

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.

How well do we know him?

It is not easy to get to know someone really well. A couple who have lived together for many years will be well aware of each other's qualities and have learnt to accept their limitations. They will have a good level of mutual acceptance and appreciation. But even people that we know well can continue to surprise us. We can discover something about them that we never noticed before. We can suddenly be reminded of the extraordinary mystery of the other person, the otherness of someone whom we know and love. We realize more clearly that the other person is different to me and will always remain a mystery to me, even though I know them as well as I know anyone. If we were to ask someone who really knew us, 'Who do you say that I am?' and then asked them to write a couple of paragraphs about us, we might not recognize ourselves in what they would write.

There is always more to us than someone else's view of us, even someone who knows us very well. Notice how Jesus asks his disciples two questions. The first was easy enough, 'Who do people say that I am?' Their answers made some sense in so far as they went, 'John the Baptist, Elijah, one of the prophets.' Yes, Jesus was a prophetic preacher who proclaimed God's word. Yet, to call him a great prophet does not go far enough. The second was a more probing question, 'Who do you say that I am?' Peter's answer went beyond what other people had imagined, 'You are the Christ, the Messiah,' he said. Peter meant, 'you are our Messiah, the one we have been waiting for, the one whose coming the prophets foretold.'

Yet, in spite of his good answer to question, Peter still had much to learn. The term 'Messiah' meant different things to different people. Probably Peter thought Jesus would somehow help to drive the occupying Romans from the land of Israel. But this was not the kind of Messiah Jesus understood himself to be. At this point in this ministry he understood that far from leading a movement to drive out the Romans, he would end up on a Roman cross, crucified like a common criminal. Faithfulness to his mission would cost him his life. When Jesus began to articulate this reality Peter rebuked Jesus. This was not Peter's idea of a Messiah. Peter could not accept the

otherness of Jesus, the mystery of Jesus' identity. Peter was comfortable telling Jesus who he was, but when Jesus began to reveal who he really was and what that entailed Peter became distinctly uncomfortable.

We probably all find it easier telling people who they are than listening to people tell us who they really are. In particular, we can struggle to hear the story of someone's imperfection, especially if our picture of them has been one that doesn't allow for that. Peter wasn't able to hear Jesus talking about himself as a broken, failed, rejected Messiah. It was really only after the resurrection that Peter and the disciples were able to come to terms with such imperfection, such failure. It can be a struggle for us to accept failure and imperfection in others and also to accept our own imperfection. Jesus could accept his own failure, his own imperfection, because he trusted in God as one who would make him whole. Because he could accept his own failure, his own imperfection, he was at home with the failure and imperfection of others. The broken, the failures of this world, flocked to him, and in his presence they came alive. We will more easily accept our own imperfection and failures if we know in our heart of hearts that we too can approach the Lord as one who can make us whole. The Eucharist has been described as bread broken for a broken people. The Lord who was broken on the cross for us is present in the Eucharist as our Life-Giver. We approach the Lord in the Eucharist in our own imperfection asking to be made whole, and asking also for the grace to be able to sit with others in their imperfection.



**"Those who hope in the Lord will
run and not be weary."**

- Isaiah 40:31

RENEW Toronto is back! As pilgrims of hope, young adults between 19-39 are called to more. This year, we call you to deepen your relationship with Christ through hope, prayer and service.

What can you expect?

Two days of growth & fellowship:

November 23rd: Canada Event Centre
(Conference day)
November 24th: St. Michael's
Cathedral Basilica (Young Adult Mass
celebrated by Archbishop Leo)

Various Event Activities:

- Keynote speakers
- Workshops
- Mass and Adoration
- Marketplace
- Evening Social





Mass Intentions
Saturday September 14th
5pm

†Antonio & †Gilda Arruda Requested by Anna Pereira
†Gary Westlake Requested by McGrann Family
†Dina Flores Requested by Oscar & Lori Flores

Sunday September 15th
10am

†Loretta & †Louis England
†Agathe Sweetman Requested by John & Marie Digings
11:30am

†Doreen Aonso Requested by Aonso Family
9am - Monday September 16th

No Mass

9am - Tuesday September 17th

†Beryl Sullivan Requested by Joan Kennedy
✠ Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving for Joey & Lou Salazar
✠ 80th Birthday Thanksgiving for Joey Salazar

9am - Wednesday September 18th

9am - Thursday September 19th

†Barry Nowoselski Requested by Maryanne Leon
9am - Friday September 20th



Sanctuary Candles Intentions

St Joseph: †Deceased Members of
The Casalino Family
Requested by Menina Casalino

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

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

Welcome Back

Coffee Sunday

BBQ

Jumble Sale

Come join us,
This Weekend
After All Masses

As we celebrate
The Our Lady of Peace Community,
reconnect with friends
and make new ones!



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.



SVDP ~ Bundle Up Weekend
Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd September

Children's' Liturgy Starting September 22nd at 10am Mass



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