

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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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.

With Him, We Shall Do Great Things

A church or temple is more than just a building; it is a living testament to our belief in God’s presence among us and our deep need to worship Him. The structure, its furnishings, and the liturgy we celebrate speak not only to our intellect but also to our hearts and imaginations. These outward signs of faith have the power to come alive, helping us see beyond the physical and recognize the divine. With eyes of faith, we see them as more than symbols—they become windows into the very presence of God.

This is what the prophet Isaiah experienced as he prayed in the temple in Jerusalem. In the quiet of the sacred space, he saw the temple not just as a building, but as God’s throne room, where His majesty filled the air, surrounded by heavenly hosts praising His glory. In the face of God’s infinite greatness, Isaiah became acutely aware of his own unworthiness. Yet, instead of being consumed by fear, he was purified and empowered. A seraph touched his lips with a burning coal, cleansing him, and Isaiah was commissioned to be God’s messenger. His encounter with the divine didn’t paralyze him; it launched him into a life of purpose, proclaiming God’s message of hope and salvation.

In the Gospel, we encounter Simon, the fisherman, who experiences something similar. After a miraculous catch of fish, Simon glimpses the power and majesty of Christ. Overcome by the realization of his own inadequacy, he falls to his knees and cries, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinner.” Yet, it is precisely in that moment of recognition—when Simon acknowledges his shortcomings—that Jesus calls him to a higher purpose. “Do not be afraid,” Jesus says, “From now on, you will be catching men.” Jesus does not turn away from Simon’s sinfulness; instead, He comes to him, calling him to rise above his limitations and share in the divine mission.

The message is clear: recognizing our own unworthiness isn’t meant to discourage us; it is the very thing that frees us. Both Isaiah and Simon were transformed by their encounters with the divine. Instead of being paralyzed by their perceived inadequacies, they were empowered to do great things. They learned that the key to their success was not their own strength, but the power of God at work in them. This is the message that echoes through Scripture: when we trust in God’s power, we can accomplish extraordinary things. As Mary proclaimed in her Magnificat, “The Lord has looked upon His servant’s lowliness and done great things for me.”

Today’s readings remind us of the vocations of two extraordinary individuals—Isaiah, the prophet, and Simon, the leader of the apostles. But the call to follow Christ is not limited to them. Jesus calls each one of us to follow Him, to step out in faith, and to work for His kingdom. At times, the task may seem overwhelming—especially if we focus only on our own limitations. But we must remember that when God calls us, He equips us with everything we need. We are never alone in our mission.

The apostles left everything to follow Jesus. They gave up their security, stepping into an unknown future, trusting in God’s guidance. For us, leaving everything means surrendering our self-sufficiency and placing our trust in God’s limitless power. It means recognizing that with Him, we are capable of doing far more than we could ever imagine. If we waited until we thought we were “good enough” or “prepared enough” to serve God, we would never take that first step.

The truth is, God does not call the perfect; He calls the willing. With Him, we are empowered to do great things for His glory. Our inadequacies do not disqualify us—they make room for His strength to shine through. When we place our trust in God, nothing is impossible. So, let us boldly step forward in faith. With Him, we shall do great things.

FEBRUARY

Day	Date	Start Time	End Time	Event	Where	For Whom
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
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
Saturday	22 nd	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Teaching Mass*	Church	All Welcome
	22 nd	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	First Holy Communion Class	Parish Hall	Registered Only
Sunday	23 rd	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Teaching Mass*	Church	All Welcome
	23 rd	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	RCA Meeting	Parish Hall	Registered Only
	23 rd	11:30 AM	12:30 PM	First Holy Communion Class	Parish Hall	Registered Only
	23 rd	11:30 AM	12:30 PM	Teaching Mass*	Church	All Welcome
Tuesday	25 th	9:30 AM	12:30 PM	Tuesday Treasures	Parish Hall	All Welcome
	25 th	5:30 PM	7:00 PM	Confirmation Class	Parish Hall	Registered Only
Wednesday	26 th	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Mothers' Group	Parish Hall	All Welcome
Thursday	27 th	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Table Tennis Club	Parish Hall	All Welcome
	27 th	5:30 PM	7:00 PM	Confirmation Class	Parish Hall	Registered Only
Friday	28 th	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Eatonville Mass	Eatonville Care Home	Ask at Office



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 8th 2025

5pm

†Anna & †Giovanni Fasciano Requested by Fasciano Family
†Eva Longo

Sunday February 9th 2025

10am

†Leon Bower Requested by Jane Wallbridge
†Arminda & †Joao Sousa & †Arthur Borges
Requested by Maria Borges
†Barry Nowoselski Requested by Mary Ann Leon

11:30am

Special Intentions for Ward & Hamel-Smith Families

Monday February 10th 2025 - No Mass on Mondays

Tuesday February 11th 2025

9am

Special Intentions Eva Bavcevic Requested by Bavcevic Family

Wednesday February 12th 2025

9am

†Diane Belanger Requested by SVDP Society

Thursday February 13th 2025

9am

Special Intentions Eva Bavcevic Requested by Bavcevic Family

First Friday February 14th 2025

9am

For the Intentions of Kevin Madigan & Lorene Duran

Tax Receipts

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

Thank you for your continuous generosity!

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.

Anyone for Tennis???, Table Tennis That is...

Join our Table Tennis Club!

Thursdays – Parish Hall – 10 am - All Welcome

For more info call Albert: (416) 333-0833



THANK YOU!

To everyone who attended the pizza/bingo night and contributed prizes and desserts, a big Thank you!

We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to the following businesses for their generous donations of bingo prizes:

Canadiana Restaurant - 5230 Dundas Street West
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Scaddabush Italian Kitchen & Bar - 1900 The Queensway
Toast On Bloor - 3317 Bloor Street West
Yellow Cup Cafe - 225 The East Mall

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!



OLP Youth Ministry

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

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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June 5, 2025

For more info contact

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