

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**

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Office Hours:

Monday to Friday

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m. - 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.

Laying Down Your Life

Love is very often understood as a strong feeling or emotion toward another. When someone is strongly attracted to someone or something, they “love it.” But is this love? Is this love in the truest sense? Not really. Love certainly will have an emotional element to it but it will not be based on emotions or feelings.

So what is love? Love is a choice. Specifically, as Jesus identifies in the Gospel passage today, love is a choice to “lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” Laying down our lives indicates a number of things. First, it shows that the nature of love is a total self-gift. Laying down our life cannot be done half way. Either our life is laid down or not. This reveals that love, in order for it to be love in the truest sense, is a total commitment of 100% of our life.

This passage also reveals that love is sacrificial. Laying down our life clearly shows that love requires a sort of death to self. It requires we look to the other first, putting their needs before ours. This requires true sacrifice and selflessness.

We lay down our lives for others in many ways. Some small, some big. Most importantly, we must foster an attitude of deep concern for the good of every person. When we do turn our eyes and hearts toward others, we will begin to discover countless ways to lay our lives down for them. Small acts of kindness, words of affirmation, a listening ear, help with a chore, etc. are a few of the small ways we give of ourselves every day. Greater acts may include a heroic forgiveness, love when we do not feel like being loving, giving mercy when it appears undeserved, and going out of our way to be there for a person when we do not have time in our busy schedule.

The bottom line is that giving of ourselves until it hurts turns any small or large sacrifice we give into a blessing for them and a glorious reward for us. Living a sacrificial life is fulfilling on many levels and is ultimately what we are made for. Let us reflect, today, upon how well we lay down our life for others, holding nothing back. Let us not hesitate to commit ourselves to this depth of love. By giving ourselves completely away we find ourselves and discover the presence of our Divine Lord.

Children’s Summer Camp: Blast from the Past!



Our Lady of Peace Youth Ministry is proud to announce our first children’s summer camp for 2024! This year’s camp will be all about the wonderful lessons from the Old Testament of the Bible.

What can kids expect?

- Bible stories from the Old Testament
- Arts, crafts, and games alongside videos and interactive activities
- Nut-free snacks will be provided daily & a pizza lunch will be served on Friday!

Children are asked to bring their own lunch Monday to Thursday.

Who: Children aged 5 to 13 years old. The camp is capped at 60 children, first come first served basis. So don’t delay to register.

When & Where: Monday July 22nd to Friday July 26th, 2024
From 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Our Lady of Peace Parish Hall

Cost: \$120, with discounted pricing for additional children.

To Register: Please pick up a registration package at the back of the Church, in the parish office or download from the Parish Website <https://olpeace.archtoronto.org>
Deadline to apply is July 1st, 2024.

Questions?

Please contact Arnold Samson asamson@archtoronto.org or the parish office 416 239 1259 ext. 0 olpeace@archtoronto.org

If you would like to receive the Bulletin by email,

Please email the office: olpeace@archtoronto.org

TUESDAY TREASURES!



Every Tuesday in the Parish Hall

9.30am-12.30pm.

A beautiful relaxing morning as we continue to watch and discuss Episode 5 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

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Pray for Us



Mass Intentions

Saturday May 4th

5pm

†Dwayne Coyle Requested by Tony Fasciano
†Maura Tootill

Sunday May 5th

10am

†Ester & Melanio Lopez Requested by Imelda Lopez
†Ante Bavcevic Requested by Bavcevic Family

11:30am

†Dorothy Sitarz Requested by Sitarz Family

Monday May 6th – Friday May 10th

No Weekly Masses**

**Please note that the priests of the Archdiocese of Toronto will be on their annual retreat from May 6th to 9th. Consequently, there will be no Mass held at our parish during the week of May 6th to 10th. We encourage you to attend Mass at neighboring parishes during this time.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Special Collection: Pope's Pastoral Works

Today, there will be a special collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works.

These funds are passed on to the Holy Father for immediate response in countries stricken by war, famine and natural disasters.

The Pope's Pastoral Works displays Christ's love and compassion for people in desperate need.

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. 0 and give your name and phone number to Teresa or Rosanne

International Eucharistic Congress September 8-15, 2024

Join the Archdiocese of Toronto Delegation!

Traditionally every four years, the Holy Father invites pilgrims from around the world to join in an International Eucharistic Congress.

This year's event will take place in **Quito, Ecuador**

from September 8-15, 2024.

Limited spaces are available for pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Toronto to join with other Canadian delegates to travel to Ecuador.

To learn more about the pilgrimage, visit www.archtoronto.org/iec.

Registration deadline is June 6 with early bird pricing available until May 6, 2024.

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



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 and embraced as part of Our Lady of Peace.

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.



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