

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

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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.

Preparing the Way

A soap manufacturer and a pastor were walking together through a large city when the soap manufacturer casually remarked, "The gospel you preach hasn't done much good, has it? Just look around. There's still so much wickedness in the world, and many wicked people." The pastor said nothing, but as they passed a dirty child making mud pies in a gutter, he pointed and said, "It seems soap hasn't done much good either. There's still plenty of dirt and many dirty people around." The soap manufacturer replied, "Well, soap only works when it's applied." The pastor smiled and said, "Exactly! So it is with the gospel."

This Second Sunday of Advent invites us to prepare a royal highway in our hearts for Jesus, so we can receive Him as our Savior this Christmas. But this preparation is not just for the holiday; we are called to welcome Him daily in the Holy Eucharist, through His Word, and in the praying community. Additionally, we are reminded to prepare for His Second Coming, when He will return as our judge at the end of our lives and at the end of the world.

In today's first reading, the prophet Baruch speaks of Yahweh, the God of Israel, leading the exiled people back to Jerusalem. He calls the city of Jerusalem, which is weeping for its exiles, to rejoice and prepare for their return. Similarly, Advent calls us to return to the Lord from our slavery to sin, preparing our hearts to receive Him. In the second reading, St. Paul urges us to prepare for Christ's Second Coming by living lives of Christian love and purity. And in the gospel, John the Baptist challenges us to prepare for the Messiah's arrival through repentance and conversion of heart.

This Advent, we are called to prepare our hearts for the rebirth of Jesus, our Savior, this Christmas. We must fill in the "valleys" in our lives, where our prayer and faith may have grown shallow. We need to straighten the "crooked paths" we've walked—whether those paths lead to hidden sins, bad habits, or sinful relationships. If we've engaged in dishonest practices at work or home, now is the time to make things right. If we've harbored grudges or failed to reconcile with others, we are called to clear away that debris. We may need to confront and overcome deep-seated resentment, persistent fault-finding, or an unwillingness to forgive. We must also level the "mountains" of pride and ego by practicing true humility, offering humble service to others. Repentance and forgiveness are key during this season. John's message calls us to recognize our sins, turn away from them, and seek God's forgiveness. But we also need to forgive others who have wronged us. Often, people who recognize their sins fail to receive forgiveness because they haven't truly repented or because they refuse to forgive others. Are there people we need to forgive today? We must not allow others' actions to destroy our lives. We can't expect to be forgiven unless we forgive. Only by releasing our bitterness can we allow God to heal us and prepare us for His coming. This Advent, let us prepare the way for the Lord in our hearts and lives.



Advent Reconciliation Schedule

Tuesday December 17th	after 9am Mass
Wednesday December 18th	after 9am Mass
Thursday December 19th	after 9am Mass
Friday December 20th	after 9am Mass
Saturday December 21st	3.30pm-4.45pm

Parish Pastoral Council

Dear Parishioners,

I am excited to introduce the members of our **Parish Pastoral Council**, a dedicated group of individuals who are committed to supporting the spiritual and community life of our parish. The Council serves as an important advisory body to the pastor, helping to guide the direction of our parish's mission, programs, and outreach efforts. The members are: **Olumense Anetor, Vince Colavecchia, Ana Deluca, Rodney DeMartin, Mary Ann Leon, Teresa McNamara (Secretary), Nicolina Mendes (Vice Chair), Jason Pratt, William Samson, Jane Wallbridge, Jim Wilson and Patrick Zirnhelt (Chair).**

The Parish Pastoral Council members play a vital role in fostering a spirit of collaboration, ensuring that the voices of our parish community are heard, and working together to strengthen our faith, and to enrich our worship. Their collective efforts are essential in building a vibrant, welcoming parish where all are invited to grow in faith.

Please join me in thanking them for their service and keeping them in your prayers as they continue to serve our parish.

In Christ,

Fr. Biju Kannampuzha



Parish Finance Council

Dear Parishioners,

I am pleased to introduce our newly formed Finance Council, a group of dedicated parishioners who will play a crucial role in the financial stewardship of our parish. The Finance Council is responsible for overseeing our parish's financial health, ensuring transparency, and providing guidance on budgeting, resource allocation, and fundraising efforts. The members are: **John Aonso, Marvin Bavcevic (Vice Chair), Baxter Cutinha, Irene Domanski, AJ Tony Fasciano, and Leo Reis.**

The Finance Council works closely with the pastor to help make informed decisions that will support our parish's mission and long-term sustainability. Their work ensures that the resources entrusted to us are used wisely, responsibly, and in alignment with our faith and values.

I ask for your prayers for our Finance Council as they take on this important responsibility, and I thank them for their commitment to the financial well-being of our parish community.

In Christ,

Fr. Biju Kannampuzha



Our Lady of Peace Pray for us



Mass Intentions

Saturday December 7th 5pm

- †Emma Pileggi Requested by Sharlene & Eric
- †Karl & †Mary Doplaga Requested by Doplaga Family
- †Mary Cipollone Requested by Fasciano Family

Sunday December 8th

10am

- †Chris Kaczmarek Requested by Drozdal Family
- †Joseph & †Margaret McRae Requested by Susan McRae
- In Thanksgiving Requested by Marc De Gannes

11:30am

- †Halina Burel Requested by Doplaga Family

Monday December 9th - No Mass

Tuesday December 10th 9am

- †Stela Wojcik Requested by Sitarz Family

Wednesday December 11th 9am

- †Edgardo Manalang Requested by Manalang Family

Thursday December 12th 9am

- †Francis & †Josef Papuga Requested by Sitarz Family

Friday December 13th 9am

- †Umberto & Rosa Orsini Requested by Anna & Lucy Orsini
 - †Sergio Gosio Requested by Kevin Madigan
 - †For Souls in Purgatory Requested by Kevin Madigan
- Special Intentions of Kevin Madigan**

Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 15th, 5:15 pm

(approx. after the Christmas Concert)

Parish Hall

\$30 per Adult, \$15 for Children (10 and under)

Includes: 4-course dinner, beverage & dessert from the Portuguese Bake Shop,

Wine sold by the glass

Tickets available from the office,
Call: 416-239-1259 or call Joan Grima
at 647-278-9362

2024 Annual Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 15th, 2024

Doors open at 4 pm, starts at 4.15pm (approx.)

Please join us for Traditional Christmas Carols & Hymns in the church, performed by the Our Lady of Peace Choir

If you would like to share your talent and perform at the concert, please contact Arnold Samson asamson@archtoronto.org

Attendance is free, but there will be a freewill collection.

Sanctuary Candle Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp - †Julian Molina

Requested by Eden Molina

ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

Advent Training Session to be held on **Saturday Dec 14th from 1pm-3pm**

We will be continuing our regular training sessions with our new & experienced Altar Servers. If your child is interested in joining the Altar Servers, please bring them out this upcoming weekend to the Parish Hall at 1:00pm on the 14th. For any questions, please contact Arnold at asamson@archtoronto.org

2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offering Envelopes for the year 2025 are conveniently placed on the table at the rear of the church. Upon collecting your 2025 envelopes, please complete the card sticking out from the box, furnishing your full name, address, telephone number, and email address and leave it in the container provided.

To prevent any confusion, kindly refrain from using the 2025 envelopes until the beginning of the New Year.

Take a moment to inscribe your name and address on the envelopes for the initial weeks of 2025, offering an additional way to verify your contact details. We encourage you to include the donation amount on your envelope, providing valuable assistance to the counters.

If you currently do not use donation envelopes, we urge you to consider adopting them or explore the option of enrolling in a monthly-preauthorized giving plan. (PAG) Both approaches contribute to the financial stability of your parish while ensuring you receive a beneficial tax receipt annually.

Your ongoing support is deeply appreciated, thank you!

OLP 2024 YOUTH MINISTRY

We are now finished for the year!

We will return in Jan 2025

For questions, please contact Arnold Samson asamson@archtoronto.org Visit our Youth Ministry page on the parish website! Go to "Our Ministries" and select "Youth Ministry". Updates & important information posted regularly

The 2024-2025 Sunday Missals

Are ready for you at the back of the church. Please consider a minimum \$5.00 donation

Recycle bins are located near the church exit doors, if you'd like to discard your Sunday Missals from past years.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who donated baked goods and gifts for the Christmas bazaar. A special thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Claus and their friendly elf for making this event extra special.

Once again, we are so grateful for the generosity of Krispy Kreme donuts, 2424 Bloor St., W., for donating dozens of delicious donuts.



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