## 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 Tel: 416-239-1259 Ext 3

### **Office Administrators:**

Teresa McNamara & Rosanne Colavecchia Tel: 416-239-1259 Ext 0

### **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.

#### Born, Shaped and Filled with the Holy Spirit

A family driving a large camper pulled up in front of the Church just as the pastor started toward home. Desiring to be friendly, the pastor introduced himself and expressed his admiration for the camper. The man of the family told him rather proudly: "This camper sleeps eight people." Then he asked: "What is the capacity of your Church, Pastor?" The beleaguered pastor replied rather glumly, "Oh, it sleeps about Two Hundred." It is embarrassing sometimes how little the modern-day Churches resemble the Church that first Pentecost: the sound of a wind-storm, tongues of fire, disciples speaking in different languages, thousands being added to the Church and lots of excitement – excitement everywhere!

All the three readings highlight different aspects of the Church: how it all began; how the Holy Spirit works here and now; and what demands are placed upon us. Historically, the Church begins in the collective outburst of pentecostalist enthusiasm recalled in in the Acts of the Apostles, with the disciples overwhelmed by what sounded like a gale force wind, releasing them into strange tongues, so ecstatically that the bystanders assumed they were drunk. They weren't, it was all happening too early in the day, as Simon Peter notes, perhaps with a touch of humor.

It bewildered the crowd: "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language, telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God?" — The descent of the Holy Spirit, and thus the creation of the Church, occurred in this eruption of mutually unintelligible languages, in which nevertheless the mighty works of God were praised and proclaimed accessibly to all and sundry.

The presence of the Holy Spirit in the Church was, however, not so intoxicatingly wild and totally out of control, as this scene might suggest. Rather, as in our second reading, dating early in church history, we find St Paul describing — or perhaps only prescribing — a considerable degree of order and stability: every disciple has his or her own gift, ministry, way of working: "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good". The community, pervaded by the Holy Spirit, already displays a certain shape, common aims and shared responsibilities. Moreover, Paul wants us to understand, no individual can proclaim "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. To see Jesus as Lord we have to see him with the eyes of faith, we have to be inspired by the Holy Spirit. That is how the Holy Spirit creates the Church and individuals as Christians.

And then what? What does it mean to say Jesus is Lord? "Receive the Holy Spirit", the risen Lord tells the disciples, in the scene described by St John: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." In the Catholic tradition that solemn promise has often been limited to a ministry in the Church with the authority to absolve repentant sinners or otherwise. That may seem awesome enough. It looks more likely, however, that the disciples on whom this mandate was first imposed, with the gift of the Holy Spirit, stand for all Christians in every generation, sent as Christ was sent into the world by the Father, on a mission then that is charged with the fearful responsibility of exposing and resisting evil in the world, as well as with the power to heal.

Pentecost, then, is the day when we commemorate the spectacular eruption in which the Church came to birth; secondly, it is the day when we remember the countless ways in which the Holy Spirit shapes the Church and ourselves as individuals, and finally it is the day when once again we are reminded that, having received the Holy Spirit, we are required and enabled, in whatever circumstances we find ourselves, to take a stand for good and against evil.

#### 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.

<u>Who:</u> 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.

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

<u>Cost:</u> \$120, with discounted pricing for additional children.

<u>To Register</u>: Please pick up a registration package at the back of the Church, in the parish office or download from the Parish Website <u>https://olpeace.archtoronto.org</u>

Deadline to apply is July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

#### Questions?

Please contact Arnold Samson <u>asamson@archtoronto.org</u> or the parish office 416 239 1259 ext. 0 <u>olpeace@archtornoto.org</u>



#### Confirmation Mass

†Maura Tootill

†Lisetta Gasparet Requested by Susie De Franco <u>Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup></u>

<u>10am</u>

**†Marcella Simone** Requested by Josie Snaith**†Helga Elizabeth Pacelo** Requested by Pacelo Family

<u>11:30am</u> Confirmation Mass

9am - Monday May 20th

No Mass

<u>9am - Tuesday May 21st</u>

**†Cecilia Plut** Requested by Plut Family

90m - Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup>

 $\dagger Maria \ Raimondo \ \& \ Mary \ Iaguone$  Requested by Nicki Raimondo

9 mm - Thursday May 23rd

9am - Fríday May 24<sup>th</sup>

Sanctuary Candles Sacred Heart: †Helga Elizabeth Pacelo Requested by Pacelo Family

The books suggested by Father Biju during his Easter sermon ~Frank Morison, 'Who Moved the Stone?' ~Josh McDowell, 'More Than a Carpenter' ~Lee Strobel, 'The Case for Christ' ~Timothy Keller, 'The Reason for God'



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the parishioners who attended our recent Pizza/Bingo Night and contributed prizes and desserts. Your continued support helps to make these events a great success.

We wish to express our appreciation to the following businesses for donating wonderful bingo prizes:

- EARLS KITCHEN & BAR- 199 North Queen Street, Etobicoke
- JOEY RESTAURANT- Sherway Gardens, 25 The West Mall, Etobicoke
- NANDO'S PERi-PERi- 150 North Queen Street, Etobicoke
  - Thank you for your kind generosity.

#### Annual Ladies' Brunch

Sunday, June 9th, 2024, at 12:30 pm The Canadiana Restaurant, Six Points Plaza, 5230 Dundas St. W. Tickets are \$25 each and include a delicious buffet brunch with coffee, tea and juice, guest speaker, special door prizes. Tickets will be sold after each weekend mass.

For more information and tickets contact Joan Grima at 647-278-9362 or the parish office. Tickets are limited. Don't miss out.

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Elise Villanueva

## Please pray for Our Candidates who received their Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend, Congratulations!

Ayden Aliyer Lisandra Barreira Chance Bigby Evan Canelas-Menezes Davide Ciraco Nigel Fauser Allison Gabor Jordan Iveson Kenji Kuroiwa Noah Martins Caelan Mills Joshua Mitropoulos Georgia Okwara Ethan Olalia Isabella Poffley Alan Snaith William Tibaldo Alexandra Trzaskowski Joshua Zia

Portia Bandong Cassandra Bascon Karmen Borawski Ella Chuchla Victoria Delgado Paige Fauser Adam Gorman Anor Kadima-Kabeya Madelyn Lanni Ella Matijcio Chantelle Mills Lily Monas Kamsiriyochi Okwara Christian Telosi Isaac Tratt Ysabella Taino Renz Tibaldo Sienna Valente Krystal Zia

