# **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 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.

#### Not one of us?

It's a fact of human nature that we often think of others in terms of what positive qualities they lack, rather than in terms of the positive qualities they actually have. Sometimes we make this worse by doing the exact opposite when it comes to ourselves, ignoring our own faults, and then comparing our estimation of others with that of ourselves.

It's what the disciples do in today's gospel. We are presented with the disciples reporting to Jesus the activity of some unknown man who is casting out devils in his name. He could be a follower of Christ who has proceeded to bring the Good News to others. On the other hand, he could be someone who is not really a follower of Christ, but who uses Christ's name in exorcisms. If so, whatever faith he has is unformed but he has taken a small step. And that he successfully exorcises indicates the activity of God in his actions. What is clear is that he is not one of the disciples and they want to exclude him.

Of course, you might say that the disciples are realistic: you need to have some discipleship, conditions for otherwise discipleship would be meaningless. That is true. But Mark is not focusing on this aspect in today's gospel. We see this because in his account the disciples do not say to Jesus: "And because he was not one of your followers we tried to stop him". Instead, they say: "Because he was not one of us". What they object to is that the unknown exorcist is not one of their group, and not that he is not a full disciple of Christ. In their eyes they have become the standard by which discipleship is measured and the call of Christ is effectively sidelined. They have concentrated on what the man is not, and not the fact that he successfully exorcises in Christ's name.

This is despite the fact that only a little earlier in the same chapter it is the disciples who are unable to exorcise a demon from a young boy. So, we have here the irony that if we apply the disciples' exclusionary approach to themselves then it is they who deserve to be excluded. Unlike the unknown man, it is they who are unable to exorcise in Christ's name.

By setting up their own standards they can blissfully ignore their own faults and feel righteous. However, there is a further catch: by trying to exclude the exorcist they show their misunderstanding of Christ's message, and so they merit their own exclusion all the more.

This is not something peculiar to the disciples. It can happen in our Christian communities or in any group situation and we should be aware of it, remembering that inasmuch as we try to exclude others unfairly from Christ, we exclude ourselves. Thankfully, this is not the last word because, although we are often exclusionary, God is not.

Today's gospel therefore confronts any presumption we may have to superiority, challenging us to find the good qualities in others rather than the negative. This may mean having to give up feelings of self-righteousness and superiority which we all love so very dear. It is a serious business because these feelings and the behavior they lead to undermine faith through forms of exclusion, subtle or otherwise.

# OLP 2024 YOUTH MINISTRY

First Meeting: Sept 27th, 2024

6:30PM to 9:00PM

Location: Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, 3914 Bloor St. W

### **The Parenting Children Course**

#### For those parenting children ages 0 to 10

Session 1: September 27<sup>th,</sup> 2024

Session 2: October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Session 3: November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Session 4: November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

Session 5: December 6th, 2024

For more information:
Please visit our website,
olpeace.archtoronto.org or contact Arnold
Samson, Youth Minister at
asamson@archtoronto.org



## Mass Intentions Saturday September 28th

†Marietta & †Giovanni Deluca Requested by Fasciano Family **†Luviana Spedaliere** Requested by Fasciano Family Donors of St. Vincent De Paul Society Requested by SDVP Ministry

# Sunday September 29th

†Margaret & †Joesph McRae Requested by McRae Family †Jorge Cortes Requested by Imelda Lopez & Family **In Thanksgiving** Requested by Legie Rose

#### 11:30am

†Gilda & †Antonino Arruda Requested by Ana Pereira

9am - Monday September 30th

No Mass

9am - Tuesday October 1st

9am - Wednesday October 2nd

9am - Thursday October 3rd

#### 9am - First Friday October 4th



**Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** closing with Benediction After Mass - 10.15am

### Sanctuary Candles Intentions



Sacred Heart: † Jorges Cortes Requested by Imelda Lopez

St Joseph:

†Ester Lopez Requested by Imelda Lopez



#### **FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION** October 4th 2024



First Fridays have traditionally been associated with the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To appropriately observe First Fridays there will be Eucharistic adoration following the 9:00 am Mass until 10:15 a.m. Closing with Benediction.

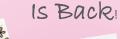
### Interested in becoming Catholic?

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA).

Classes continue this Sunday, September 29th 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.

### WUFSDAY WREASURES







#### **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

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. o

# **Registration for First Holy Communion**

\*\*\*\*THIS WEEKEND\*\*\*\*

Saturday 28th September 2024 5pm Mass

Sunday 29th September 2024 11:30am Mass



#### **First Holy Communion Dates:**

Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025 – 5pm &/or Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> 2025 – 11:30am

\*A Copy of Baptismal Certificate Required\*

# **Registration for** Confirmation \*\*\*\*NEXT SATURDAY\*\*\*



Saturday October 5th 2024 **After 5pm Mass** 

#### **Confirmation Date:**

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

\*A Copy of Baptismal Certificate Required\*

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