

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.

Reach Out and Touch

A deaf man, a blind man and a disabled man heard a rumor that God had come down to a Church in the village to heal the sick. They all went to find out if it was true. God signed to the deaf man, "Can I help you, son?" The man signed back that he would be so happy if he could hear again. God touched the man and suddenly he could hear. God then touched the blind man and he was able to see. The third man was sitting in his wheelchair with his mouth wide open in amazement. God looked at the man and asked him what he wanted. The man drew back and yelled, "Don't lay one finger on me! I'm on disability!"

Today's readings speak of the gift of life, both physical and spiritual, that God has given us. They urge and challenge us to be grateful for our health in body and soul and to use God's gifts of life and health responsibly.

The first reading, taken from the Book of Wisdom, tells us that God gave us life and health. The reading also suggests that the *goal* of our lives on earth is to know, to love and to serve God here with perfect health in body and soul, and to share God's immortal life forever.

In the second reading, St. Paul asks the Corinthian Christian community to show to their Jewish brothers and sisters in Jerusalem, who were living in poverty and sickness, the kindness and compassion, which Jesus expressed in his healing ministry.

Today's Gospel describes two of our Lord's miracles, the healing of a woman who suffered from a chronic bleeding disease and the returning of the dead daughter of Jairus to life. These healings teach us that Jesus willed life, and willed full life for all God's children. The two healings also reveal Jesus as a generous, kind and compassionate God who wills that men should live their wholesome lives fully. They also give us further proof of the divine power and the infinite mercy of our Savior. These miracles were worked by Jesus as reward for the trusting faith of a synagogue ruler and of a woman with a hemorrhage, although the faith of the ruler might have been defective, and the woman's faith might have been a bit superstitious. But Jesus amply rewarded their defective faith by granting them health and life.

Jesus accepts us as we are. Hence, let us bring before him our bodily illnesses and spiritual wounds and ask for his healing touch. As Christians, we believe that Jesus continues to heal us through his instruments in the medical profession like doctors, nurses and medical technicians. Hence, when we go

to a doctor, we need to offer a prayer to Christ *the Divine Healer*, that we may choose the right doctor, and that he or she will make the correct diagnosis, prescribe the correct treatment and give us the right medicine. Let us not forget the truth, that Christ still works wonders of healing. Let us also thank God for the great gift of health and use it for helping those who are sick.

As members of the Church, we are not excused from our vocation to be healers. We do our share of Christ's healing mission by visiting the sick, by praying for their healing, and by boosting their morale with our loving presence, words of encouragement and inspiration. Thus, we may enable them to experience the compassion of Jesus the healer.

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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Mass Intentions

Saturday June 29th

5pm

†Marion Gilleece Requested by Mae Gilleece
 †Leonard Parsons Requested by Fasciano Family

Sunday June 30th

10am

†Daniel O'Brien Requested by McRae Family
 †Joseph Tierney Requested D'Ornellas Family

11:30am

†Anacorita Sayani Requested by Restituta Dano

9am - Monday July 1st - Canada Day

No Mass

9am - Tuesday July 2nd

†Cecilia Plut Requested by Plut Family

9am - Wednesday July 3rd

9am - Thursday July 4th

9am - Friday July 5th

†Don Timmins Requested by Joan Kennedy
 Special Intention – Healing Stan Kruk Requested by Katie Holmes

Sanctuary Candles

Sacred Heart:

Pat & Lucy requested by Teresa Luca

Sanctuary Lamp:

Rosanne, Paul & Grandchildren
 Requested by Teresa Luca

St Joseph:

†Joe Luca requested by Teresa Luca



Please pray for those who are sick:

Maria Zabal
 Vaishali Chugh

🇨🇦 Canada Day Prayer 🇨🇦

*Eternal God, whose reign extends from sea to sea, and whose care endures throughout the ages, hear our prayers for our country; grant wisdom to those who govern it and respect for human life and dignity to every citizen, so that justice may flourish, and all peoples live in unity and peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever
 Amen.*

His Grace Most Reverend Francis Leo
 Archbishop of Toronto

Message for Canada Day

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Canada Day to all. As we celebrate Canada's founding in 1867, we welcome the opportunity to give thanks to God for His abundant blessings from sea to sea and pray that He continues to bless, protect, and guide us.

The opening prayer for our Canada Day Liturgy acknowledges God's reign in our country and His care for us, reminding us that God not only *creates*, but He also *sustains*. It is through the very *act of creation* that God reveals Himself to us, giving us access through the "natural light of reason" to come to know, love and serve Him faithfully and fruitfully.

The prayer continues, praying for "wisdom to those who govern... respect for human life and dignity to every citizens," it ends with the desire for justice, unity, and peace in our country. Contained within these two triplets—wisdom, respect and dignity, justice, unity, and peace—there is an important insight into Catholic Social Doctrine; namely the close connection between life ethics and social ethics. For justice, unity and peace to exist, good governance, respect for life and the dignity of Canadians is necessary; this is a foundational principle of the Church's social teaching.

Pope Francis puts it succinctly writing, "Issues relating to life are intrinsically connected to social questions. When we defend the right to life, we do so in order that each life—from conception to its natural end—may be a dignified life, one free from the scourge of hunger and poverty, of violence and persecution." The interconnectedness of issues surrounding life and the complexity of social ills can never be separated. Historically the denial of human rights and dignities has led to social upheavals and in some cases the catastrophic loss of human life.

On this Canada Day, we celebrate with joy the founding of our country and acknowledge with humility the mission we have been given by Our Lord himself. As citizens of God's Kingdom and of this world as well, we recognise the abundant blessings we have been given here in Canada and strive to extend those blessings to others.

Let us never tire of seeking God's glory, of desiring to fulfill His holy will, of embracing His purpose for our lives and for our world, of reaching out and making a difference in the lives of our fellow Canadians.

May God bless you and your families and friends on this Canada Day.

St. Joseph, Patron Saint of Canada, pray for us.



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