

# Our Lady Of Peace Parish

April 20th, 2025

Easter Sunday The Resurrection of The Lord

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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.



## Our Pastor

Fr. Biju Kannampuzha  
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## Office Administrators

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## Youth Minister

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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 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

*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.*

## "YOU DID IT, DADI!"

In 1989, a devastating 8.2 magnitude earthquake struck Armenia, leveling buildings and claiming the lives of over 30,000 people in under four minutes. Just four minutes — that's all it took to reduce entire cities to dust, to silence thousands of voices, and to turn countless lives into chaos. It's hard to grasp the enormity of that kind of tragedy. But in moments of unimaginable heartbreak, the human spirit often rises. Sometimes, in the ruins, we see the purest forms of love, courage, and hope.

This is the story of one father's love — a love so fierce, it refused to quit. Amid the panic and destruction, this father raced to his son's school. But when he arrived, there was no school — only a mountain of debris. Can you imagine the terror, the helplessness? Around him, other parents wept and screamed their children's names, paralyzed by despair. But this father didn't stop. He couldn't.

Instead, he ran to the place where his son's classroom had been and started digging — bare hands, bleeding fingers, no tools, just sheer determination. Why? Because he had made a promise. "No matter what, I'll always be there for you." That promise kept him going, even when hope seemed impossible.

Others begged him to stop. "It's too late!" "They're all gone!" "You'll get yourself killed!" Even the fire chief and police tried to pull him away. But he wouldn't leave. He dug for 8... then 12... 24... 36 hours. And then — in the 38th hour — he moved a heavy piece of concrete and heard a sound. A voice. "Dad?" It was his son. Alive. Trapped. Waiting. And then came the words that broke the silence and echoed through the rubble: **"I told them! I told the other kids that if you were alive, you'd come! You promised you'd always be there for me — and you did it, Dad!"**

A promise kept. A son saved. Life pulled from the jaws of death. A stone rolled away to reveal hope. That story... it's powerful. But it points to an even greater one. Over 2,000 years ago, another Father made a promise. And just like Armand's dad, He kept it — at the cost of everything. On that first Easter, God rolled away a stone not just from a tomb, but from every heart that would believe. Through Jesus Christ, He made a way for us to live again — truly live — no matter what kind of rubble we're buried under.

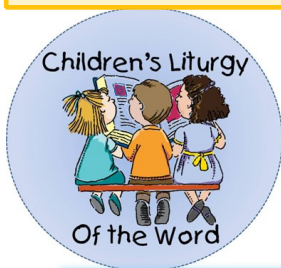
What stones weigh you down? Is it despair, guilt, failure, addiction, grief? No matter how heavy, no matter how hopeless it may feel, our Heavenly Father is still in the business of rolling stones away. He's digging through the debris of broken lives and calling out, "I'm here. I've never left. I promised, and I'm keeping my promise."

Just like that father in Armenia, He won't stop until He finds you. Let this Easter be a reminder — or maybe a discovery — that God's love never gives up, never walks away, and never fails. The cross was His promise, and the empty tomb was His proof. Because of Jesus, sin is defeated, death is overcome, and life is yours — now and forever.

**"But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay. Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you."** — Acts 13:37-38

May you be filled with the hope of the resurrection and the unshakable love of the Father.

**Have a BLESSED EASTER!**



### *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.



### **Our Lady of Peace Summer Camp 2025 is here!**

**Week 1: July 21st—25th**

**Week 2: August 18th—22nd**

**\*PRICE PER DAY: \$20\* (per child)**

Forms available from Parish Office [Click Here for Registration Form](#) or

back of the Church Please see poster for details or contact

Arnold: [asamson@archtoronto.org](mailto:asamson@archtoronto.org)



### **Saturday Easter Vigil 19th April-8:00pm**

†Fabian Chiriboga *Requested by Waldo Aristizabal & Family*

### **Easter Sunday 20th April**

10:00am: Our Lady of Peace Parishioners

11:30am: Special Intentions of Sharon Khan & Family

Special Intentions for Hamel-Smith Family

*Requested by Sarah Hamel-Smith*

### **Monday 21st April**

**No Mass**

### **Tuesday 22nd April-9:00am**

† Steve Castrucci *Requested by Currie Family*

† Robert Emerling *Requested by his Family*

Special Intentions-Marie-Christelle Kinja *Requested by Eliane Ngomu*

### **Wednesday 23rd April -9:00am**

† Mario Pardo *Requested by Angie Parada*

Special Intentions

### **Thursday 24th April -9:00am**

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### **Friday 25th April-9:00am**

† Umberto Orsini *Requested by Anne & Lucy Orsini*

† Hector Morrisette *Requested by Susan Gaglione*

### **Saturday 26th April -5:00pm**

† Paolina & †Giuseppe Picciuto *Requested by Picciuto Family*

† Giuseppina & †Nicodemo Scarfo *Requested by Angeles Family*

† Peter Ferrante *Requested by Bernadita Ferrante*

## **Sanctuary Candle Intentions**

**Sacred Heart:** Special Intentions

**Sanctuary:** † Julian Molina

*Requested by Eden Molina*

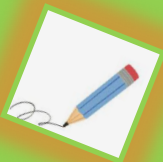
**St. Joseph:** ~

## **Creative Writing Course:** **Wednesdays**

**Time: 2:00PM-4:00PM**

**June 04, 11, 18, 25, July 02**

This course is an opportunity for gentle self reflection and creative expression. Classes will feature *secular* writing prompts and free writing periods followed by sharing and discussion. Registration forms are available at the back of the church & can be submitted along with the \$20 program fee to the parish office. Writing materials and light refreshments will be provided.



*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
On this glorious Easter Day, we rejoice as a community of faith—renewed, restored, and filled with the hope that comes from the Risen Lord.*

*As Pilgrims of Hope, we walk together, hand in hand, through the joys and trials of life. Easter reminds us that no darkness, no sorrow, no cross is ever the end of the story—for Christ has triumphed over death, and in Him, we too are made new. May this Easter season fill your hearts and homes with peace, joy, and the unwavering hope that comes from knowing we never walk alone. The Risen Jesus walks with us—guiding, strengthening, and calling us forward in love.*

*From all of us here at Our Lady of Peace, we wish you and your loved ones a blessed and joy-filled Easter. Let us continue our journey together, as pilgrims of hope, bringing the light of Christ into the world.*

*He is Risen! He is truly Risen! Alleluia!*

*In the joy of the Resurrection,*

*Fr. Biju and the Staff at Our Lady of Peace*

## **TUESDAY TREASURES**

**Is back on Tuesday May 6th**

**in the Parish Hall**

**9.30am-12.30pm.**

*Everyone is Welcome, Drop in or stay awhile!*

*We look forward to seeing you there!*

*Any questions?*

*Please call the Parish Office 416 239 1259 ext. 0*



## **7 Week Keep Fit Class**

**Thursdays**

**2:00-3:30PM**

**Class Dates: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5**

**COME JOIN OUR SPRING KEEP FIT PROGRAM!**

**Registration forms are available at the back of the church, please submit completed forms & fee to the parish office. Cost: \$20 Thank you!**





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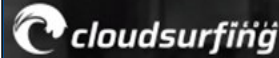
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