

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 Administrators:

**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.



Presentation of our Lord

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord marks both the Jewish tradition of purification after childbirth and the presentation of the child to God in the Temple. It's a day that invites us to reflect on the sacredness of life and our relationship with the Lord.

There's a story that illustrates this powerful moment. A young man was traveling from Chicago to Miami and had a stopover in Atlanta. While sitting at a lunch counter, a woman came out of the restroom carrying a small baby. She approached the man and asked, "Would you hold my baby for a moment? I left my purse in the restroom." He agreed, but as she walked towards the door, she suddenly darted into the busy street and disappeared into the crowd. Shocked and confused, the man rushed to the door, but she was gone. After some frantic searching and with the help of the local police, they discovered the real mother. The woman who had handed him the child wasn't the baby's mother at all—she had taken the child, for reasons unknown.

In a sense, each of us finds ourselves in a similar situation every Christmas. God walks up to us, asking, "Would you hold My Baby for Me?" and places the Christ Child into our arms. We're left with the question: *What will we do with this Baby?*

In today's Gospel, we see Simeon, a righteous man, who receives the Christ Child in his arms in the Temple. His response is profound. He praises God, proclaiming that he has seen the Messiah, the one who will bring salvation not

just to Israel, but to all people. Simeon's words also carry a deeper message for Mary, as he prophesies the sorrow she will face as her Son's mission unfolds—how her own heart will be pierced by the suffering He will endure.

This moment of presentation is not limited to the Temple on that day. Every time we gather for Mass, we are invited to make our own presentation. At our Baptism, we were formally presented to God, but every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we renew that presentation of ourselves and those we love to God, through Christ. This is a reminder that we are consecrated to God and called to lead holy lives, living in accordance with His will.

Just as Simeon and Anna, who devoted their lives to God's service, became instruments of the Holy Spirit to reveal Christ to the world, we too are called to be such instruments. Though we may feel that our lives are small or insignificant in the eyes of others, God uses us to carry His light to others. The Holy Spirit works through ordinary people with simple, trusting faith—just as He did through Simeon and Anna.

The Holy Spirit is ever-present, guiding us to recognize the presence of Christ in our own lives and in the lives of others. When we remain open to His promptings, we come to recognize that the Lord is always with us, ready to be revealed in the most unexpected of places.

So, as we reflect on the Presentation of Our Lord today, let us ask ourselves: How are we responding to God's invitation to hold His Baby, to present our lives to Him, and to be His instruments of love, peace, and salvation in the world? Let us remain open to the Holy Spirit, recognizing Christ in all we do and in all those we meet.

February 2025						
Day	Date	Start	End	Event	Where	For Whom
Sunday	02 nd	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	RCIA Meeting	Parish Hall	Registered Only
Tuesday	04 th	9:30 AM	12:30 PM	Tuesday Treasures	Parish Hall	All Welcome
Wednesday	05 th	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	Choir Practice	Choir Loft	All Welcome
Thursday	06 th	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Table Tennis Club	Parish Hall	All Welcome
Friday	07 th	6:30 PM	9:00 PM	Youth Ministry Gathering	St Elizabeth School	All Welcome
Saturday	08 th	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	First Holy Communion Class	Parish Hall	Registered Only
Sunday	09 th	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	RCIA Meeting	Parish Hall	Registered Only
Tuesday	11 th	9:30 AM	12:30 PM	Tuesday Treasures	Parish Hall	All Welcome
	11 th	5:30 PM	7:00 PM	Confirmation Class	Parish Hall	Registered Only
	11 th	7:00 PM	8:30 PM	Social Committee Meeting	Parish Hall	Registered Only
Thursday	13 th	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Table Tennis Club	Parish Hall	All Welcome
	13 th	5:30 PM	7:00 PM	Confirmation Class	Parish Hall	Registered Only
Tuesday	18 th	9:30 AM	12:30 PM	Tuesday Treasures	Parish Hall	All Welcome
Wednesday	19 th	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	Choir Practice	Choir Loft	All Welcome
Thursday	20 th	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Table Tennis Club	Parish Hall	All Welcome
Friday	21 st	6:30 PM	9:00 PM	Youth Ministry Gathering	St Elizabeth School	All Welcome



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 1st 2025

5pm

†Bob & †Joy Collis Requested by Janice Dwyer
 †Anna Angelucci Requested by Frank Angelucci

Sunday February 2nd 2025

10am

†Patricia Staudinger Requested by Jane Wallbridge
11:30am

Special Intentions for Victoria Podbielski & Cecilia Baczynski
 †Matthew Spezza Requested by Donna Spezza

Monday February 3rd 2025 - No Mass on Mondays

Tuesday February 4th 2025

9am

Special Intentions of Susan Currie Requested by Kennedy Family

Wednesday February 5th 2025

9am

†Mary Relic Requested by Janice Dwyer

Thursday February 6th 2025

9am

†Stephen Dudley Requested by Kennedy Family

First Friday February 7th 2025

9am

†Rena Tynan

Sanctuary Candles Intentions

Sacred Heart: For World Peace Requested by Matilda Gino

Sanctuary: †Patricia Staudinger Requested by Jane Wallbridge

St Joseph: †All Souls in Purgatory Requested by Matilda Gino



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.

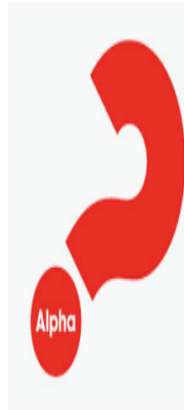
Let's transform our bulletin into an authentic representation of our dynamic community!

Your steadfast support is genuinely appreciated.

Gratefully, *Fr. Biju Kannampuzha*

2024 Parish Tax Receipts are being processed; you will receive them in the mail on or before Monday February 17th 2025.

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!

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 UNESCO World Heritage sites, historical temples, national parks, tea plantations, and so much more.

Highlights Of The Tour Include:

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.

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

Michael Power St. Joseph's

Class of '75 -

50th High School Reunion

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Thursday, June 5, 2025

For more information: Please contact

Mike Cachia. Email: cachia75@gmail.com





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