

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. - 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 Family of God

We are often misunderstood in this life. Often as believers seeking to serve God, we are misunderstood. Sometimes we are even opposed by well-intentioned people. Now, when those people are member of our family, it makes it increasingly difficult. Such was the case with Jesus. His ministry had stirred up the ire of the religious establishment. Radical things were being done, like healing the sick and casting out demons. Traditions of the elders were being openly flouted and Jesus was encountering serious opposition.

He had come back to the house in Capernaum which offered him hospitality. Concerned for His welfare and not understanding His ministry, His mother, brothers and sister had come to take Him home. They thought He was crazy. They didn't understand. In effect, they had come to the point of opposing His ministry. Think of it: Jesus' own family standing against Him.

Now, we must remember that the average Jew respected the religious establishment which the scribes and Pharisees represented. And no doubt, Jesus' family did as well. So they were naturally concerned about His behavior, and they were coming to try to bring Him back home. No doubt, this was motivated by their love for Him. And this must have been difficult for Jesus. He could deal with the impure motives of the scribes. But here, His own family, in essence, was opposing Him out of their misguided love for Him. How would Jesus handle this?

He handled it with sensitivity. And in doing so, taught us a valuable truth concerning the fellowship of believers called the Church. Following Jesus is no guarantee that those who love us will understand. Sometimes, our own families can stand against us when we make a full-on commitment to follow Jesus. This is especially true when we begin to follow through on that commitment by our actions. It happened to Jesus; and it happens to us as well.

We see in this passage of Scripture a new reality being presented to us. While our natural families may oppose us, there is a larger, spiritual family to which we belong. We see Jesus introducing to His disciples the concept of the family of God. Let us consider two important ideas upon which the light of God's truth may shine. Firstly, the Church as family; and secondly, the family as Church.

Jesus said, "Who are my mother and my brothers? Jesus looked around Him at his disciples. There was Matthew, a former tax collector. There was Simon the Zealot. There were fishermen who educationally stood in marked contrast to the doctors of the law. But this diverse group had one thing in

common. They had left their former way of life to follow Jesus. Looking at them Jesus said, "This is my family." "For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

Those who follow the Lord are part of the family of God. We are His family. Jesus calls up the imagery of the loyalty, caring and commitment of the family to describe the relationship we should have toward one another in the body of Christ. This is something that the church needs to be reminded of. By using the illustration of family life to typify the Church, Jesus also set the tone for our relationships with our own natural families. In all our dealings with one another, we must esteem one another as brother and sister. We must seek to give honor to one another, liberating one another, to be all we can be in Christ. And above all, we must realize that only as we draw near to Him can we ever draw near to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Whether they be in the assembly or in our homes as husband or wife, son or daughter, mother or father, or natural brother or sister.

Our families should be like the Church. The family is to be the Church in miniature. Our families ought to be reflective of the love of God as we love Him together. As we draw close to Him as individuals, He draws us closer to one another. As His love liberates us to be who we can be, so we should liberate one another. All that we are required to do toward one another in the body of Christ, the Church, we are required to do in our own homes as well. This is a vitally important truth.

The "family of God" has so much more to offer. A network of relationships created by common obedience to the will of God, melted together by love at each intersection, and motivated to a ministry of service, is Jesus' idea of His family. Jesus has established His relationships as the hero of the masses, leader of the disciples, enemy of Satan, and member of the family of God. Each identity adds credence to Mark's argument that He is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The masses acclaim Him, the disciples follow Him, Satan abhors Him, and all who obey Him become His sisters and brothers.



Faith & Fellowship



Mark Your Diaries: - Coffee Sunday June 23rd

We warmly invite you to join us in the parish hall for coffee and fellowship. It's the perfect way to connect and share in some delightful moments with fellow parishioners after the 10:00 am and 11:30 am Masses on Sunday June 23rd, 2024.



Mass Intentions

Saturday June 8th

5pm

†Ellen Divers Requested by Mae Gilleece
 †John Domanski Requested by Domanski Family
 †Antonino & Gilda Arruda Requested by Arruda Family

Sunday June 9th

10am

†Ester & Melanio Lopez Requested by Imelda Lopez & Family
 For Healing Sharon Le Blanc Requested by her Mother

11:30am

First Holy Communion Mass

9am - Monday June 10th

No Mass

9am - Tuesday June 11th

†Laura Hamel-Smith Requested by Sarah Hamel-Smith
 †Ronald Bohn Requested by Michele & Aldo Giorno

9am - Wednesday June 12th

†Ross Gagliardi Requested by Susan Gagliardi
 †Ida & †Luigi Giorno Requested by Michele & Aldo Giorno

9am - Thursday June 13th

†Genevieve & †William Chornenki Requested by Michele & Aldo Giorno

9am - First Friday June 14th

†Cecilia Plut Requested by Plut Family



Sanctuary Candles



Sacred Heart: Lascu Family Requested by Victoria Lascu
St Joseph: †Ross Gagliardi Requested by Susan Gagliardi

Marygrove Camp Collection this weekend

June 8th & 9th

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TUESDAY TREASURES!

Tuesday, June 11th in the Parish Hall

9.30am-12.30pm.



Last Gathering before Summer Break



Pot Luck - Please bring along any small entrée or treats
Memories- Please bring along any photos, dear mementos you have and wish to share

We will chat, eat, laugh, pray!

Everyone is Welcome, Drop in or stay awhile



June is dedicated to The Sacred Heart of Jesus



"The prayers of the Sacred Heart take us deep into the heart of our self, and lead us to God. We do not find confusing and over-complex intellectuality, but a simple 'heart to heart' with the Lord, in the silence of our hearts." - Cardinal Thomas Collins

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Pray for Us

Please pray for Our Candidates who received
 Their Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend, Congratulations!



Charles Címicata
 Samíra Codinha
 Kendall Daulo
 Avenell D'Souza
 Caylee Eugenio
 Madison Fillo



Brooklyn Gouveia
 Emílie Isherwood
 Amara O'Brien
 Chinenye Okwara
 Alexandra Pasia
 Nicolás Valenzano

Bundle up

For the

Society of St. Vincent De Paul
 This weekend - June 8th & 9th 2024



Bring your gently used clothing, shoes and linens to share
 with others.

A St Vincent De Paul Bin will be in the church parking lot so
 please share what you can with those less fortunate. We will
 donate or sell these donations to support our outreach
 efforts.

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Thank you for your continued support

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 or [CLICK HERE for Summer Camp Registration Form](#)

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



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