

Our Lady Of Peace Parish

May 25th, 2025
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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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

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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.

Today's readings highlight the effects of God's abiding presence in His Church and within each of us. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the Holy Spirit helps the apostles resolve a significant doctrinal issue about the Gentiles joining the Church, a challenge that shook the early community. The Responsorial Psalm prays that all nations recognize and praise God. The second reading, from the Book of Revelation, depicts the Church as the Heavenly Jerusalem, where the victorious Jesus resides, uniting all in love. The Gospel passage reminds us that the Holy Spirit, our Teacher and Advocate, is the source of peace and joy, guiding us with hope. Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit will teach us all we need to know.

The Holy Spirit guides us, prompting us to turn to Scripture for support, teaching us divine truths, and granting peace. To receive these gifts, we must spend time daily in prayer, listening to God, and growing in our relationship with Jesus. Through the Holy Spirit, we find solutions to life's challenges, love others, and maintain inner peace. The Holy Spirit teaches us through the Scriptures and Mass, and in Communion, we encounter Christ's love and peace.

In a world marked by isolation, where many live alone or disconnected, it's crucial to remember that Jesus is always with us. He replaces our burdens with joy, transforms our grief into peace, and fills our lives with purpose. By inviting Jesus into our hearts, we overcome loneliness and share His unity with others, bringing them closer to Him. As we celebrate the Eucharist, let us remember the price Jesus paid for our redemption and allow this celebration to empower us to live a true Life of the Spirit.

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 Lady of Peace Diamond Jubilee Capital Campaign

As we celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Our Lady of Peace, we are launching a vital Capital Campaign to strengthen the foundation of our parish and ensure its continued ability to serve and uplift our community for years to come. This campaign is a call to action for every member of our parish family to help us secure the resources needed to address pressing needs and create lasting impact.

Why Your Support Matters

The funds raised through this campaign will directly support key projects that are essential to the growth, safety, and vibrancy of Our Lady of Peace. Some of the key initiatives include:

- **Youth Ministry:** Hiring a full-time Youth Minister to reinvigorate our youth programs and inspire the next generation of believers.
- **Maturing Adults Ministry:** Bringing on a dedicated staff member to support and coordinate programs for maturing adults, ensuring they remain connected and supported.
- **Community Outreach:** Expanding our efforts to assist the homeless, refugees, and isolated seniors, fostering deeper connections and providing meaningful help to those in need.
- **Safety & Health:** Removing harmful asbestos from key areas of the church, rectory, office, and parish hall, ensuring the health and safety of all who use these spaces.
- **Sanctuary Restoration:** Refurbishing the sanctuary carpet, restoring the pews, and renewing the church floor to maintain the beauty and sacredness of our worship space.
- **Worship Enhancement:** Upgrading the sound system and lighting to create a more immersive and uplifting worship experience.

Financial Stability: Paying off outstanding debt to secure a financially sustainable future for the parish.

Our Goal: \$3.8 Million

We are proud to share that, thanks to the generosity of our parish family, we have already pledged \$1.5 million toward our goal, with \$462,000 received. But we need your help to fulfill this vision and reach our target of \$3.8 million. Together, we can make this dream a reality.

Frequently Asked Questions About the Diamond Jubilee Capital Campaign

- **When do I need to return my pledge?** As soon as possible. While we welcome future pledges, we hope to collect most pledges in the near term to move forward with the campaign.
- **What if I can't meet my pledge obligation?** Life happens. We understand that circumstances change, and there is no penalty for adjusting your pledge. We hope everyone can contribute as much as possible, but we are flexible if your situation shifts.
- **Can I designate my pledge for a specific project?** Yes! Simply note your preference on your pledge form, and we'll ensure your donation goes toward the project you feel most passionate about.
- **Will I receive updates on how my pledge is used?** Absolutely. We will provide regular updates on how the pledged funds are being utilized, ensuring complete transparency in how we fulfill the campaign's goals.
- **Can I provide suggestions on how the funds are used?** We welcome your ideas and feedback. While we cannot promise every suggestion will be implemented, we will make every effort to incorporate your valuable input.
- **Why didn't Fr. Biju meet with me personally during the soft launch?** Fr. Biju met with over 200 families during the initial stages of the campaign. However, with over 1000 registered families in our parish, it was not feasible for him to meet with everyone.
- **How long is the pledge period?** You can choose the duration that works best for you—whether a one-time donation or recurring payments over one, two, five, or up to ten years.
- **What are the payment options?** There are several convenient ways to contribute:
 - ♦ **Cash:** Drop off at the parish office or during Mass.
 - ♦ **Cheque:** Make cheques payable to "Our Lady of Peace" indicate DJCC on Cheque and drop them off at the office, mail them in, or place them in the offertory basket.
 - ♦ **Credit Card:** Pledge securely online using your credit card.
 - ♦ **Pre-Authorized Debit:** Set up automatic monthly contributions for a hassle-free experience.
 - ♦ **Securities and Shares:** Donations of stocks, bonds, or securities may offer tax benefits. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Frequently Asked Questions About the Diamond Jubilee Capital Campaign Continued

- **Will I receive a tax receipt for my donation?** Yes, all donations will receive a tax receipt for the actual amount given in each calendar year. Pledges will not be receipted until they are fulfilled, and receipts will be issued in February of the following year.
- **What if I miss a payment?** If you forget to make a payment, the campaign office will send you a reminder to help you stay on track.
- **Will my pledge be publicly disclosed?** No. Your pledged amount is confidential and will only be shared with the Finance Council and accounting staff.
- **How much does it cost to run this campaign?** The total cost to run this campaign is just \$3,000, primarily for printing campaign materials.

Thank You for Your Support

We are incredibly grateful for your continued generosity and support. Together, we can ensure that Our Lady of Peace remains a place of grace, growth, and service for many years to come. Your participation in this campaign will help us create a strong, vibrant future for our parish, where all can come to worship, learn, and serve.

We invite you to join us in this important endeavor and make a lasting difference in the life of Our Lady of Peace. Thank you for being a part of this extraordinary journey!

Fr. Biju Kannampuzha CMI, Pastor
Finance & Parish Council, Our Lady of Peace

Mass Intentions

Saturday 24th May—5:00pm

Our Lady Of Peace Parishioners

Sunday 25th May

10:00am



Birthday Intentions for Jean Wade & Brayden Bishop



For Healing Maria Destito *Requested by Nickie Mendes*



For Healing Denise Borda *Requested by Anna Drozdal*

11:30am

† **Mario Fantauzzi** *Requested by Nicolina Fantauzzi*

Tuesday 27th May - 9:00am

† **Marjorie Lobo** *Requested by Mildred Monteiro*

Wednesday 28th May - 9:00am

Special Intentions of the Mother's Group

Requested by Susan Monaco



Thursday 29th May - 9:00am

Our Lady of Peace Parishioners

Friday 30th May - 9:00am

† **Pietro Pirrello** *Requested by Marisa & Augusto Colasanti*

† **Elisabeth Lipinski** *Requested by Angie Parada*

† **Edwin Fernando Muñoz Torres** *Requested by Angie Parada*



Sacred Heart Candle: † **Adele Snidero**

Creative Writing Course:

Wednesdays

Time: 2:00PM-4:00PM

June 04, 18, 25, July 02, 09

\$20 Program Fee

Registration Forms at the Office or Back of Church

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.

Writing materials and light refreshments will be provided.



The Annual OLP

Ladies' Brunch

Sunday, June 8th, 12:30pm
at the Canadiana Restaurant. \$30

includes Brunch, door prizes, and, back by popular demand, guest speaker: Sister Carmella.

Tickets on sale at each Mass at the back of the church or call Joan Grima : 647 278 9362



Coffee Sunday

After all Masses this weekend 24th & 25th

We warmly invite you to join us in the parish hall for coffee and fellowship. It's the perfect way to connect and share in some delightful moments with fellow parishioners.

Parish Pastoral and Finance Council Members will be on hand to address and answer any questions regarding the Diamond Jubilee Campaign



The next meeting of the
Catholic Moms Group is on:
Wednesday, May 28th 10am-12pm in the
Parish Hall at Our Lady of Peace.

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All Mothers welcome



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