

# 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 Administrators:

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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.*

## A Cheerful Giver

Today's Scriptures point to the good life that mingles gracious taking with cheerful giving, and the main value is in the giving. It's our giving that is recorded in the Book of Life. Jesus is the Great Giver: that we may have life, and have it to the full. As a fine example of this kind of mutual help, we see how Elijah and the widow of Zarephath help each other to survive. She shares the last of her food with the starving prophet, and is blessed in return.

In the Gospel Jesus says, in effect, "Give from the heart." The widow's offering to the Temple seemed small to other donors, but it was priceless in value. Generosity is not the exclusive prerogative of the rich. The poor have great gifts to share too, and when they do so, others should respond with appreciation.

Gifts from ordinary people support many projects and causes in the Catholic Church, just as they kept the Jerusalem temple going in Jesus' day. It is a strange, but at the same time common truth, that generosity is more widespread among those who have little to spare than among those who have lots of money and property. But let's recall today that all donations made for the glory of God share in Jesus' warm praise of the woman who "gave all she could."

This story of the Widow's Mite invites us to examine the quality of giving in our lives — not just to Church collections, but to whatever worthy cause attracts our attention and our sympathy. More than once, Jesus spoke about this subject. Not only should the gift be made with a generous heart, but so far as possible in an anonymous, non-fussy way, so that "the left hand does not know what the right hand is doing." The thing should be done because it is right, with the intention of pleasing God rather than winning credit or praise from others. And the more it costs us in personal terms — giving up some of our time, or our comfort, for something worthwhile — the more it is part of the one great sacrifice of Christ, who gave himself totally for us.

Saint Paul coined the phrase "God loves a cheerful giver". And there can be no doubt that the cheerful gift is more acceptable even among people on an everyday level. The hospitality shown to the famished prophet Elijah by the poor widow in the town of Sidon, was all the more precious in

that it was given with loving respect, and not as a grudging duty. Here was a man of God, clearly in need of help. There was no need for long, involved argument about how he had gotten into this position, or whether he had drawn up a wiser plan for his future. She did what she could for him, and was blessed in the process.

"Charity brings its own reward," says the proverb. There is a glow of satisfaction in giving for a good cause. It is also, in a Gospel sense, the best possible investment for our eternal future — that "treasure in heaven" of which Jesus spoke, when he invited people to "sell what you have and give to the poor." And it has been well said that, from the perspective of our death-bed, we will be happier to think of what we have freely given away during our life-time than of what we have simply stored away for the rainy day.

Giving can be global as well as local. In our technological age, we have more detailed information than any previous generation about the hungry and deprived plight of people in Third World countries, and indeed of the major miseries endured in inner-city areas of high unemployment much closer to home. Aware and intelligent generosity should prompt us to outspoken concern for justice, as well as some personal contribution to charities like famine relief, development funds and soon.

At the same time, we ought not neglect the smaller, perhaps less urgent, needs at our own door-step. The personal touch is part of the giving, and giving our time can often be more precious than anything else. And Shakespeare's line remains true about all works of kindness and mercy, in whatever circumstances: "It is twice blessed: it blesses him that gives and him that takes."

## OLP 2024 YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Doors open @ 6:15pm

Programs run from 6:30pm-9:00pm

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

Session 5: December 6<sup>th</sup> 2024

### Check Out: The Parenting Children Course

Register on our Youth Ministry page, or contact Arnold Samson at [asamson@archtoronto.org](mailto: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.



### Mass Intentions

**Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup> 5pm**

- †Helena Bartosik Requested by Stan Melnyk
- †Luigi Recchia Requested by Maria Lombardi
- †Wes Domanski Requested by Irene Domanski & Family

**Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup>**

**10am**

- †John Mendes Requested by Veronica Mendes
- †Danny Casalino Requested by Menina Casalino

**11:30am**

- †Deceased Relatives of Maria & Manual Amaral
- †Raffaele D'Alessandro Requested by Gina D'Alessandro & Family
- Special Intentions for Hamel-Smith & Maharaj Families

**Monday November 11<sup>th</sup> - No Mass**

**Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup> 9am**

- †Fr. Anthony Mendrela, †Fr. Stan Baderski,
  - †Fr. John Redmond & †Fr. Anthony Bagsik
- Requested by Doplaga Family

**Wednesday November 13<sup>th</sup> 9am**

- †Anthony Debicki Requested by Doplaga Family
- †Edgardo Manalang Requested by Manalang Family

**Thursday November 14<sup>th</sup> 9am**

- †Fr. Anthony Mendrela, †Fr. Stan Baderski,
- †Fr. John Redmond Requested by Doplaga Family
- †Edgardo Manalang Requested by Manalang Family

**Friday November 15<sup>th</sup> 9am**

- †Edgardo Manalang Requested by Manalang Family
- †Christine Kucharski-Parsons & †Walter & †Sophia Kucharski Requested by Doplaga Family

### ♪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.

### 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.

Please come along, connect and chat with friends, while enjoying Teas, Coffee & Refreshments

All are welcome

## Our Lady of Peace Parish Christmas

# B A Z A A R

### Saturday

## November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024,

### 9am to 2pm

## Parish Hall

Children's Activities, Bake Sale,  
Arts & Crafts,

Donuts, Coffee, Tea, Lunch!

### Come Early!

## ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

Hello to parents & children, and peace be with you,

On **Saturday Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>**, we will be having our first ever "**Orientation & Welcome**" for new trainees, in the Parish Hall, running from **12pm-2:30pm**. There will be a chance for young boys & girls to explore the role of the Altar Servers, listen to older servers' experiences, and for any parents or children that have the enthusiasm to serve their parish in a special and sacred way.

If you are curious about serving during the mass, have any questions about the role, or are already willing to make an application to be an Altar Server, please consider coming out for a bit of learning, social interaction and **a free pizza lunch!**

RSVP for this event can be made by visiting our parish website via the "Altar Servers" page, or by finding QR codes & links around the parish and on social media. Questions regarding the ministry can be sent to Arnold Samson at [asamson@archtoronto.org](mailto:asamson@archtoronto.org)


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