

# 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.*

## **Call To Commitment**

The message of today's gospel is that marriage takes commitment. Marriage is forever! For better, for worse; for richer, for poorer; in sickness and in health. Two become one flesh! What God has joined together, no human being must separate.

But not everyone sees things that way these days. Some argue that marriage is an outdated institution we just don't need in our "post-modern" world. Evolutionary biologists say that monogamy is unnatural, and that we're not "wired" to be faithful to one person for life. For proof, they say, just look at the divorce rate!

Sometimes divorce is necessary. Most of the time, however, it's not. Two-thirds of divorces today come from "low-conflict" relationships. The couple drifts apart, things get boring, routine replaces romance, life gets stressful, and spouses disappoint each other. Things don't turn out the way they hoped or expected.

None of this should surprise us, however, because we're all broken people. Every one of us is wounded in some way. We have immaturities, insecurities, and fears. We're selfish and we're sinners. Since we bring all of this messiness to our relationships, there's no such thing as a perfect marriage, because no person is perfect.

That's why marriages typically go through what we might call a "period of disillusionment." It's also why commitment is so essential. At a wedding, promises are made that nothing is going to be a "deal breaker." Spouses commit themselves to each other- before God and before the Church- to stick together through thick and thin. Marriage is a permanent bond.

Of course, marriage is about love. But commitment is a main ingredient of love. That doesn't sound exciting or romantic, but that's the honest truth. When some people say they "married for love," they mean they made a mistake when they were "head over heels." When the feeling was gone, the "love" was gone. But to really "marry for love" is to stay committed, with or without "loving" feelings."

That's why Jesus said what he said. That's why God made things the way he did. As Jesus explained, marriage for life was part of God's

design "from the beginning." It's only because we're "hard of heart" that things don't work out.

Sure, marriage commitment is hard. Nobody said it wouldn't be. But Jesus has shown us the way. Consider this: in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, it's the bride and groom who are the ministers of the sacrament, not the priest or deacon. But that ministry doesn't end at the altar. After the wedding, husbands and wives continue to minister to each other, by presenting Christ to each other. And you can't present Christ to your spouse if you aren't totally committed to him or her the way Christ is committed to us. Jesus never turns his back on us. Jesus never gives up on us. Jesus never stops loving us. That's why he ended up on a cross.

Love requires commitment. At the same time, commitment helps us learn to love. Commitment is more than just sticking together, come what may. It also involves working on loving each other more and more. None of us are able to love perfectly, this side of heaven. But we can always learn to love more than we're able to love today. That's one reason why God brings husbands and wives together: so he can teach them lessons in love, and so they can help each other become holy. Some of those lessons can be hard. God's love can be "tough love." But it's the only love worthy of the name.

## ***OLP 2024 YOUTH MINISTRY***

Second Meeting:  
Oct 18th, 2024

6:30PM to 9:00PM

Location: St. Elizabeth

Elementary School

at 5 Redcar Ave., Etobicoke

**!!! Also Check Out !!!**

**The Parenting Children Course**

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

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 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Still Interested in Joining?**

Registration is still open and can be completed on our parish website under the "Youth Ministry" page, or by contacting Arnold Samson [asamson@archtoronto.org](mailto:asamson@archtoronto.org)

Catch up on Session 1 before Oct 18<sup>th</sup> by contacting Arnold Samson at [asamson@archtoronto.org](mailto:asamson@archtoronto.org)



**Mass Intentions**  
**Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**5pm**

†**Special Intention**

†**Maria Lino Da Silvo** Requested by Maria Silva

†**Antonio Fernando Da Silva** Requested by Maria Silva

**Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**10am**

†**Loretta Storey** Requested by OLP Choir

**11:30am**

†**Patrick Corbett** Requested by Breda & Teresa Corbett

†**John, †Gine & †Jerry Franczak** Requested by Czeslawa Emerling

**Monday October 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**No Mass**

**Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**9am**

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**10am**

**St. Elizabeth School Mass**

†**Rose Sgro** Requested by the Staff & Students of St Elizabeth School

**Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**9am**

**Prayers for the Willemse Family** Requested by DeMartin Family

**Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**9am**

†**Jose Lecaros Jr.** Requested by Jeanette Lacaros

**Friday October 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**9am**

**Intentions of the Van Run Family** Requested by DeMartin Family

**Sanctuary Candles Intentions**



Sanctuary †**Deceased Members of Madigan Family**

Requested by Doplada Family

**Mass & Candle Intentions**

*If you would like to request a Mass or Light a Sanctuary Candle for a deceased loved one, for healing prayers, birthday wishes or in thanksgiving,*

*Please contact the Parish Office  
[olpeace@archtoronto.org](mailto:olpeace@archtoronto.org)  
416 239 1259 ext. 0.*

**TUESDAY TREASURES!**



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*

**Interested in becoming Catholic?**

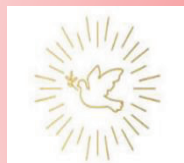
**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA).**

Classes continue this Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 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 whomight be interested.

**Confirmation Registration**

**\*\*\*\*THIS SATURDAY\*\*\*\***



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

**Confirmation Date:**

**Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 – 3pm**  
**Celebrant: Most Reverend Bishop Ivan Camilleri**

**First Holy Communion Registration**

There is still time to register for  
First Holy Communion 2025

Dates:

Saturday	May 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2025	5:00 pm
Sunday	May 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	11:30 am
Sunday	May 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	11:30 am

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