

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

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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. - 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.

The Ascension of our Lord

Today's readings describe the Ascension of the Lord Jesus into his Heavenly glory after promising his disciples the Holy Spirit as their source of Heavenly power and commanding them to bear witness to him by their lives and preaching throughout the world. But the ascended Jesus is still with us through his indwelling Holy Spirit as he has promised, "I am with you always; yes, to the end of time." Today's feast is a celebration of Jesus' final glorification after his suffering, death and Resurrection – a glory in which we also hope to share.

The first reading gives an account of the event of the Ascension as recorded in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. First, Jesus instructed his apostles to remain in Jerusalem and wait for the baptism by the Holy Spirit so that they might become his "witnesses to the ends of the earth" by the power of the Holy Spirit. Then a cloud took Jesus from the sight of the disciples and two Heavenly messengers in white garments gave them the assurance of Jesus' "second coming" or return in glory.

In the second reading, Paul explains the theological meaning of Jesus' exaltation, giving us the assurance that one day, we too will be ascending to Heavenly Glory provided we fulfill the mission entrusted to us by the ascending Lord. Today's Gospel describes how Jesus ascended to Heaven after giving his final blessing and missionary command to his disciples. The command was to proclaim the Good News to the whole creation, "to be his witnesses," and "to make disciples of all nations."

There is the funny story of the raw army recruit standing at attention on the drill field. The drill instructor yells, "Forward, march!" And the entire ranks begin to move, all except this one raw recruit. He's still standing there at attention. So, the drill instructor strolls over to him and yells in his right ear, "Is this thing working?" "Sir, yes, sir!" the recruit yells. Then the drill instructor walks around to the other ear and yells, "Is this thing working?" "Sir, yes, sir!" The soldier says. "Then why didn't you march when I gave the order?" "Sir, I didn't hear you call my name." Some of us are like that soldier standing around waiting for God to call our names. But the great commission given by Jesus on the day of his Ascension is a blanket order. It has everyone's name on it. And you can be sure that the Man in charge says, "Go! Make disciples! Teach!" It is your mission and my mission.

We need to be proclaimers and evangelizers: To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer. There is a difference between preaching and proclaiming. We preach with words, but we proclaim with our lives. Let us ask the guidance of the Holy Spirit to bear witness to Jesus by our transparent Christian lives.

We have a teaching mission: Jesus taught us lessons of Faith, Hope, Love, forgiveness, mercy and salvation by his life and preaching and gave us the mission to teach these to others. Hence, let us learn about Jesus and his teachings by our daily study of the Bible and the teachings of the Church, experience Jesus in personal prayer, reception of the Sacraments and works of charity, and convey to others Jesus whom we have experienced with the help of the Holy Spirit.

The ascended Jesus is our source of strength and encouragement: We will be able to overcome doubts about our Faith and baseless fears, anxieties and worries by meditating on Jesus' Ascension and the lesson it teaches -- that we, too, are called to share his glory in Heaven.

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday May 11th

5pm

†Marjorie Melnik Requested by Helena Bartosik

†Rosa Orsini Requested by Anna & Lucy

Sunday May 12th

10am

†Ernesto & Maria Tavares Requested by Maria Amaral

†Leonard Staudinger Requested by Jane Wallbridge

11:30am

†Cecilia Plut Requested by Plut Family

†Gus & Maureen Prisciak Requested by Patricia Williams

†Ramon Rafael Torres Requested by Torres Family

9am - Monday May 13th

No Mass

9am - Tuesday May 14th

†Deceased members of the Strachan Family

Requested by Strachan Family

Special Intention of Aldo Giorno Requested by Micallef Family

9am - Wednesday May 15th

†Rosella Mais Requested by Menina Casalino

9am - Thursday May 16th

†Cecilia Plut Requested by Plut Family

9am - Friday May 17th

Sanctuary Candles

St Joseph: †Leonard Staudinger

TUESDAY TREASURES!



Every Tuesday in the Parish Hall

9.30am-12.30pm.

A beautiful relaxing morning as we continue to watch and discuss Episode 6 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

CALLING ALL SINGERS!



We need you... 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 commit to regular weekly practice (Wednesdays 7:30pm) in the church.

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 Lavor or call the church office 416 239 1259 Ext. 0



Its Mother's day, it's a certainty that we all have a mother, some of us get on well, others not well at all, some mums are now in heaven and some mums are starting on the journey of motherhood. It's a responsible position and some are great at it and others not so flash. Whoever you are it's a day for celebrating mothers.

George Washington once said, "My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual, and physical education I received from her." Abraham Lincoln spoke similar words when he said, "All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel Mother."

Dear mothers, it's a day to acknowledge and admire, accept and appreciate what you were, what you are and what you will be. We express our gratitude to God for giving us such a lovely mothers. We want you to be happy forever. You have cared for us ever since we were little children. You have always showered your selfless love on us. You crossed all mountains and valleys without seeing the storm and heat to make us persons presentable in the society. May God bless you all. Happy mother's day.

**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.



**Sacrament of Confirmation
Pentecost Sunday**

Saturday May 18th – 5.00pm Mass

Sunday May 19th - 11.30am Mass

We ask that you keep Our 57 Candidates in your prayers as they receive the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation



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