

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:

Fr. Biju Kannampuzha

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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.

Who Is The Greatest?

If you saw the movie “Titanic,” you’ll recall how panicked the sinking ship’s passengers were while they boarded the lifeboats. Yet in spite of the chaos, one rule, as much as possible, was strictly observed: women and children came first. That’s why Bruce Ismay, president of the Titanic’s White Star Line, was portrayed as a coward for having finagled a spot in one of the last boats while there were still children on board. Conversely, John Jacob Astor, sporting his tuxedo and sipping his brandy, was depicted as a hero for having remained behind while his pregnant wife disembarked alone.

However, if the Titanic had sailed two thousand years earlier, in the Mediterranean and not the Atlantic, the whole scenario would have been reversed: Astor would have been seen as a fool, while Ismay’s actions would have been understood as normal, even honorable. That’s shocking to us, but true. In our modern, Western society, we place children first. On a sinking ship, their safety is a top priority. In contrast, ancient Middle Eastern cultures, like that of Jesus, placed children last. Boys and girls had no legal status in families or communities, and small children were considered equal to slaves. When famine struck, for instance, they were fed *after* the adults.

Recognizing this helps us to appreciate our Lord’s words in today’s gospel. For the second time, he forewarned his disciples about his betrayal and death. But this was too much for them to understand, and they were afraid to ask what he meant. Worst of all, instead of expressing concern or sympathy, they chose to argue about which of them was the greatest.

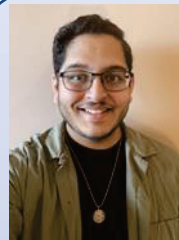
Jesus apparently overheard them. “If anyone wishes to be first,” he insisted, “he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Next, Jesus placed a child in their midst, embraced it with a hug, and offered words which were direct, counter-cultural, and downright shocking: “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.”

What Jesus was saying is that to extend hospitality to a child- the lowest person on society’s totem pole- was to offer a service to God himself. What does this mean? To love children, yes, but much more than that. In Jesus day, hospitality to strangers was normal. However, such hospitality was offered with the expectation that guests would later speak far and wide about their host’s generosity, thus building up his or her reputation. With this aim in view, to extend hospitality to children was laughable. They couldn’t

enhance one’s reputation or add to one’s honor. So why bother?

But that’s exactly our Lord’s point. Jesus was teaching that *true* greatness, in *his* eyes, is to be found in serving others without any hope of return. That’s why the example of a child was so important. If Jesus has simply said that greatness is based upon service, we can imagine the disciples, with perverse logic, trying to outdo one another in heaping up good works, racing each another to be the best “do-gooders” in order to win first prize. But to speak of welcoming a young child is nothing less than a call to generous, selfless love which seeks not reward or advantage or profit, but simply the good and well-being of another.

This is the love of which Jesus spoke in today’s gospel. This is the love he calls us to aspire to. A love which serves others with generosity, without counting the cost; a love which serves others for their benefit, and not our own; a love which seeks not its own greatness, which is nevertheless, the greatest love of all.



Peace be with you!

My name is Arnold Samson, and I’m excited to introduce myself as the new Youth Minister at Our Lady of Peace Parish.

I’ve been involved with OLP since 2014, starting as an altar server and later assisting with the Children’s Liturgy program. I graduated from Bishop Allen Academy in 2018 and earned my Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology from the University of Guelph-Humber in 2022.

I’ve always been passionate about cooking, history and literature. My childhood love for storytelling and history eventually led me to a deeper interest in the rich history of our Catholic faith as an adult.

In early 2024, Father Biju invited me to consider the role of Youth Minister at OLP. With his support, I began developing my skills and vision for the ministry. After organizing several successful events, I now feel prepared to guide our youth toward a stronger relationship with God and our faith.

I want to thank everyone in the OLP community, especially the office staff, volunteers, catechists, and my family, for their support. I look forward to helping our young people grow in their faith and welcome any questions or ideas you may have. You can reach me at asamson@archtoronto.org or through the parish office. God bless!

Arnold Samson, Youth Minister at OLP



Mass Intentions

Saturday September 21st

5pm

†Marjorie Melnik Requested by Helena Bartosik

Sunday September 22nd

10am

†Leonard Staudinger Requested by Jane Wallbridge

⦿In Thanksgiving, Walsh Family

11:30am

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9am - Monday September 23rd

No Mass

9am - Tuesday September 24th

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9am - Wednesday September 25th

⦿Christine Lortie & Nicholas Monaco on their upcoming marriage Requested by Susan Monaco

9am - Thursday September 26th

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9am - Friday September 27th

†Rosa Orsini Requested by Anna & Lucy Orsini



St Vincent De Paul Society

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Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd September

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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.

Interested in becoming Catholic?

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA).

Classes start this Sunday, September 22nd 2024
after 10am Mass at 11:00 am in the Parish Hall.

If you feel God is calling you to take this step this year, we encourage you to come to the Parish Hall after the 10.00am Mass. You can also suggest this opportunity to someone you know who might be interested.

TUESDAY TREASURES!

Is Back!



Eat



Starting Tuesday September 24th &
Every Tuesday in the Parish Hall
9.30am-12.30pm.

A beautiful relaxing morning as we continue to watch and discuss "The Chosen" – A multi-season series about the life of Jesus.

Please come along, connect and chat with friends, while enjoying Teas, Coffee & Refreshments

Everyone is Welcome, Drop in or stay awhile!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Any questions?

Please call the Parish Office 416 239 1259 ext. 0



All Mothers welcome to the next
meeting of the Catholic Moms
Group on Wednesday,

September 25th 2024 10am-12pm

in the Parish Hall at Our Lady of Peace.

For more information visit

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