

# Our Lady Of Peace Parish

20th July 2025  
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Office Hours Monday to Friday 9:30 am - 12:30 pm & 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

## ***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.*

## **Holy Mass**

Saturday  
5:00 p.m.

Sunday  
10:00 a.m. & 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**

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Luke 10: 38-42

## **Schools**

### **Our Lady of Peace Catholic School**

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*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.*

## **Martha and Mary**

The heart of today's readings beats with two powerful themes: the sacred call to true hospitality, and the need to pause and truly listen to God before we act. We see in Jesus the perfect host — welcoming the broken, the lost, the searching — and giving them not just food or shelter, but the very presence and mercy of God. The lesson is clear: the Christian life is about setting priorities. First and always, Christ at the center — then everything else finds its place.

In our first reading, Abraham and Sarah welcome three strangers with open hearts. They run to prepare the best meal they can offer. Their generous welcome turns into a miracle: the promise of a child when hope seemed gone. When we open our hearts and our homes to God's presence — whether in people or in prayer — the impossible can become possible. Hospitality isn't just an action; it's an act of faith that makes space for God to work wonders.

In the Gospel, we meet Martha and Mary, two sisters who loved Jesus deeply. Martha bustles in the kitchen, pouring herself out in service. Mary sits at Jesus' feet, soaking in every word. When Martha complains that Mary isn't helping, Jesus gently reminds her — busy hands are good, but only when guided by a listening heart. Martha's service was valuable, but Mary chose the "better part": to listen first. Service without prayer burns us out; prayer without service misses the point. One fuels the other. The Church grows when Marthas and Marys come together — when everyone finds a way to serve *and* to sit at the feet of Christ.

**Spend Time at His Feet.** Modern life is full of Marthas — the busy, the responsible, the hard workers. We need them! But even the busiest hearts must be recharged. Take time every day to sit with Jesus — in prayer, in Scripture, at Mass — and let Him speak to you. Without this daily pause, service becomes dry duty instead of joyful love.

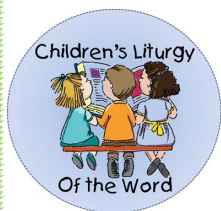
**Be a Listening Martha and a Serving Mary.** We need action and contemplation together. The Church needs volunteers, families need caregivers, our communities need builders and healers. But all our doing must be rooted in prayer and reflection. Be a "contemplative in action," as St. Ignatius taught — hands at work, heart at rest in God.

**Listen at Home Too.** Hospitality starts not just with strangers but with those closest to us. Many homes are full of noise but empty of listening. Listen to your spouse, your children, your parents, your friends. Love begins with listening.

**Serve with Joy, Not Burnout.** Some of history's greatest contributions came from people who worked tirelessly — but also knew when to rest and refocus. If you give your best to work or hobbies, why not to God's mission too? Let every act of service be rooted in prayer, so it becomes grace, not grind.

**God's Gift to Us: The Meal of the Eucharist.** Every Sunday, God welcomes us to His table. The Mass is not about what we do for God but about what God does for us — He feeds us with His very self. Come to Mass not as a duty but as the greatest act of hospitality — God hosting us in His house. Come hungry, come grateful, come ready to be changed.

Today, be both Mary and Martha. Sit at Jesus' feet. Listen deeply. Then get up and serve with all your heart. When we welcome Him first, we find the strength to welcome and serve the world. And like Abraham, we may just find that when we open our door to God — miracles happen.



## **Children's Liturgy**

**Sunday July 20th 2025 is our last day;  
we will return in September 2025**

***We look forward to seeing all our children return again soon!***

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday 19th July - 5:00pm

†Luivana Spedaliere & †Dwayne Coyle & †Jason Major

*Requested by Fasciano Family*

†Gracie Alicia Bake *Requested by Michelle Bake-Murphy*

## Sunday 20th July 2025

### 10:00am

†Jeffrey Natividad *Requested by Imelda Lopez & Family*

†Lloyd Cross *Requested by Beverley Tollofson*

### 11:30am

**Special Intentions (Birthday) Ruari Hamel-Smith**

*Requested by Sarah Hamel-Smith*

†Alberto Galicinao, †Diana Enerio, †Anthony Debarras

*Requested by Mavi Maceda*

## Tuesday 22nd July - 9:00am

*No Intention*

## Wednesday 23rd July - 9:00am

*No Intention*

## Thursday 24th July - 9:00am

*No Intention*

## Friday 25th July - 9:00am

†Edward Staudinger *Requested by Geraldine Frost*



## Sanctuary Candles

St Joseph: †Frank Kennedy

*Requested by Kennedy Family*



## Interested in Becoming Catholic or Deepening Your Faith?

Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program begins in September 2025, and registration is open now! This program is for: Those not yet baptized. Those baptized in another Christian denomination. Those baptized in the Catholic Church but who have not yet received First Communion or Confirmation. Even fully initiated Catholics who wish to deepen their understanding, knowledge, and faith in God and the Church.

RCIA is a journey of faith, prayer, learning, and community. It offers a welcoming and supportive environment to explore the Catholic faith and prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact the parish office to register or meet the pastor.

Come and see what God may be inviting you to - Your journey of faith starts here!



## Interested in Gardening & Volunteering?

Do you have a little time to help out in the garden or around the grounds?

We'd love a helping hand! If you're available to volunteer, please give the office a call and leave your name—we'd be so grateful for your support. **Thank you so much!**

*Our Lady of peace, pray for us!*

## **ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO MARTYRS' SHRINE**

**Sunday, August 24, 2025**

**(16163 Highway 12 West, Midland, Ontario)**

During this Jubilee Year, we warmly invite you to join **Cardinal Leo, Fr. Biju**, and the bishops, priests, deacons, and faithful of the Archdiocese for a pilgrimage to the **Martyrs' Shrine**, a national holy and historic site honoring the Canadian Martyrs.

### **Program for the day:**

- 9:00 – 10:45 a.m. — Arrival and personal time to explore the grounds; Sacrament of Reconciliation offered
- 11:00 a.m. — Holy Mass with **Frank Cardinal Leo**, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto
- 12:30 p.m. — Lunch (please bring a picnic lunch — limited catering available onsite)
- 1:30 p.m. — Rosary Procession
- 2:00 p.m. — Eucharistic Adoration
- 2:45 p.m. — Benediction
- 3:00 p.m. — Fellowship and departure at leisure

**Entrance Fee** (payable on arrival): Adults \$10 / Youth (0–18): Free

Please bring your own lawn chair for seating at Mass (and don't forget sunscreen and a hat!).

You may wish to drive yourself or travel with **Our Lady of Peace and St. Clements** parishioners on our **chartered coach bus** to this special Archdiocesan Pilgrimage. The cost per pilgrim for the bus (including admission to the Shrine) is **\$50**. Departure from the **St. Clements Parish parking lot** will be at **8:00 a.m.**, with an estimated return by **5:00 p.m.**

To reserve your seat on the bus, (as seating is limited) please contact the parish office by phone or email, and provide the names of each pilgrim along with an email address and phone number. Payment can be made by cash or cheque payable to **Our Lady of Peace Parish**.

We look forward to making this meaningful pilgrimage with you!





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