

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 &

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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.

The Primacy of Love

The lesson that is visible from today's Gospel to every Christian is that the solid foundation of our Christian religion is love of God and neighbor. Jesus himself says that there is no other commandment greater than these. All other commandments are expansions of these two and indications of how we are to put these commandments into daily practice. The law tells us we cannot harm the life or name of another. This is because every person belongs to God. It is God who gave life and the same God has given us the command to love and respect all persons. To interfere with a person's life is interfering with God's rights and disobeying his command.

We also have the command to love God who is infinite and perfect. In reality God does not need our love and he is invisible in every human sense. But we can love our neighbor who is created in the image and likeness of God. While the infinite God has no needs that we can supply, he has claim on our service, on our respect and on our gratitude. It is God who gave us our existence and every gift we possess. All that we have and possess we owe to his love and generosity. Hence it is necessary for us to love him, honor his name and respect his presence. In this way we as human persons can show our love to him.

Jesus is a model for us in the practice of the virtue of love. His love is ideal, divine and all embracing. During his life time he showed how to love others and showed his love towards his disciples, his followers, and even his enemies. From the cross his prayer of forgiveness to the enemies was the deepest expression of his love. In today's world the word love is often misunderstood and misused.

Love is many beautiful things and in today's culture it can lose its full meaning. It is not only what makes the world go round; it is what makes the ride worthwhile. But love is also demanding. To love means to go beyond ourselves, truly to face another person, to rise above our own need, to stretch out to someone, to see the faces of those who desperately need our love, to risk discomfort, to give our time and energy and indeed to give ourselves to others. Love involves total giving and sacrificing oneself. There is no question of sharing only a part or to love when the person feels good. It is true that love has to do with feelings, but it has

far more to do with commitment, challenge and letting go. Whole hearted loving does not stop at any time and it cannot be done with. It has to do with being there for the other. Further, without being loved it is impossible to love.

We sometimes fear that if we offer our all too much might be asked and something extra may be demanded of us. This makes us persons closed to the world of love. Love involves the risk of taking and giving. The truth is that we human beings are truly human beings when we give ourselves away in love. Love is central in all moral decisions. Real life examples go to family, work place, neighborhood, employer worker relationship, social involvement, school, church and citizenship.

Our heavenly Father loves each one of us and accepts us as his own children. Hence we become members of God's family. Today Jesus tells us that if we observe these two commandments faithfully, we are fulfilling the whole law and the prophets. We are serving God and showing our gratitude to him for all his goodness to us. The Christian who is following Christ in love is already active in the earthly kingdom of God, while moving safely to the eternal kingdom of peace, joy and happiness. As we offer this Eucharist today and receive the Lord in our heart, let us ask the grace that we may extend our love to all and that we may discover the presence of Jesus in our brothers and sisters.

OLP 2024 YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Doors open @ 6:15pm.

Programs run from 6:30-9:00 pm

Session 3: November 8th 2024

Session 4: November 22nd 2024

Session 5: December 6th 2024

Check Out: The Parenting Children Course

Register on our Youth Ministry page, or contact Arnold

Samson at asamson@archtoronto.org

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

♪ Adult Choir Ministry ♪

Our Lady of Peace choir is looking for new members ☺
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.



Mass Intentions

Saturday November 2nd 5pm

†Julian Molina Requested by Eden Molina

Sunday November 3rd

10am

†Ante Bavcevic Requested by Bavcevic Family

11:30am

†Karolina Gawlik Requested by Czeslawa Emerling

†Raffaele D'Alessandro Requested by Gina D'Alessandro & Family

Special Intentions for Khan & Ward Families

Monday November 4th - No Mass

Tuesday November 5th 9am

†Felice & †Thomas Swiderski Requested by Czeslawa Emerling

†Dennis Carr Requested by Jim Bannon

Wednesday November 6th 9am

†Tadeusz & †Helen Jozwiak Requested by Doplaga Family

Healing Intentions for Richard Grubb Requested by Jim Bannon

Thursday November 7th 9am

†Julian Molina Requested by Eden Molina

†Michele Gravino Requested by Menina Casalino

Friday November 8th 9am

†Fr Anthony Chabraczewski Requested by Doplaga Family

Sanctuary Candles Intentions



Sacred Heart: †Dan & Wayne Currie
Requested by Currie Family

St Joseph: †Bob Kennedy
Requested by Joan Kennedy

Altar Server Ministry

We are actively seeking to welcome, train and schedule a proper Altar Server Ministry. Our goal this year is to have a full team of servers scheduled for each of our weekend Masses, as well as for our important feast day Masses and even school Liturgies.

This includes formal training for new servers, exclusive events and social opportunities for our Altar Servers.

- Open to children that have already received their First Holy Communion
- Please contact Arnold Samson (Youth Minister at OLP) asamson@archtoronto.org for more information.

Pastoral Letters of Reference

If you anticipate needing a pastoral letter of reference from the pastor for applying to a position within the Catholic School Board, such as a Teacher or a Lunch Supervisor, or for roles like a Confirmation Sponsor or a Godparent, it is crucial to establish an early connection with the pastor. This ensures that the pastor has the opportunity to become acquainted with you. The reference letter aims to confirm that the candidate is a practicing Catholic, actively participating in the parish community by regularly attending Sunday Mass. Please note that a request for a letter of reference may not be fulfilled if the pastor lacks sufficient familiarity with the individual making the request.

~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

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



Carmella Marie London

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

Thank
you

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended the Pizza/Bingo Night and contributed generously with prizes and desserts.

We wish to express our appreciation to the following businesses for their generous donations:

Jack Astor's - 1900 The Queensway,
Metro Grocery Store - Cloverdale Mall,
Portuguese Bake Shop - 3816 Bloor Street West,
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Sobeys - 1255 The Queensway,
Swiss Chalet - 5487 Dundas Street West,
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Yellow Cup Cafe - 225 The East Mall.

Your support made this event a great success.



TUESDAY TREASURES!

9.30am-12.30pm.

Every Tuesday in the Parish Hall

A beautiful relaxing morning as we continue to watch and discuss "The Chosen" -

A multi-season series about the life of Jesus.

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