

Our Lady Of Peace Parish

24th August 2025
Twenty-First 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.

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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.

"Travel Light, Walk Through"

Our readings today speak about salvation—who will be saved, and how. They give us both a warning and a promise, and they call us to live with urgency and hope.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah reminds us that God's plan of salvation is not limited to one people or one nation. The Lord says, *"I am coming to gather all nations and tongues, and they shall come and shall see my glory."* What a beautiful vision! People from every corner of the earth—different languages, cultures, and backgrounds—all streaming toward God's holy mountain. No one is excluded. God's heart is wide, His mercy beyond measure.

But then the Gospel gives us a challenge. A man asks Jesus, *"Lord, will only a few be saved?"* Perhaps he wanted numbers, statistics, or guarantees. But Jesus does not answer in numbers. Instead He says: *"Strive to enter through the narrow door."*

Here is the heart of the message. Salvation is offered to everyone, but it is not automatic. It requires effort, perseverance, and choice. The narrow door is open, but it is not easy. It is the way of love, service, forgiveness, and humility. It is saying "yes" to God not only with our lips but with our lives.

Think about it: a door wide open requires no effort—you just walk in. But a narrow door means you cannot carry everything with you. You cannot squeeze through if you cling to pride, hatred, selfishness, or sin. You must let go. You must travel light, with a heart purified by love.

That is why Jesus warns: it is not enough to say, *"We ate and drank with you; you taught in our streets."* In other words, it is not enough to say, *"I went to Mass, I knew about Jesus."* What matters is whether we lived what we professed. Did I forgive? Did I serve? Did I love? Did I allow God to change me?

Choose the narrow way each day. Every day presents choices: to forgive or to hold a grudge, to serve or to ignore, to tell the truth or to twist it, to pray or to neglect God. The narrow gate is choosing love even when it is hard.

Check your path regularly. At the end of each day, ask: "Did I walk toward God or away from Him today? Did I make room in my heart for Christ, or am I still weighed down by selfishness?" A short prayer of repentance and renewal can keep us ready.

Live with hope. The narrow gate is demanding, but we do not walk it alone. Christ Himself has gone before us. His grace strengthens us. And the promise remains: *"People will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God."* If we persevere, we too will have a place at that banquet.

My friends, the message today is simple but urgent. Salvation is God's free gift, offered to all—but it requires our response. Let us not delay. Let us strive, each day, to walk through the narrow door of love, so that one day we may join the great feast of God's Kingdom with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, the prophets, the saints—and with Christ our Lord forever.

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. Thank you.

Mass Intention Requests

If you would like to request a Mass for a deceased loved one, for healing, birthday wishes or in thanksgiving. Please contact the office. 415 239 1259 ext. 0

Announced Masses: \$20 (date of Mass provided, intention announced at the beginning of the Mass, printed in the bulletin and our website)

Unannounced Masses: \$10 (the Mass is celebrated privately, without a formal announcement in the parish bulletin or during services).

Mass Intentions

Saturday 23rd August - 5:00pm

†Sheldon Ferguson Requested by MacIsaac Family

†Rex Albuquerque Requested by Andrea Baptista

Sunday 24th August 2025

10:00am

†Ester Lopez Requested by Imelda Lopez

Special Intentions for Ryan Tollofson Requested by Beverley Tollofson

11:30am

†Malcom Thomas Houston

†Walter & †Krystyna Bacik Requested by Hortareas Family

Special Intentions Frank Kashando Requested by Eliane Ngomu

Tuesday 26th August - 9:00am

†For All Souls In Purgatory

Requested by Tony Cioffi

For Nella Amaolo on her 103rd Birthday

Requested by The Barrett Family

11:00am

Funeral Mass for †Josephine Suklje

Wednesday 27th August - 9:00am

†Jose Carione Requested by Marta Pavao

Thursday 28th August - 9:00am

†Genevieve & †William Chornenki Requested by Michele Giorno

Friday 29th August - 9:00am

†Ida & †Luigi Giorno Requested by Michele Giorno



Sacred Heart:

†Ester Lopez

Requested by Imelda Lopez

Sanctuary Lamp:

†Krystyna & †Walter Bacik

Requested by Gillian Hortareas

St Joseph:

†Peter & †Diana Hortareas

Requested by Gillian Hortareas



Please pray for †Josephine Suklje who passed away recently. May she rest in peace.

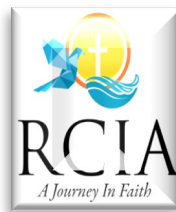


Our Lady Of Peace Bible Study! September 18th-November 27th

Join us this Fall for an in-depth study of Genesis 12-50 as we work our way through

The Patriarchs: Encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, a Beth Moore Bible study. Together, we will discover God's pursuit of a relationship with man and marvel as His plan to bless all people unfolds. Full of twists and turns, ruin and redemption, revelation and mystery, The Patriarchs will keep us captivated by the God who starts in it! We will explore concepts such as blessings, covenants, and promises; and the bearing each has on a New Testament believer's life today.

The study will run Thursday evenings from 6:45pm to 9:00pm starting September 18 and continue to November 27 (11 weeks). **Registration deadline is September 5th** and space is limited. The cost is \$10 (covers the cost of materials). For more details, please scan the QR code or reach out to Erin Bavcevic at erin.olpeace@gmail.com.



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!

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 September 15th 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 [Our Website - Click here](#) under "Parish

Unpack the
Christian faith
together.

Click Here to read more about ALPHA



First Holy Communion Registration

Saturday 27th September 2025 after the 5pm Mass

First Holy Communion Mass Day - SUN 12th April



Confirmation Registration

Saturday 4th October 2025 after the 5pm Mass

Confirmation Mass Day - SAT 11th April 2026



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