

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 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 Baptism of Our Lord

The sacrament I hold most dear is baptism. It's always a joyous occasion when the birth of a child is celebrated and embraced, and in that moment, they are welcomed into a larger family—the family of the Church. By being received into our church-family, these children become our brothers and sisters in Christ, sons and daughters of God, and temples of the Holy Spirit. The joy of faith and hope is tangible, especially when the parents and godparents bring the child to the baptismal font, where the celebrant pours water over their head. Before and after the baptism, the child is anointed with the special oils—the oil of catechumens and the oil of chrism. The baptismal garment is placed upon them, and the baptismal candle is lit. The entire event is uplifting in a way that is uniquely tied to this sacrament.

Most baptisms involve children who, of course, are unaware of what is happening. A significant decision is being made on their behalf, though they are not conscious of it. Just as parents make many important decisions for their children without consulting them, they joyfully make this profound decision on their behalf. In the Gospels, we read of parents bringing their little children to Jesus. When the disciples tried to stop them, Jesus rebuked them, saying, "Let the children come to me and do not stop them, for to such as these the kingdom of God belongs." Parents continue to bring their children to Jesus today when they present them for baptism, because, through baptism, these children are united with Christ. They become members of His body, and Jesus begins to live within them through the Holy Spirit. When parents bring their children for baptism, they are making a decision that aligns with the Lord's own desire: "Let the children come to me and do not stop them."

Today, we celebrate the feast of the baptism of Jesus, a perfect occasion to reflect on our own baptism and its significance in our lives. Jesus' baptism marked a pivotal moment in His life—a day of new beginnings. It was the start of His public ministry, during which He devoted Himself fully to serving God and all of God's people. On that day, He embarked on His mission to serve, not to be served, and to give His life as a ransom for many. As He began this profound journey for all of us, He was assured of the Father's favor: "You are

my Son, the Beloved; my favor rests on you." He was also empowered by the Holy Spirit, who descended upon Him like a dove.

While Jesus was baptized as an adult by John, and we are baptized as children, our baptism too marks a new beginning. On that day, we too began our journey of becoming disciples of Jesus in our own time. We received an assurance of God's love and favor, and we too were empowered by the Holy Spirit for the path ahead. In that moment, we were united with Jesus in His unique relationship with God, and we became members of His family—the Church. It was a moment of grace that holds the power to shape our lives in a fundamental way, in line with God's purpose for us.

In a sense, our entire lives are a journey to catch up with that initial day of new beginning. We are baptized as children, but it is as adults that we confirm our baptism. It is as adults that we make our own "yes" to the Lord, who said "yes" to us as children on the day of our baptism. This adult affirmation often comes later in life—perhaps in our late twenties, thirties, forties, or beyond—when we can fully respond with all our heart, soul, and mind. It is often in these mature years that we hear the call of Isaiah in today's First Reading: "O come to the water, all you who are thirsty; seek the Lord while He is still to be found, call to Him while He is still near."


The Lord calls to us from the moment of our baptism, and as the Lord says in the First Reading, "The word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do." Our response to the Lord's call may be slow, but His call remains powerful. His word is creative and will, in its time, shape us into what God desires for us.

Dear Parishioners,

I will be on holiday from January 23rd to February 14th, visiting my parents, family, and friends in India. If you would like to meet with me before I leave, please contact the office to arrange an appointment.

Thank you for your understanding, and keep me and my family in your prayers.

*Thank you,
Fr. Biju.*



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 11th 2025
5pm
†**Emilia & †Giacinto Gravino** Requested by Menina Casalino

Sunday January 12th 2025
10am
†**John & †Helen Kruczynski** Requested by Drozdal Family
†**Natalia Freitas** Requested by Maria Borges
11:30am
Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace

Monday January 13th 2025 - No Mass on Mondays

Tuesday January 14th 2025 **9am**
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Wednesday January 15th 2025 **9am**
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Thursday January 16th 2025 **9am**
†**Dan & †Wayne Currie** Requested by Kennedy Family

Friday January 17th 2025 **9am**
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From your OLP Social Committee.
We have many activities planned for the year so please check your bulletin weekly for updates.




Coffee Sunday
January 19th, 2025
after the 10 am & 11:30 am Masses.
Donations of light refreshments are always appreciated.



PIZZA and BINGO Night
31st January 2025 , 6:30 pm - Parish Hall
A heartfelt thank you to Haus of Vine and Margaret Doplaga for donating wonderful prizes for our Christmas Dinner raffle. As well, we wish to express our appreciation to Melissa of G. Foster Design for creating the beautiful gift baskets.





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.

PLEASE START USING YOUR 2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory 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.

Please do not use 2024 envelopes; they will not be assigned to your account.

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 very much appreciated, thank you!

ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY



Our next training session with our new & experienced Altar Servers is on
January 25th 2025 2 pm-4 pm
in Parish hall
Light Refreshments Served.

If your child is interested in joining the Altar Server Ministry please come along or
For any questions, please contact Arnold at asamson@archtoronto.org

OLP Youth Ministry

Fridays at 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm .
24-January-2025,
07-February-2025 & 21-February-2025,
07-March-2025 & 21-March-2025,
04-April-2025 & 23-May-2025
Location: St Elizabeth School 5 Redcar Ave, Etobicoke
Register on our Youth Ministry page, or contact Arnold Samson at asamson@archtoronto.org

Activities for January 2025 – All Are Welcome					
Date	Day	Start Time	End Time	Event	Where
07-January-2025	Tuesday	9:30 AM	12:30 PM	Tuesday Treasures	Parish Hall
10-January-2025	Friday	6:30 PM	9:00 PM	Youth Ministry Gathering	St Elizabeth School
14-January-2025	Tuesday	9:30 AM	12:30 PM	Tuesday Treasures	Parish Hall
19-January-2025	Sunday	10:00 AM	1:00 PM	Coffee Sunday	Parish Hall
21-January-2025	Tuesday	9:30 AM	12:30 PM	Tuesday Treasures	Parish Hall
24-January-2025	Friday	10:00 AM	12:30 PM	Eatonville Mass	Eatonville Care Home
24-January-2025	Friday	6:30 PM	9:00 PM	Youth Ministry Gathering	St Elizabeth School
24-January-2025	Saturday	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	Altar Server Training	Parish Hall
28-January-2025	Tuesday	9:30 AM	12:30 PM	Tuesday Treasures	Parish Hall
29-January-2025	Wednesday	10:00 AM	12:30 PM	Mothers' Group	Parish Hall
31-January-2025	Friday	6:30 PM	9:30 PM	BINGO/PIZZA NIGHT	Parish Hall



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