

# 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.*

### Judge Not

There's a story of a wife who loved her husband deeply and desperately wanted to please him, despite his ever-criticism. Each morning, he seemed determined to find fault. If the eggs were scrambled, he longed for them poached; if they were poached, he wanted them scrambled. One day, with what she believed was a brilliant solution, the wife prepared one poached egg and one scrambled egg, hoping to satisfy him. As she eagerly placed the plate before him, she waited for praise. Instead, he scowled at the plate and grumbled, "Can't you do anything right? You scrambled the wrong one!"

In today's scripture, we are reminded of how our words and actions reflect the love we are called to share, and how our judgments can bring unnecessary harm. We are urged to speak with the same kindness and care that Jesus showed in His healing and teaching. Instead of gossiping or passing rash judgments that tarnish someone's reputation and inflict pain, we are called to uplift others with words that heal, restore, and bring hope. Jesus challenges us to consider our actions and words carefully—no longer allowing our careless judgments to cause harm. He vividly illustrates this point with examples, like a blind man trying to lead another blind man or a person with a log in their eye attempting to remove a speck from another's eye. These examples are not just humorous but also serve as powerful reminders that we must first look inward before judging others.

None of us, except God, is equipped to judge another person. Only He sees the full truth of our hearts and circumstances, and only He has the rightful authority to judge us. We see things only in part—we don't know the struggles, the pressures, or the unseen battles others are facing. It's all too easy to form conclusions based on partial views, and far too often, our judgments are clouded by our own flaws. We may even hold ourselves to a different standard than the one we apply to others, overlooking our own faults while magnifying theirs.

Consider the story of a crab walking along the shore, leaving behind its footprints in the sand. Proud of its trail, the crab admired its marks in the sand, only to watch them be washed away by the waves. In anger, the crab turned to the ocean and exclaimed, "Why would you do this? I thought you were my friend!" The ocean replied, "I washed away your footprints because a fisherman was following them, trying to catch you. It was my way of protecting you." Just like the crab, we often judge others based on what we see, without understanding the larger picture or the motivations behind their actions. We may criticize or misunderstand someone, but we must always pause to ask ourselves: what if we don't know the full story?

Today's Gospel calls us to examine our hearts. Are we contributing to joy and light in the world by uplifting and encouraging others, or are we adding to the burden of others by criticizing and tearing them down? If we find ourselves doing the latter, we must take to heart the words of Jesus. Our negative judgments don't just hurt others; they also destroy our own peace and joy. Let's strive to follow His example, showing compassion, understanding, and grace to all, as we walk this journey together.

### February/March 2025

Day	Date	Start	Ends	Activity	Where	For Whom
Saturday	22	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Teaching Mass*	Church	All Welcome
		5:00 PM	6:00 PM	First Holy Communion Class	Parish Hall	Registered Only
Sunday	23	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Teaching Mass*	Church	All Welcome
		11:00 AM	12:00 PM	RCIA Meeting	Parish Hall	Registered Only
		11:30 AM	12:30 PM	First Holy Communion Class	Parish Hall	Registered Only
		11:30 AM	12:30 PM	Teaching Mass*	Church	All Welcome
Tuesday	25	9:30 AM	12:30 PM	Tuesday Treasures	Parish Hall	All Welcome
		5:30 PM	7:00 PM	Confirmation Class	Parish Hall	Registered Only
Wednesday	26	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Mothers' Group	Parish Hall	All Welcome
Thursday	27	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Table Tennis Club	Parish Hall	All Welcome
		5:30 PM	7:00 PM	Confirmation Class	Parish Hall	Registered Only
Friday	28	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Eatonville Mass	Eatonville Care Home	Ask at Office
Sunday	28	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Children's Liturgy	Parish Hall	All Welcome
<b>MARCH</b>						
Saturday	01	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Carmelites meeting	Parish Hall	All Welcome
		5:00 PM	6:30 PM	First Holy Communion Mass	Church	
Sunday	02	10:00 AM	1:00 PM	Coffee & Pancake Sunday	Parish Hall	All Welcome
		11:00 AM	12:00 PM	RCIA Meeting	Parish Hall	Registered Only



## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025

**5pm**

1. †**Angus MacDonald** Requested by Paul MacDonald
2. **Special Intention** Requested by Joan Kennedy

Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025

**10am**

†**Steve Castrucci** requested by Teresa McNamara

**11:30am**

1. †**Constantino Vinante & †Biagio Iamascia** Requested by Vicky Iamascia
2. †**Alberto Galicinao** Requested by Mavi Maceda
3. †**Stefan Lavor** Requested by Halina Lavor & Family

Monday February 24<sup>th</sup> 2025 - No Mass on Mondays

Tuesday February 25<sup>th</sup> 2025 **9am**

†**Silva D'Souza** Requested by Marianne Reis

Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup> 2025 **9am**

†**Diane Bélanger** Requested by Joan Kennedy

Thursday February 27<sup>th</sup> 2025 **9am**

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Friday February 28<sup>th</sup> 2025 **9am**

**For The Intentions of All The Souls In Purgatory**

Requested by Kevin Madigan

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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?

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Thursdays - Parish Hall -

10am - All Welcome

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### Pancake & Coffee Sunday



Join with fellow parishioners on

**Sunday, March 2nd**

For delicious pancakes, fruit, coffee and tea  
After the 10:00 am and 11:30 am Mass.

A donation of \$5.00 to cover costs would be appreciated.

## Curious about faith?

### ALPHA is for you



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 share a meal, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025 & runs for 11 sessions.

Doors will open each evening at 6:30 pm in Parish Hall.

*For more information on Alpha or to register online, please see <https://olpeace.archtoronto.org> 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 .

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)



### Lenten Soup Suppers

Each Friday during Lent,

March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

A simple supper of bread and homemade vegetarian and fish soups will be served in the church hall at 6 pm,

Followed by *Stations of the Cross* at 7:30 pm

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