

# 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**

Tel: 416-239-1259 Ext 3

#### Office Administrators:

**Teresa McNamara &**

**Rosanne Colavecchia**

Tel: 416-239-1259 Ext 0

#### 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 Wedding at Cana

A Sunday school teacher shared the story of Jesus’ first miracle—the wedding at Cana—and after church, a parent asked what the lesson was about. The child responded, “I learned that if you’re having a wedding, make sure Jesus is there!” That’s sound advice. How wise is the couple who invites Jesus into their marriage!

The same Jesus who fasted in the wilderness was also happy to join in the celebration of a wedding. He attended the event with His disciples, and His mother was there too. Jesus’ presence at this wedding signifies His blessing on marriage, reminding us that a wedding is not just a celebration, but a sacred covenant.

Jesus was always welcomed by those who were enjoying life. We often imagine Him as being overly serious, but He knew how to have fun. He wasn’t distant or detached from people, and He appreciated moments of joy.

A typical Jewish wedding would start with a torch-lit procession through the streets, followed by a week-long celebration of feasting and dancing at the groom’s house. Instead of a honeymoon, the newlyweds would host an open house for everyone they knew to come and celebrate with them.

A critical part of the wedding feast was the wine, and running out would have been disastrous. It would have been an embarrassment for the family, a social disaster, and a bad omen for the newlyweds.

When the wine ran out, Mary approached Jesus with a simple statement: “They have no wine.” She wasn’t demanding a miracle; she simply pointed out the need, trusting that He would help in whatever way He saw fit. This is how we should pray—sharing our needs with God and trusting Him to provide the answer, even if it’s not how we expect.

Mary’s words are a powerful reminder for us: “Do whatever He tells you.” This is the key takeaway from the story. When we follow Jesus’ guidance, even when we don’t understand it, we can trust that He knows what’s best. The servants didn’t understand why they were asked to fill the jars with water. But in our prayers, we must trust that Jesus knows the right path, even when His instructions seem unclear to us. His wisdom far exceeds our own, and He answers our prayers in the way that’s best for us.

Faith means letting go of the urge to control the situation. If we were at the wedding in Cana, we might have scrambled to gather more wine or taken matters into our own hands. But faith is about relinquishing control and trusting Jesus to take care of the need.

At a typical feast, the best wine was served first, and the lesser wine later. But when Jesus turned the water into wine, the family didn’t know where it came from—only the servants, Mary, and the disciples knew the true source. Jesus, once a guest, had quietly become the host. He brought joy to the wedding, and in the future, His return will also be marked by a joyous celebration. This will be the ultimate wedding feast, where Christ, the Bridegroom, is united with His bride, the Church.

From this joyful occasion, we learn that Jesus has the power to transform anything. He can turn our challenges into opportunities for growth. He can turn our hopeless situations into moments of peace and transformation. No need is too small, no problem too insignificant for Him. The joy of the world fades, but the joy that comes from the Lord is everlasting and satisfying. When we acknowledge our emptiness, we prepare ourselves for God to fill us with His goodness—just as He turned water into the finest wine. Let us taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

## Up Coming Activities at Our Lady of Peace

Day	Date	Start Time	End Time	Event	Where	For Whom
Sunday	19-January-2025	10:00 AM	1:00 PM	Coffee Sunday	Parish Hall	All Welcome
Tuesday	21-January-2025	5:30 PM	7:00 PM	Confirmation Class I	Parish Hall	Registered Only
Tuesday	21-January-2025	9:30 AM	12:30 PM	Tuesday Treasures	Parish Hall	All Welcome
Thursday	23-January-2025	5:30 PM	7:00 PM	Confirmation Class II	Parish Hall	Registered Only
Friday	24-January-2025	10:00 AM	12:30 PM	Eatonville Care Home Mass	Eatonville	Ask at Office
Friday	24-January-2025	6:30 PM	9:00 PM	Youth Ministry Gathering	St Elizabeth School	All Welcome
Saturday	25-January-2025	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	First Holy Communion Class I	Parish Hall	Registered Only
Sunday	26-January-2025	11:30 AM	12:30 PM	First Holy Communion Class II	Parish Hall	Registered Only
Sunday	26-January-2025	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	RCIA Meeting	Parish Hall	Registered Only
Tuesday	28-January-2025	9:30 AM	12:30 PM	Tuesday Treasures	Parish Hall	All Welcome
Wednesday	29-January-2025	10:00 AM	12:30 PM	Mothers' Group	Parish Hall	All Welcome
Friday	31-January-2025	6:30 PM	9:30 PM	BINGO/PIZZA NIGHT	Parish Hall	All Welcome



## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup> 2025

**5pm**

†Adele Capirchio Requested by Fasciano Family

†Tyrone Gabriel Requested by Sam Cole Sr.

Sunday January 19<sup>th</sup> 2025

**10am**

†Joseph & †Halina Drozdal Requested by Drozdal Family

†Kazimerz Tomaszewski Requested by Tomaszewski Family

**11:30am**

Healing Intention for Robert Wallis

Monday January 20<sup>th</sup> 2025 - No Mass on Mondays

Tuesday January 21<sup>st</sup> 2025

**9am**

Special Intention Sebastian Pradan Requested by His Parents

Wednesday January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025

**9am**

Special intentions of the Fernandes Family

Thursday January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025

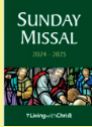
**9am**

†Ranjith Senadhipaphi Requested by Senadhipaphi Family

Friday January 24<sup>th</sup> 2025

**9am**

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### 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.*

### ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY



Our next training session with our new & experienced Altar Servers is on

**January 25<sup>th</sup> 2025 2 pm-4 pm**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:asamson@archtoronto.org)



# Faith & Fellowship



## Coffee Sunday Today

We warmly invite you to join us in the parish hall for coffee and fellowship. It's the perfect way to connect and share in some delightful moments with fellow parishioners after the

**10:00 am and 11:30 am Masses today.**



## PIZZA &

## BINGO



## Night

**Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 6:30 pm**

**Parish Hall**

**Admission for Adults & Children is \$10.00**

includes one slice of pizza, Caesar salad, beverage and dessert.

*Additional pizza slices are \$2.00 each.*

You will have plenty of chances to win exciting bingo prizes!

Bingo cards are 3 for \$5.00 or \$2.00 each.

50/50 raffle draw.

**Reservations are required.**

Tickets are available after each Weekend Mass,

The parish office 416 239 1259 or

Contact Joan Grima 647-278-9362

### 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!

Fr Biju will be away from January 23rd – February 14th visiting family & friends in India. All Masses will be celebrated as usual.

We wish him a very pleasant and safe trip



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