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Our Lady Of Peace Parish

April 6th, 2025
Fifth 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
Please contact the Parish Office.

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

Our Pastor
Fr. Biju Kannampuzha
Tel: 416-239-1259 Ext 3

Office Administrators
Rosanne Colavecchia
Teresa McNamara
Tel: 416-239-1259 Ext 0

Youth Minister
Arnold Samson
asamson@archtoronto.org

Office Hours
Monday to Friday
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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 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.

Case Dismissed!

A week from today, we will be celebrating Palm Sunday which ushers in the Holy Week. The gospel reading (Jn. 8:1-11) helps us to continue our personal and communal preparation in the reliving of the Easter Triduum — the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

While Jesus was in the temple area teaching the people, the Scribes and the Pharisees brought before Him a woman caught in adultery. They did this so they would “have some charge to bring against Him.” If He granted her freedom, He would be openly undermining the law. If He observed the law and permitted her death, His preaching on God's mercy and forgiveness would become meaningless. The trap appeared inescapable.

Jesus told them, “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” No, He was not telling them that the woman was innocent of the charge. Rather, He was telling them to go over their own personal histories of sin and if they found themselves innocent, then they could cast the first stone. In effect, He was telling them: “Being sinners yourselves, you should not be quick to condemn others.” For like the woman, they too were in need of God's mercy and forgiveness. Sure enough, after hearing Jesus' words, they began to go away one at a time. Alone with the woman, Jesus asked her, “Has no one condemned you?” She replied, “No one.” Then Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more.”

There are many things we can learn from this episode. For one, we can apply to ourselves what Jesus said elsewhere, “Judge not so that you will not be judged.” We can also learn from the values and perspectives of the Scribes and the Pharisees on the one hand and Jesus on the other. The Scribes and Pharisees only saw the woman's sin and her sinful past. So they wanted her stoned along with her sin as the Law of Moses prescribed. They were not willing to give her another chance to change her life.

On Jesus' part, what He saw in the woman was not her sinful past but her saintly future. What this means is that His love and mercy for her could release that energy in her which could make her live up to the love and mercy He offered. Along this line, there is a tradition that says that the woman caught in adultery was Mary Magdalene. And what a great a saint she had become! This was made possible because Jesus loved her and believed in her potential to be a saint. This she become by following what Jesus said: “Go, and from now on do not sin any more” and thereafter cooperated with God's grace.

Like the woman caught in adultery, we are all guilty of sin — if not of adultery, then of something else. Yet we should not despair because we have Jesus and not the Scribes and Pharisees who will be our judge. Jesus sees in each one of us a future saint which we can become if only we repent and put ourselves in the love and mercy of God.

One author has written that we Christians are optimists by definition. As far as the past is concerned, we believe in a merciful God who forgives the penitent sinner. And as far as the future is concerned, we know that we will overcome misery and evil and build a better future because we have faith in Someone Who is stronger than we are, in Someone Who loves us always and is always ready to forgive us.

 <h3>MASS INTENTIONS</h3>	
<p><i>Saturday April 5th, 2025</i> 5pm</p>	
<p>Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace</p>	
<p><i>Sunday April 6th 2025</i> 10am</p>	
<p>†Adele Capirchio Requested by Olga Rubino †Margherita Sampogna Requested by Sampogna Family</p>	
<p>11:30am Special Intention for Ward and Hamel-Smith Families</p>	
<p><i>Monday April 7th 2025 - No Mass on Mondays</i></p>	
<p><i>Tuesday April 8th 2025</i> Special Intentions</p>	<p>9am</p>
<p><i>Wednesday April 9th 2025</i> Special Intentions of Lorena Duran</p>	<p>9am</p>
<p><i>Thursday April 10th, 2025</i></p>	<p>9am</p>
<p><i>First Friday April 11th, 2025,</i></p>	<p>9am</p>



Sanctuary Candle Intentions

Sacred Heart: †Caridad Benson

Requested by Eden Molina

OLP Youth Ministry

Join us on April 4th, 6:30 to 9:00 pm,

For our 1st ever **Charity Game Night!**

FREE PIZZA & SNACKS!

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Location: St Elizabeth School,

Registration is required

[click here to register](#), or contact Youth Minister;

Arnold Samson at asamson@archtoronto.org

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Week 1: July 21st—25th

Week 2: August 18th—19th

PRICE PER DAY: \$20 (per child)

Forms available from Parish Office or back of the Church

Please see poster for details or

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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.

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

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

7 Week Keep Fit Qi-Gong Class

Time: 2-3:30PM Cost: \$20 Places Available: 25
Class Dates: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5

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Registration forms are available at the back of the church, please submit completed forms & fee to the parish office. Thank you!

Pastoral Letters of Reference

If you anticipate needing a pastoral letter of reference from the pastor for applying to a position within the Catholic School Board, such as a Teacher or a Lunch Supervisor, or for roles like a Confirmation Sponsor or a Godparent, it is crucial to establish an early connection with the pastor. This ensures that the pastor has the opportunity to become acquainted with you. The reference letter aims to confirm that the candidate is a practicing Catholic, actively participating in the parish community by regularly attending Sunday Mass. Please note that a request for a letter of reference may not be fulfilled if the pastor lacks sufficient familiarity with the individual making the request.

EASTER FLOWERS



As Easter draws near, to make our sanctuary truly special, we are seeking your generosity in donating flowers such as Easter Lilies, Hydrangeas or Tulips. **Please bring your flower donations to the church by**

Wednesday April 16th.

Your contribution is deeply appreciated.

Blessing of Baskets

We are delighted to extend a warm invitation to all parishioners to join us for a special Food Basket Blessing ceremony at **10 am on Holy Saturday, April 19th** in the Parish Hall.



As we gather, we will offer prayers of thanksgiving for the abundance we have received & seek blessings for the nourishment that sustains our bodies and souls.