

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.

How little things grow

Children are great for asking questions. They ask one question and, having got an answer, they ask another. As they grow into adolescence, they begin to ask more probing questions, wanting answers to almost insoluble questions. In time, they come to realize that some of life's more profound questions don't have black-and-white, definitive answers. As adults we often have to reconcile ourselves to living with uncertainty. We find that our searching cannot exhaust the many mysteries of life. But we continue to take delight in fresh discoveries, while coming to terms with 'not knowing' as an unavoidable fact of life.

Today Jesus speaks about the mystery of growth. A farmer scatters seed on the good soil of Galilee. Having done the sowing, all he can do is attend to other things, while the seed takes over and does its own work, producing first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear, until the crop is ready for harvest. In the parable the farmer does not know how all this happens. Between his actions of sowing the seed and harvesting the crop nature takes over in a way that he does not fully understand. There is a great deal in our world which we do not fully understand, in spite of the great progress over the centuries on all aspects of science.

There is a reassuring message here for any who are discouraged by the slow progress of goodness in the world. The spreading of God's reign is ultimately the work of God... and that work is going on even when we do not see it or understand it. We have a part to play in bringing about love and justice among us, just as the farmer has a role to play in the coming of the final harvest. However, that first parable in the gospel warns us against overestimating our role. St Paul expresses this perspective well in his first letter to the Corinthians, 'Neither the one who plants, nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.'

The second parable in today's gospel reminds us that God can be at work in surprising ways and places. There is a stark contrast between the tiny mustard seed (the smallest of all the seeds), and the large shrub that grows from it, in whose branches the birds of the air can nest. Insignificant beginnings can lead to a wonderful result. The kingdom of God is like that; it often is expressed initially in what is small and seemingly insignificant. We can feel that our own faith is insignificant, as small as a mustard seed. Jesus assures us that the Spirit is working in and through such faith. Our faith can appear as small as a mustard seed; but such hope is enough for the Lord to work

with. Our various efforts can seem to bear very insignificant results. The parable assures us that the final harvest from those efforts will be abundant.

We must learn to be content with the small contribution that we ourselves can make towards a better world. The kingdom of God is being worked out in quiet and humble ways. We need to learn to appreciate little things and small gestures. We may not have to be heroes or martyrs, but we are called to put a little dignity into our own little corner of the world. There are little seeds of the kingdom that all of us can sow, a friendly gesture towards someone in trouble, a welcoming smile for someone who is alone, a sign of closeness for someone in despair, a little ray of joy for a person in distress. God's reign comes in power through the seemingly insignificant actions of each of one us.



**Mark Your Diaries:
Coffee Sunday June 23rd**



*Let's Celebrate Summer
with Ice Cream and Donuts*

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.



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Mass Intentions

Saturday June 15th

5pm

†Rudolph, †Luzvisminda & †Cruze Saballa

Requested by Bernardita Ferrante

†Umberto Orsini Requested by Anna & Lucy Orsini

Sunday June 16th

10am

†Candida Mendes Requested by Veronica Mendes

† John Toomey Requested by Josie Snaith

11:30am

† Stefan Lavor Requested by Halina Lavor

9am - Monday June 17th

No Mass

9am - Tuesday June 18th

†Gean Franczak Requested by Emerling Family

9am - Wednesday June 19th

For Healing Ted Wallbridge Requested by Jane Wallbridge

†Vincenzo Cerrito Requested by Maria Colsanti & Family

9am - Thursday June 20th

†Sheila Clayton Requested by McRae Family

†Emmanuel Attard Requested by Micallef Family

9am - Friday June 21st

†Calisse Madigan,

†For all the Souls in Purgatory,

For Special Intention- Kevin Madigan Requested by Kevin Madigan

†Mary Niosi Requested by Gallagher Family

Sanctuary Candles

Sacred Heart: Lascu Family Requested by Victoria Lascu

St Joseph: †Joe Luca Requested by Luca Family

Happy Father's Day!

Today, we come together to honor and pray for all fathers, whether they are with us or have passed on. In particular, we want to uplift and celebrate the fathers within our congregation. Your presence and dedication not only shape the lives of your own children but also enrich our community as a whole. As we navigate through the challenges of our world, we recognize the vital role fathers play in guiding and supporting their families.

Reflecting on the words of St. Theresa of Lisieux, we see the profound impact a father's devotion can have on his children. The example of a father who prays fervently for his family echoes through generations, fostering an environment of love and harmony. A father's presence in the home is invaluable, providing stability and guidance that shape a child's future.

In today's world, fathers serve as role models, striving to balance their careers with their roles as emotionally and spiritually attuned partners and parents. Their daily sacrifices and unwavering commitment to their families exemplify the true essence of fatherhood.

On this special day, let us all take a moment to reflect on the responsibilities of fatherhood and the importance of dedication, sacrifice, and love.

Happy Father's Day to all the incredible fathers out there!

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

Have you time to help with the up keep of the garden/grounds, please call the office and leave your name... Thank you



June is dedicated to The Sacred Heart of Jesus



Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O Most Holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore Thee, I love Thee, and with a lively sorrow for my sins, I offer Thee this poor heart of mine.

Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to Thy will.

Grant, good Jesus that I may live in Thee and for Thee.

Protect me in the midst of danger, Comfort me in my afflictions,

Give me health of body, Assistance in my temporal needs,

Thy blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death.

Within Thy Heart, I place my every care.

In every need let me come to Thee with humble trust saying,

'Sacred Heart of Jesus, help me.'

Amen.



Please pray for those who are sick:

Maria Zabal

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