# 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.

#### **Christ the King**

Over 160 years ago, the philosopher and theologian Søren Kierkegaard shared a powerful story about a king and a peasant girl. In his tale, the king, deeply in love with the girl, faces an impossible dilemma. As a king, he could marry her, but the divide between royalty and peasantry would forever stand in the way of true love. She would always admire him, but could never truly love him as an equal, for the gap between them would be too great.

In his heart, the king longed for something deeper, something more genuine. He realized that if he remained a king, their relationship would be limited. The only way for them to truly love each other as equals was for him to give up his crown, his power, and his throne—and become a peasant like her. But this path too was fraught with risk. Would she accept him, or would she think him foolish? Would she see his sacrifice as a genuine offering of love, or would she turn away?

Kierkegaard never told us how the story ended. The reason for this, he explained, is that the story is still unfolding. It's not just a fable—it's the story of God's love for each one of us.

In this tale, the king is God. The peasant girl is you and me. God, in His infinite love, could have stayed on His heavenly throne, distant and above us, and loved us from afar. But that would have created an insurmountable distance between us and Him. He knew that to truly invite us into a relationship of love, He had to become one of us like us in every way, yet without losing His divinity. And so, God, in the person of Jesus Christ, chose to lay down His glory and become a humble servant. The King became a man. The Creator became one of His creations. This is the mystery and the beauty of **Christ the King**.

Today, on the Feast of Christ the King, we remember that moment when God did the unthinkable. He chose not only to love us, but to walk beside us, to suffer with us, and to offer us the hope of eternal life.

When we were baptized, we were anointed with holy oil, and the priest said: "As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of His body, sharing everlasting life." At that moment, we were not just recipients of God's love—we were invited into the story. We were invited to be a part of His Kingdom, to continue the work He began, and to share in His life forever.

The Feast of Christ the King is not just a celebration of who Jesus was, but a call to live out the values of His Kingdom here and now. It's an invitation to embody the love of Christ in our everyday lives.

As Christ the King loved unconditionally, let us love without limits. As He forgave sinners, let us offer forgiveness to those who have wronged us. As He healed the sick and showed compassion to the weak, let us show kindness and mercy to those in need. And as He brought the Kingdom of God near, let us work to build that Kingdom on earth, living in justice, peace, and love.

Today, Christ the King invites us to share in His eternal life, to walk in His footsteps, and to live with Him—now and forever. Let us answer that invitation with hearts full of love, ready to build His Kingdom, one act of love at a time.





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