

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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**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.

His Mission & Our Mission

Today's Gospel, which presents Jesus' inaugural speech in the synagogue of Nazareth and outlines His theology of total liberation, marks a significant moment in Jewish history. The Scripture readings for today draw our attention to the importance and liberating power of the Word of God as "sacramental," making God present in our midst. These readings challenge us to listen to the Word, accept it into our hearts, and live it out in our actions, liberating both ourselves and others from all forms of bondage.

The first reading today, taken from Nehemiah, along with Luke's Gospel, describes a public reading of Sacred Scripture that called the people to make a "fresh beginning" with a renewed outlook. In the first reading, after the Temple was rebuilt and the city restored, Ezra led the people in a "Covenant renewal" ceremony by reading and interpreting the Law. In the Second Reading, from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, we are reminded that "together we are Christ's Body, but each of us is a different part of it." This reminds us that, as members of Christ's Body, we all share in His mission, each of us contributing to the freeing and saving work of Christ in our world today.

Today's Gospel describes how, on a Sabbath, Jesus stood before the people in the synagogue of His hometown, Nazareth, reading and interpreting Isaiah's prophecy about the Messiah and His mission. Jesus declared that He was the One sent "to bring glad tidings to the poor, liberation to captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and freedom for the oppressed"—language that reflects the Biblical Year of Jubilee. To the great astonishment and disbelief of His townspeople, Jesus proclaimed that this prophecy was being fulfilled "in their hearing," as the prophecy was directly describing His own mission and ministry. Jesus' mission was to bring liberation to all who would listen to His "Good News," accept it, and put it into practice. Luke reports that the people's initial reaction was one of surprise at the power and eloquence of this son of their town.

In Nicaragua, a woman earns just eleven cents for sewing a pair of blue jeans that are sold by an American company for \$14.95. The company made \$566 million in profits from those jeans in one year. Meanwhile, one out of every five Ugandan children will not live to see their fifth birthday because they lack basic health care. This is not only happening in Nicaragua or Uganda. There are people suffering here, too. There are poor, homeless, addicted, lonely, and oppressed people in our own cities. There are wounds that need healing. And we might ask ourselves, "What can I do? Is there anything I can do? Can I be one who stands in the gap between the way things are and the way things could be? Can I be a bridge over which others can travel, from the way things are to the way they can be?"

As members of Christ's Mystical Body, we share in His liberating and saving mission. But we are also captives to sin. We need Christ to set us free. We are often blinded by our own bad habits, addictions, and the need for financial security. Once we receive true liberation from Christ, it is our responsibility to share it with those we meet in our daily lives—whether in our families, neighborhoods, parishes, or workplaces.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus performed miracles because He was filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us, too, be open to becoming Spirit-filled instruments of Christ's saving freedom.

Up Coming Activities at Our Lady of Peace

| Day | Date | Start Time | End Time | Event | Where | For Whom |
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| Sunday | 26-January-2025 | 11:00 AM | 12:00 PM | RCIA Meeting | Parish Hall | Registered Only |
| Sunday | 26-January-2025 | 11:30 AM | 12:30 PM | First Holy Communion Class II | 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 |
| Wednesday | 29-January-2025 | 7:30 PM | 9:00 PM | Choir Practice | Choir Loft | All Welcome |
| Thursday | 30-January-2025 | 10:00 AM | 12:00 PM | Table Tennis Club | Parish Hall | All Welcome |
| Friday | 31-January-2025 | 6:30 PM | 9:30 PM | BINGO/PIZZA NIGHT | Parish Hall | All Welcome |
| Sunday | 02-February-2025 | 11:00 AM | 12:00 PM | RCIA Meeting | Parish Hall | Registered Only |
| Tuesday | 04-February-2025 | 9:30 AM | 12:30 PM | Tuesday Treasures | Parish Hall | All Welcome |
| Thursday | 06-February-2025 | 10:00 AM | 12:00 PM | Table Tennis Club | Parish Hall | All Welcome |
| Friday | 07-February-2025 | 6:30 PM | 9:00 PM | Youth Ministry Gathering | Parish Hall | All Welcome |
| Saturday | 08-February-2025 | 5:00 PM | 6:00 PM | First Holy Communion Class | Parish Hall | Registered Only |
| Sunday | 09-February-2025 | 11:00 AM | 12:00 PM | RCIA Meeting | Parish Hall | Registered Only |



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 25th 2025

5pm

†Adele Capirchio Requested by Michelle & Aldo Giorno
Special Intentions for the Khan & Maharaj Families

Sunday January 26th 2025

10am

†Deceased Members of the Dlugolecki Family
Requested by Drozdal Family

11:30am

Special Intention for Ward & Hamel-Smith Families

†Jennifer Bell Mathies Requested by McNamara Family

†Maria & †Kazimerz Tomaszewski

Requested by Tomaszewski Family

Monday January 27th 2025 - No Mass on Mondays

Tuesday January 28th 2025

9am

†Tadwiga Zaleski Requested by Zaleski Family

Wednesday January 29th 2025

9am

Special intentions of Nikola Cuzic

Thursday January 30th 2025

9am

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Friday January 31st 2025

9am

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OLP Youth Ministry

Fridays at 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm .

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

Advertise in Our Parish Bulletin!

Dear Parishioners,

As we continue to strengthen our sense of community and connection, I invite you to become an integral part of our parish bulletin by featuring your business or personal advertisement. Beginning March 2024, our parish bulletin will be printed and published from our office.

Seize the opportunity to showcase your products or services to a captivated audience of involved parishioners. By placing an advertisement, you not only elevate your business but also play a key part in the prosperity of our close-knit community. Should you have any inquiries or require additional information, please don't hesitate to reach out at 416-239-1259 or email to:

olpeace@archtoronto.org.

Let's transform our bulletin into an authentic representation of our dynamic community!

Your steadfast support is genuinely appreciated.

Gratefully, Fr. Biju Kannampuzha

PIZZA & BINGO Night



Friday, 31st 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

Discover the Essence of Sri Lanka A Cultural Tour from Our Lady of Peace Parish

Embark on a captivating 12-day journey to Sri Lanka, a land of enchanting beauty, rich heritage, and vibrant culture.

Join us from November 4-15, 2025, as we explore the wonders of this tropical paradise, from the bustling streets of Colombo to the serene beaches of the South Coast, this tour includes visits to

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Colombo City Walks & A Visit To The Lotus Tower, Sigiriya Rock Fortress & Cultural Dance Show, UNESCO Sites; Like The Golden Cave Temple and The Temple Of The Tooth, Wildlife Safaris In Minneriya National Park, Scenic Train Ride To Ella Through Lush Tea Plantations, Whale & Dolphin Watching in Mirissa, Stilt Fishing & A Tour Of Historic Galle Fort, Beautiful Beaches of Sri Lanka's South Coast.

Price: \$6,875 CAD per person (Double Occupancy), \$7,925 CAD (Single Occupancy) for more information & registration, please contact 416-239 1259 or visit Parish office.

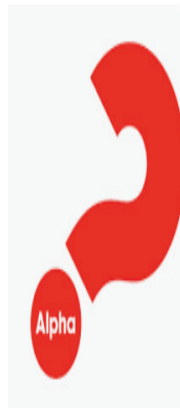
Curious about faith?

Join us for a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment.

At each Alpha session, you'll be hosted in small groups to watch an episode on a different question of life & faith – then you have a chance to share your thoughts and hear what others think.

All are welcome, no matter your background or beliefs, and it's completely free! This series will start on **Monday March 3rd, 2025 & runs for 11 sessions.** Doors will open each evening at 6:30 pm in the church basement.

For more information on Alpha or to register online, please see the church website under "Parish Life" and select "Alpha". Forms are also available at the back of the church





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