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# Our Lady Of Peace Parish

March 23rd, 2025  
Third Sunday of Lent

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**Holy Mass**  
Saturday  
5:00 p.m.

Sunday  
10:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy) &  
11:30 a.m.

Tuesday to Friday  
9:00 a.m.

**Confession**  
Saturday  
4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

**Adoration & Benediction**  
First Friday  
following 9:00 a.m. Mass

**Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals**  
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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**  
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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.

*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.*



**STAND SECURE, TAKE CARE**

Time and again, the Bible warns us with the example of the Israelites, who failed many times to use the heavenly gifts God gave them. Through the ministry of Moses, God saved them from slavery with actual miracles. He opened up a sea for them to cross to freedom. He made the sky rain bread for them to eat. He made a rock erupt with water for them to drink. The result was this: out of 600,000 that left Egypt, only 2 entered the Promised Land: Joshua and Caleb. The rest, even Moses, failed at some point to use the heavenly gifts God gave them, and the consequences were major and very important.

“These things happened to them as an example,” St. Paul says in today’s second reading, “and they have been written down as a warning to us”. By crossing the Red Sea, he says the Israelites “were baptized into Moses.” He means that they became God’s people by being saved from the sinful land of Egypt in order to go to the Promised Land of Canaan. We have something better. By our baptism into Jesus Christ we are saved from original sin in order to go to the ultimate Promised Land of Heaven.

St. Paul says the Israelites ate “spiritual food” and drank “spiritual drink.” He says the “spiritual rock” that gave them water was Christ, which means the power of Christ was foreshadowed in the manna bread and in the water from the rock. We have something better. We have not just spiritual food and drink, but sacramental food and drink. We have the Real Presence of Jesus in bread and wine, which become his Body and Blood.

If we fail to live our baptism and to receive reverently and worthily the Holy Eucharist, we will suffer a similar fate to the Israelites. St. Paul told the Corinthians not to “desire evil things, as the Israelites did” and not to “grumble as some of them did”. They desired evil things when they worshipped the golden calf and committed impure acts in the process. They grumbled when they disbelieved God’s promises and despised both Moses and the Manna bread. Simply put, they sinned in body and spirit and did not enter the Promised Land.

Then how do we use our heavenly gifts? St. Paul says that “whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall”. There we have two steps to take, especially in this season of Lent, to use those heavenly gifts God gives us.

Step one: stand secure. Our lives need a firm foundation of faith. Our lives need to be founded on rock. Standing secure is the first step. But it is not enough. St. Paul also tells us to take care not to fall. We must build up our defenses through love of God and love of neighbor. A life of intimate prayer with our Lord Jesus and of service to our brothers and sisters will help us not to fall into sin.


Lent is a great time to assess ourselves. Am I taking care not to fall into sin in my life, or am I leaving myself open regularly to hatred, resentment, lust, indifference, blasphemy, arrogance, jealousy, ingratitude, or willful doubt of my faith? If I see a place where I am failing time and again, I need to take care not to fall. Good prayers to get involved with, especially during Lent, are the Stations of the Cross, the Rosary, and reading Holy Scripture. Any type of faith study is useful too. Good Works or Mercy are helping at the hospital, nursing home, or school, and also calling or meeting with family members or friends who are sick or alone. Let us make full use of our heavenly gifts by standing secure in the faith, worshiping at Mass, Confessing our Sins, and giving alms. Let us also take care not to fall into sin by a life of prayer and works of mercy.



**Stations of the Cross**  
7:00 pm Every Friday During Lent

Friday 11th April	Holy Mass	9:00am
	Confessions	9:30am
Saturday 12th April	Confessions	3:30pm-4:30pm
	Holy Mass	5:00pm
Sunday 13th April	Palm Sunday	10:00 am, 11.30am
Monday 14th April	Holy Mass	7:00pm
	Confessions	7:30pm
Tuesday 15th April	Holy Mass	7:00pm
	Confessions	7:30pm
Wednesday 16th April	Holy Mass	7:00pm
	Confessions	7:30pm

<b><u>Holy Thursday 17th April 2025</u></b> 7 pm-Mass of the Lord’s Supper & Washing of the Feet
<b><u>Good Friday 18th April 2025,</u></b> 3pm - Passion of Our Lord 7pm - Stations of the Cross
<b><u>Holy Saturday 19th April 2025</u></b> 10am - Blessing of Food Baskets 8pm - Easter Vigil
<b><u>Easter Sunday 20th April 2025</u></b> 10am & 11:30am

 <b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>	
<i>Saturday March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025</i>	
<b>5pm</b>	
Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace	
<i>Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025</i>	
<b>10am</b>	
†Joseph Snidero	
†Ellen Divers Requested by Mae Gilleece	
<b>11:30am</b>	
†Maria Furczun Requested Furczun Family	
†Josephine Ouano Requested by Claire Cajoles	
<b>Monday March 24<sup>th</sup> 2025 - No Mass on Mondays</b>	
<i>Tuesday March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025</i>	<b>9am</b>
†Lauretta Dwyer Requested by Janice Dwyer	
<i>Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025</i>	<b>9am</b>
Birthday Intentions for Adele Morrissette <i>Requested by Susan Gagliardi</i>	
<i>Thursday March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025</i>	<b>9am</b>
†Steve Castrucci Requested by Joan Kennedy	
<i>Friday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025,</i>	<b>9am</b>
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**Gardening Volunteers Needed**  
Meet outside the office on Wednesday April 2nd after the 9am Mass  
Please come along or contact Josie Galati 416 233 6892

**Mass Intentions**  
The Catholic Church has a longstanding tradition of celebrating Masses dedicated for the repose of souls or to fulfill specific intentions. These Masses serve various purposes, including prayers for the souls in purgatory, commemorating the departed, or celebrating special occasions like birthdays. Should you wish to offer a Mass for someone, please contact the Parish office at (416) 239-1259



**Children's Liturgy**  
**10:00 AM Mass on Sundays**  
Liturgy of the Word with Children is suitably adapted to be made relevant to the lives and experiences of young children preparing them for full participation in the Liturgy. It gives them an opportunity to receive and respond to the Sunday readings.  
*Parents, Please bring your child/children to the Parish Hall before Mass and look for a volunteer with a name tag.*



We extend our most heart-felt greetings to all our visitors and extend a warm welcome to new members of our parish community. We hope you feel at home and embraced as part of Our Lady of Peace. New parishioners are encouraged to complete a parish registration form, which can be found at the rear of the church or by visiting our Parish Office.

**Altar Server Training**  
**Saturday, March 29th 10-2pm for Holy Week Services**  
**\* In the Main Church only \* contact Arnold Samson at [asamson@archtoronto.org](mailto:asamson@archtoronto.org)**

**OLP Youth Ministry**

Fridays 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm  
4th April (Charity Game night!!!) & 23rd May  
Location: St Elizabeth School,  
5 Redcar Ave, Etobicoke  
**\*Registration is required\***  
[click here to register](#) , or contact Youth Minister;  
Arnold Samson at [asamson@archtoronto.org](mailto:asamson@archtoronto.org)



**Lift Jesus Higher Rally**  
2025 ADULT RALLY REGISTRATION

Join fellow Catholics from the Greater Toronto Area at the 34th annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on Saturday, March 29! Lift Jesus Higher is a Spirit-filled day filled with fellowship, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, compelling talks from Bishop Scott McCaig, Deacon Larry Oney, Peter Herbeck, and more! The day also features a youth rally in the Centre’s John Basset Theatre for youth ages 13-18.