of Reference

If you anticipate needing a pastoral letter of reference from the pastor for applying to a position within the Catholic School Board, such as a Teacher or a Lunch Supervisor, or for roles like a Confirmation Sponsor or a Godparent, it is crucial to establish an early connection with the pastor. This ensures that the pastor has the opportunity to become acquainted with you. The reference letter aims to confirm that the candidate is a practicing Catholic, actively participating in the parish community by regularly attending Sunday Mass. Please note that a request for a letter of reference may not be fulfilled if the pastor lacks sufficient familiarity with the individual making the request

CALLING ALL SINGERS!



There is a need for singers to join our new choir for the 11:30 am mass.

Experienced or not. What you need most is a love of music and a willingness to participate and learn.

As the saying goes,
When you sing, you pray twice!
Experience the joy of being a part of the Music Ministry.

Come up to the loft at 11:00am before the 11:30 am Mass and speak to our Choir Director, Ed Labor or call the church office 416 239 1259 Ext. O and give your name and phone number to Teresa or Rosanne

Welcome New Parishioners

We extend our most heartfelt greetings to all our visitors and extend a warm welcome to new members of our parish community.

We hope you feel at home & embraced as part of Our Lady of Peace Parish. .

New parishioners are encouraged to complete a parish registration form, which can be found at the rear of the church or by visiting our Parish Office.

We offer Offertory Envelopes and Pre-Authorized Giving forms for your convenience.



The next meeting of the Catholic Moms Group is on Wednesday, April 24th 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



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