

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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**Teresa McNamara &
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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.

“I WANT TO SEE”

According to a Jewish legend, there was once a blind man who was married but had no children. Although his life was hard, he never complained. One day as the blind man was sitting by a river, the prophet Elijah came to him from heaven and said, “Even though your life has been hard, you never complained, and so God will grant you one wish.” The poor man frowned. “Only one wish!” he said. “I’m blind, I’m poor, and I’m childless. How will one wish satisfy all my problems? But give me twenty-four hours and I’ll think up a wish.” He went home and told his wife what had happened. She smiled at him and said, “Eat well and sleep soundly, for I know what you should wish.” He came back the next morning and said to Elijah as he appeared again, “I wish to be able to see my children eat from gold plates.” The wish was granted and the man and his wife lived happily for the rest of their days.

The first reading tells us how a forgiving and compassionate God healed the spiritual blindness of His Chosen People by subjecting them to Babylonian captivity and then liberating them, bringing them back to their homeland. The Jerusalem journey of Jesus in the company of the lame and the blind connects the first reading to today’s gospel. The healing of the blind man Bartimaeus in today’s gospel is seen also as the fulfilling of the joyful prophecy of Jeremiah about the return of the exiled Jews from Babylon to their homeland. Jesus shows mercy and compassion of his heavenly Father by healing Bartimaeus a blind man. Just as the blind and the lame were God’s concern in the first reading, Jesus is concerned with the blind beggar Bartimaeus of Jericho. On hearing that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by Bartimaeus loudly expressed his trusting faith in the healing power of Jesus by shouting “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me.” His meeting with Jesus gave Bartimaeus the gift of physical as well as spiritual sight, and he became a disciple of Jesus.

Each one of us suffers from spiritual blindness, and hence we need the light of the Holy Spirit to enlighten us. Anger, hatred, prejudice, jealousy, and evil habits make us spiritually blind, preventing us from seeing the goodness in our neighbors and God’s presence in them. Let us pray to have a clear vision of Christian values and

priorities in our lives and to acknowledge the presence of God dwelling in ourselves and in our neighbors. A clear spiritual vision enables us to see the goodness in others, to express our appreciation for who they are and for what they have been doing for us.

Like Bartimaeus, we must seek Jesus with trust in his goodness and mercy. Sometimes our fears, anger and habitual sins prevent us from approaching God in prayer. At times, we even become angry with God when He seems slow in answering our prayers. In those desperate moments, let us approach Jesus in prayer with trusting faith as Bartimaeus did and listen carefully to the voice of Jesus asking us : “What do you want me to do for you?” Let us tell Him all our heart’s intentions and needs.

OLP 2024 YOUTH MINISTRY

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

6:30 pm-9:00 pm

Session 3: November 8th 2024
Session 4: November 22nd 2024
Session 5: December 6th 2024

Check Out:

The Parenting Children Course

Registration is still open! Register on our Youth Ministry page, or contact Arnold Samson at asamson@archtoronto.org

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

~Mark Your Calendars~

**Our Lady of Peace Parish Christmas
B A Z A A R**

**Saturday, November 30th, 2024,
9am to 2pm**

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. olpeace@archtoronto.org

- 416 239 1259 ext. 0



Mass Intentions

Saturday October 26th 5pm

†Stefan & †Isabella Reitmeir Requested by Doplaga Family
 †Denis Lafrost Requested by Eileen Lafrost
 †Elixira & †Gerardo Ferrante Requested by Bernardita Ferrante

Sunday October 27th

10am

†Maria Lino Da Silva Requested by Maria Silva

11:30am

Special Intentions - of the Doplaga Family

Monday October 28th

No Mass

Tuesday October 29th 9am

†Jose Lecaros Jr Requested by Jeanette Lecaros
 †Stan Swiderski Requested by Czeslawa Emerling
 †Raymond Nardini Requested by Susan Gagliardi

Wednesday October 30th 9am

Special Intentions of Mother's Group Requested by Susan Monaco

Thursday October 31st 9am

Blessings for 60th Wedding Anniversary Michele & Aldo Giorno

First Friday November 1st 9am

†Tadeusz & †Helen Jozwiak Requested by Doplaga Family
 †Alex Pradan Request by His mother Liana & Family

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

November 1st



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.



Please pray for those who have passed away

†Eva Longo

May she Rest in Peace.

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.

🎵 CALLING ALL NEW SINGERS! 🎵 ...
 Practice Wednesday evenings 7.30pm in the Choir Loft

**All Souls' Day
 Requiem Mass**

Saturday November 2nd, 2024 at 11am

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

The loving community of Our Lady of Peace parish is thrilled to welcome with open hearts and arms



*Amelia Jean Santos Elmido
 Evan Vinicio Cardenas Nava
 Edgar Alejandro Cardenas Nava*

May your baptism be the start of a life filled with faith, love, and God's presence.



Congratulations to
Elisabeth Guida

&

Jake De Franco

On their recent wedding.

May your marriage be filled with many years of happiness, health and God's blessings.



TUESDAY TREASURES!

Every Tuesday in the Parish Hall

9.30am-12.30pm.

Everyone is Welcome.



The next meeting of the Catholic Moms Group is on Wednesday, 30th October 2024 10am-12pm in the Parish Hall at Our Lady of Peace.

For more information visit

www.catholicmomsgroup.com or email

info@catholicmomsgroup.com

All Mothers welcome



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