

Our Lady Of Peace Parish

April 27th, 2025

Second 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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1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

In Loving Memory of His Holiness Pope Francis (1936 – 2025)

With deep sorrow and profound respect, we announce the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis, the 266th successor of St. Peter, who was called to eternal rest in the Lord on Monday April 21, 2025.



Born Jorge Mario Beragoglio in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Pope Francis was elected to the Chair of Peter on March 13, 2013, becoming the first pope from the Americas, the first Jesuit pope, and the first to take the name Francis—after St. Francis of Assisi. His papacy was marked by humility, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to the Gospel message of mercy, peace, and care for the poor.

Throughout his pontificate, Pope Francis inspired the world with his call for a “Church of the poor, for the poor.” He championed dialogue

over division, welcomed the marginalized, and encouraged all people to embrace a life of simplicity, love, and solidarity. He reminded us again and again of the boundless mercy of God and urged the Church to be a “field hospital” for wounded souls.

Pope Francis was a global voice for peace, environmental stewardship (*Laudato Si'*), and human dignity. His leadership during times of great challenge—including global crises, war, and deep polarization—was marked by prayerful discernment, courageous action, and a heart rooted in Christ.

Let us pray in gratitude for his leadership and witness. May the Lord whom he served so faithfully welcome him into eternal peace.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Amen.

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.

Faith and Mercy in Action

In 1984, *Time* magazine captured an extraordinary moment of mercy. Inside a prison cell, Pope St. John Paul II sat face-to-face with Mehmet Ali Agca—the man who had tried to assassinate him. The Pope gently held the hand that once held a gun. He spoke to Agca as a brother, offering forgiveness, trust, and compassion. That moment became a living icon of mercy—one that speaks louder than any sermon. It is a glimpse into the heart of Divine Mercy.

This Sunday, we are invited to reflect on God's infinite mercy. From the early Christian communities who shared everything in love, to the Risen Christ breathing peace and forgiveness into His apostles, the message is clear: God's mercy is always available, but we must choose to receive it.

In today's Gospel, Jesus appears to the doubting Thomas—not to rebuke him, but to meet him in his weakness. "My Lord and my God," Thomas proclaims, a powerful act of faith born from encounter. Jesus responds with a message for all generations: "*Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.*"

Living faith is not just believing—it is *being* a witness to the Risen Lord through love, service, and forgiveness. We are called to *become* the face of mercy to the world: feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, forgiving those who wrong us, and bearing suffering with patience.

The Church helps us encounter Divine Mercy especially through the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** and **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**. In Confession, Christ still says through His priests: "*Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them.*"

We live in a culture that is quick to blame and slow to forgive. Saying "sorry" is rare. Owning our faults is seen as weakness. But the Gospel teaches otherwise. Mercy is not weakness—it is strength. It is not deserved—it is given freely, just as Christ gives it to us.

As Napoleon once told a pleading mother, "Your son does not deserve mercy." She replied, "It wouldn't be mercy if he did." That is Divine Mercy: undeserved, but freely given to those who know their need for it.

The Risen Lord offers not vengeance, but peace. Not punishment, but healing. Not blame, but forgiveness. All we need to do is ask—sincerely, humbly, and with open hearts.

Let us be people of mercy, reflecting Christ in how we live, love, forgive, and serve. In doing so, we not only receive His mercy—we become its messengers.



Join us for a beautiful celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday on April 27th, 2025 at 3:00 PM in the church. Come and experience a grace-filled afternoon with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and special prayers in honor of Pope Francis.

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

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First Friday Adoration-May 2nd

First Fridays have traditionally been associated with the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To appropriately observe First Fridays there will be

Eucharistic adoration following the 9:00 am

Mass until 10:15 a.m.

Closing with Benediction



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!

TUESDAY TREASURES

Will be back on Tuesday May 6th

in the Parish Hall

9.30am-12.30pm.

Everyone is Welcome,

Any questions?

Please call the Parish Office 416 239 1259 ext. 0



MASS INTENTIONS

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
- † Lucila Salazar Requested by Juan Velasquez

**Sunday 27th April
10:00am**

For Healing: Sheldon Ferguson

- † Julian Molina Requested by Eden Molina

For Healing: Sharon Ferguson MacIsaac

11:30am

- † Stanislaw Furczon Requested by Furczon Family
- † John McRae Requested by McRae Family
- † Diana Enerio Requested by Mavi Maceda

Monday 28th April No Mass on Mondays

Tuesday 29th April -9:00am

- † Frank Hoffman Requested by Vicki Janosik

Special Healing Intentions for Marilyn Madigan

Wednesday 30th April -9:00am

Special Healing Intentions for Lorena Duran

Thursday 1st May -9:00am

- † Ante Bavcevic Requested by Bavcevic Family

First Friday 2nd May -9:00am

- † Danny O'Beirn Requested by McRae Family

- † All the Souls in Purgatory Requested by Kevin Madigan

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, 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 next meeting of the Catholic Moms Group is on **Wednesday, April 30th 2025 - 10am-12pm** in the Parish Hall at Our Lady of Peace. For more information visit

www.catholicmomsgroup.com
or email info@catholicmomsgroup.com



Thank you

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

As we look back on the sacred journey of Lent and Holy Week, our hearts are filled with deep gratitude for each one of you who shared your time, talents, and treasures to make our liturgies truly meaningful and spiritually enriching.

To our devoted altar servers, ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, sacristans, and Master of Ceremonies—thank you for your steadfast commitment and service. Your dedication ensures our celebrations flow with grace and reverence, creating a prayerful and holy atmosphere for all.

To our wonderful choir, your music was a true blessing.

Through your voices, you lifted our hearts and helped us experience the divine presence in a powerful way. Your preparation and passion for sacred music have been a profound gift to our community.

Together, your generosity and spirit of service have deeply enriched our parish's Lenten and Holy Week journey. You have helped foster a stronger connection to our faith and to one another.

May the Lord bless you abundantly for your selfless devotion.

With heartfelt thanks and continued prayers,

Fr. Biju Kannampuzha



Congratulations to our new brothers and sisters in Christ, whom, through the RCIA/RCIC programs were baptised or received into the Roman Catholic Faith on Easter Vigil:

Emma Barnett ~ Adelyn Barnett

Nathan Barnett ~ Penelope Fang

Eleanora Fang ~ Elliot Staples

Olivia Staples ~ Emery Hwang

Enrique Leandro ~ Valeriia Isaienko

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