

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.

Formula For Greatness

Once, a journalist saw Mother Teresa of Calcutta who was then engaged in picking up the dying from the streets and caring for them. He told her, "Not even for a million dollars would I do a job like that." "Neither would I," answered Mother Teresa.

Nor would she do it for all the treasures of the world. But she would gladly do it in obedience to what her Master taught her, namely, "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all." (Mk. 10:43-44). As the world now knows and as it was in her lifetime, her greatness lied in caring for the most unloved, unwanted and uncared for - regardless of race, gender and creed.

What makes a person "great," "first," a leader in our contemporary world? The one with wealth, power and prestige. And how does such a person act, behave? He behaves as if the whole world is beholden to him, revolves around him. But is that what Jesus means by "first" and "great?" Is that how He wants every Christian to act?

In the gospel reading we see Jesus telling His apostles of the suffering and death He would undergo in Jerusalem before He would be raised up in glory. As everyone fell silent to reflect on what He said (Mk. 10:35-45), James and John made a request to Jesus saying, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." There was Jesus ready to answer all questions about what lied ahead and this was what He got!

But ever ready to respond to their immediate concerns, Jesus taught them the formula for greatness, for true leadership: "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all." Why? "For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." In short, if they want to be great, if they want to be able to sit one at His right and the other at His left in His Kingdom, they must be like the Son of Man - the Servant of all.

Jesus Himself became man, took the condition of a slave and became obedient, even to death on the cross - for our redemption. And this for no other reason except to do the Father's will. He Who was "first," came "to serve and not to be served." Jesus now asked no less of His apostles if they would become effective future leaders of the Church He would shortly establish.

Nowhere is this kind of leadership better exemplified than in a normal family. In such a family, the leaders--the father and mother--are completely at the service of the family, specially the children. Aside from providing them with food, clothing, shelter and education, they also teach them the rudiments of the faith and this, more by their example than by what they say.

Is this the way many of our leaders in the larger community--in the government and those in positions of influence--act? Do they not rather work to get the most for themselves and not for the people they are supposed to serve? Yet many of these leaders profess to be Christians. How conveniently they have forgotten Jesus' teaching of what it means to lead, namely, to serve and not to be served!

At no time is this teaching more relevant than today, World Mission Sunday. The Church, by her very nature, is missionary. And the proclamation of the Good News to our contemporaries is not only the concern of her leaders but of every Christian. To carry this out, we have to be missionaries who serve rather than are served right in our home, our community, our workplace - wherever we are.

This is especially true in our day and age when materialism and consumerism have made such inroads in people's lives. They have made people care less and less for others and more and more for themselves. In fact, their one and only concern is "What can give ME the greatest pleasure now." "Pleasure now," or more to the point, "my satisfaction now" is their god. And this god has its own effective missionaries--the media which proclaim its message of self-satisfaction day in and day out. Moreover, and again, mainly through the media, this god creates not only new "wants" but also new "needs" which further increases the number of people who worship before its altar. No wonder that this idolatry now encompasses the whole world!

It is in such a milieu, that we are to be missionaries, to be proclaimers of the Good News. To be effective, we must not only go out "to serve and not to be served" but also to follow a simple life-style. This was what Jesus and the Church over the centuries did. This was what Mother Teresa did. This is what many others are doing today. If we do so ourselves, then we will become counter-signs to today's idolatry of "pleasure now" or "my satisfaction now".

OLP 2024 YOUTH MINISTRY

*Location: St. Elizabeth
Elementary School
at 5 Redcar Ave., Etobicoke*

Check Out:

The Parenting Children Course

Registration is still open! Register

on our Youth Ministry page, or contact

Arnold Samson at asamson@archtoronto.org

6:30 pm-9:00 pm

Session 3: November 8th 2024

Session 4: November 22nd 2024

Session 5: December 6th 2024

Visit our Youth Ministry page on the parish website! Go to "Our Ministries" and select "Youth Ministry" from the menu. Updates & important information posted regularly.

All Souls' Day

All Souls' Day is a time when we come together as a community to remember and pray for those who have passed away, cherishing the memory of the lives they lived and the love they shared. This year, our parish will celebrate a Special Requiem Mass on **Saturday, November 2nd, 2024, at 11:00am**. It will be both a beautiful tribute and a comforting experience for all who attend. During the Mass, we will have a special remembrance ceremony where we will read the names of those who have gone before us and light candles in their memory. It will be a poignant moment for you to remember and give thanks for your loved one, to acknowledge their life and all that it meant to you, and to offer our prayers for their eternal peace. Following the Mass, we invite you to join us for a reception in the parish hall. Light refreshments will be served.



Mass Intentions

Saturday October 19th 5pm

†David Nadolski Requested by Doplaga Family

Sunday October 20th

10am

†Marjorie Melnik Requested by Helena Bartosik

†Edgardo Manalang Requested by Manalang Family

11:30am

†John & †Mary Markowski Requested by Doplaga Family

Monday October 21st

No Mass

Tuesday October 22nd 9am

†Maria Lista Requested by Rosanne Lista

Wednesday October 23rd 9am

† Teresa & †Frank Di Tullio Requested by Menina Casalino

Thursday October 24th 9am

† Danny Casalino Requested by Menina Casalino

Friday October 25th 9am

Wedding Blessings Christine Lortie & Nicholas Monaco
Requested by Susan Monaco

†Andrzej Tkczuk Requested by Emerling Family

Faith & Fellowship



Coffee & Tea Sunday

*****THIS SUNDAY*****

10:00am & 11:30am Masses

We warmly invite you to join us in the parish hall for coffee and fellowship. It's the perfect way to connect and share in some delightful moments with fellow parishioners.



**Bingo & Pizza Night!
Friday, October 25th**



Bring your family and friends to a fun-filled Pizza & Bingo night on Friday, October 25th 6:30 pm 2024 in the Parish Hall.

Admission for Adults & Children is \$10.00

Includes: one slice of pizza, Caesar Salad, beverage and dessert.

Additional pizza slices are \$2.00 each.

We'll have exciting Bingo Games with many prizes to be won!

Reservations are required.

Tickets are available after each Weekend Mass, the parish office or contact Joan Grima at 647-278-9362

Donations of bingo prizes (gift cards or unused items) and desserts would be appreciated

All Souls' Day - Mass Intentions

The Catholic Church has a rich tradition of celebrating Masses for the repose of souls and special intentions. These Masses serve different purposes, such as praying for souls in purgatory, honoring the departed, or marking special occasions like birthdays. If you would like to request a Mass for someone, please find the envelopes for All Souls Day in the pews. Simply write the names of the deceased on the envelope or the intentions and place it in the offertory basket.

Please pray for

† **Frank LeBlanc**

who have passed away recently

May he Rest in Peace



TUESDAY TREASURES!

Every Tuesday in the Parish Hall

9.30am-12.30pm.

Everyone is Welcome.



The Sacraments of Confirmation

Registration is almost complete

Please contact the office as soon as possible if you wish to register for either Sacrament.

olpeace@archtoront.org or 416 239 1259 ext.0



~Mark Your Calendars~

Our Lady of Peace Parish Christmas BAZAAR on Saturday, November 30th, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Vendor Tables, Bake Sale, Donuts, Coffee, Tea, Lunch, Children's Activities & More!

If you are interested in selling your crafts or gift items, vendor tables are available for \$25.00 each.

Contact the parish office for more information.

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World Mission Sunday

There will be a special collection today for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic Communities globally.

Thank you for your support of this important work.

♪ CALLING ALL SINGERS! ♪

Our Lady of Peace choir is looking for new members ☺

You don't need to be an experienced singer. All you need is a love of music and a willingness to participate and learn.

If you're interested, come up to the loft just before our Wednesday choir practices at 7:30 pm and speak to our choir director, Ed Lavor or leave your contact information at the church office.

We are looking forward to meeting you!



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