

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

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Office Administrators:

Teresa McNamara &

Rosanne Colavecchia

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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.

Voice to the Voiceless

Today's Scripture readings invite us to become humble instruments of healing in the hands of Jesus by giving voice to the voiceless, the needy, and the marginalized in our society. We are called to open our ears to hear God's word and allow the Holy Spirit to loosen our tongues to praise and worship Him, and to share the Good News of God's love and salvation with others.

In the first reading, we are reminded that God's gaze is always fixed on the helpless. He cares deeply for "the frightened, the blind, the deaf, the lame, the mute," and He urges the powerless to "be strong and fearless." The Responsorial Psalm echoes this by celebrating a God who gives sight to the blind, lifts up those who are bowed down, and welcomes strangers. The psalmist expresses gratitude and calls us to rejoice because "the God of Jacob keeps faith forever," fulfilling His promise of peace and abundant life for His people.

In the second reading, the apostle provides us with fundamental principles of social justice. He challenges Christians to avoid favoritism based on outward appearances and to adhere to God's "preferential option for the poor." He cautions against scorn or shame directed at the poor while giving undue honor to the wealthy.

Today's Gospel not only recounts a physical healing but also symbolizes the transformative power of God's love. This love works in our lives to turn sorrow into joy, sickness into health, and death into new life. To perceive and proclaim God's message, we ourselves need to be transformed. The miracle in the Gospel demonstrates that one can have perfect hearing and speech yet remain unresponsive to God's word and unable to act in faith.

All three readings emphasize a God who is attentive to the voiceless and afflicted. Yet, in today's world, many of us struggle to recognize God's call for action. We are challenged to give hearing and voice to those who are deaf and mute. The person healed in the Gospel became a living

testimony to God's power. A Church that truly represents Jesus' love must not ignore "those who are bowed down" but must instead provide a healing presence that gives voice to the voiceless.

Jesus wishes to touch our lives to free our tongues, enabling us to speak to the spiritually hungry through our actions. He calls us to open our hearts so He can touch others through us. In times of grief, despair, or failure, we may become "deaf" to God's presence in the love and compassion of others or be so distracted by the noise of life that we miss the voices of those who care for us. We might struggle to speak to God in prayer or hear Him through the Bible and the Church.

Therefore, let us follow the example of the man in today's Gospel who, despite his deafness and speech impediment, sought out Jesus and followed Him away from the crowd. Let us dedicate ourselves to knowing Him more intimately through Scripture and personal prayer. As we grow more aware of Jesus' healing presence in our lives, our ears will open, and our tongues will be loosed to proclaim His love and salvation.

Pastoral Letters of Reference

If you anticipate needing a pastoral letter of reference from the pastor for applying to a position within the Catholic School Board, such as a Teacher or a Lunch Supervisor, or for roles like a Confirmation Sponsor or a Godparent, it is crucial to establish an early connection with the pastor.

This ensures that the pastor has the opportunity to become acquainted with you. The reference letter aims to confirm that the candidate is a practicing Catholic, actively participating in the parish community by regularly attending Sunday Mass.

Please note that a request for a letter of reference may not be fulfilled if the pastor lacks sufficient familiarity with the individual making the request.

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on winning the
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Our Lady of Peace, Pray for Us



Mass Intentions
Saturday September 7th

5pm

†Marjorie Melnik Requested by Simon

Sunday September 8th

10am

†Cyril Mendes Requested by Veronica Mendes

11:30am

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9am - Monday September 9th

No Mass

9am - Tuesday September 10th

†Alex Pradan Requested by Liana Pradan

9am - Wednesday September 11th

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9am - Thursday September 12th

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9am - Friday September 13th

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**Welcome Back BBQ
and Coffee Sunday**



Come join us,
As we celebrate



*The Our Lady of Peace Community,
reconnect with friends
and make new ones!*

Saturday September 14th after 5pm Mass

Barbeque

Sunday September 15th after 10.00am Mass

Coffee Sunday

Sunday September 15th after 11.30am Mass

Barbeque



*Are you or a loved one interested in becoming
Catholic?*

The Catholic Church is always happy to welcome new members who come from other Christian denominations or different religious backgrounds. To help these new members join our faith, the Church has a special process.

For adults over 16 years old, it's called the

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA).

Our adult group, RCIA, will have its first meeting on
Sunday, September 22nd 2024 at 11:00 am in the parish hall.

If you're interested in joining RCIA, please call the parish office to register.

During RCIA, we teach about the Catholic faith, answer questions, and help prepare people for full membership in the Roman Catholic Church. This is open to people from all backgrounds, whether you're from another faith, have no particular religious background, or are an adult who was baptized as a baby but missed out on some sacraments or learning about the faith.

For younger people, it's called the

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC).

Children, ages 7-16, who are unbaptised, who are baptised in another faith or have not received First Reconciliation or First Communion-please call the parish office to register.

If you feel God is calling you to take this step this year, we encourage you to call the parish office now. You can also suggest this opportunity to someone you know who might be interested.

Parish Office 416-239-1259 ext 0

*The Sacraments of
First Holy Communion and
Confirmation*

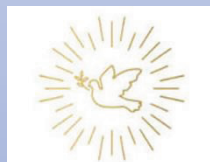
Registration for First Holy Communion will take place
in the Parish Hall



Saturday 28th September 2024
After 5pm Mass
&/or
Sunday 29th September 2024
After 11.30am Mass

First Holy Communion Dates:

Saturday May 3rd 2025 – 5pm &/or
Sunday May 4th 2025 – 11.30am



Registration for Confirmation will
take place in the Parish Hall

Saturday October 5th 2024
After 5pm Mass

Confirmation Date:

Sunday, June 1st 2025 – 3pm
Celebrant: Most Reverend Bishop Ivan Camilleri

**Candidates wishing to receive either sacrament must
provide a hard copy of their Baptismal Certificate.
Registration will take place on these dates only.**



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