

Our Lady Of Peace Parish

31st August 2025
Twenty-Second 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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*For whoever exalts himself
will be humbled, and he
who humbles himself
will be exalted.*

Luke 14:11

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.

Humility: The Path that Leads Upward

The Word of God today gives us one central message: the call to true humility. We live in a world that rewards pride, power, and self-promotion, yet Jesus turns it all upside down. He tells us that in God's Kingdom, the last shall be first, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

One man who understood this truth deeply, though he was not a Christian, was Mahatma Gandhi. Gandhi was touched by the Gospels and deeply moved by the life of Christ. He once said, "I might have become a Christian had it not been for Christians." Gandhi did not lead as a ruler standing over the people but as one who stood with them. He chose to dress simply, to live among the poor, and even to identify with those society rejected, whom he called *harijans*, "the people of God." Gandhi's humility gave dignity to millions and showed us what leadership rooted in service looks like.

This is what Jesus calls us to. Humility is not weakness. It is strength under control. It is not denying our gifts but recognizing that every gift comes from God and is given for the service of others. C.S. Lewis put it well: "Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less."

In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples not to rush for the places of honor at the banquet. Because true greatness is not found in being admired, but in honoring others. He even goes further: "When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind." In other words, don't do good only when there's something in it for you. Instead, do good where there is no chance of repayment, because your reward will be eternal.

Humility is the soil where all other virtues grow. Sirach reminds us: "The more you humble yourself, the greater you are." St. Augustine even said that humility is first, second, and third among the paths to holiness. Without humility, there is no charity, no patience, no obedience. But with humility, our hearts open wide to God and to those in need.

Practically, what does this mean for us? It means putting others before ourselves. It means being willing to do the unnoticed work, the small sacrifices, the hidden acts of love. It means associating not just with those who can benefit us, but with the forgotten, the lonely, the rejected. It means remembering that in every Mass, we are the poor, the lame, the spiritually blind whom Christ invites to his table. He gives us what we could never earn.

Humility is not a theory—it is a way of life. It is choosing to serve rather than be served. It is remembering, as St. Francis said, "What I am before God is what I am, and nothing more."

Let us pray today for the gift of true humility—that we may live not for ourselves but for others, that we may use our gifts in service, and that one day we may hear the Lord himself say to us: "My friend, move up higher."

First Holy Communion Registration

Saturday 27th September 2025
after the 5pm Mass.



*Registration Forms will be distributed to the Grade 2
Students on 16th & 17th Sept*

**First Holy Communion Mass Day
SUNDAY 12th April 2026**

Confirmation Registration

Saturday 4th October 2025
after the 5pm Mass.



*Registration Forms will be distributed to the
Grade 7 Students on 16th & 17th Sept*

**Confirmation Mass Day
SAT 11th April 2026**

Mass Intentions

Saturday 30th August - 5:00pm

Our Lady of Peace Parishioners

Sunday 31st August 2025

10:00am

†Edward Staudinger Requested by Mary Ann Leon

†Ross Gagliardi Requested by Susan Gagliardi

Special Intentions for Maryanne Walker

11:30am

In thanksgiving Requested by Maria Ajusta Carreira

†Josephine Suklje Requested by Pauline Smith (Suklji), sister-in-law

Tuesday 2nd September - 9:00am

†Norma Palma Requested by Eden Molina

†Ester Lopez Requested by Imelda Lopez & Family

Wednesday 3rd September - 9:00am

Special Intentions for the Walsh Family

†Cecilia, John & Joseph Plut

Requested by Plut Family

Thursday 4th September - 9:00am

†Kathleen & †Kevin Fitzgerald

Requested by Mary Agnew

First Friday 5th September - 9:00am

†Domenico Mazza Requested by Lucy Minici & Pat Luca

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION



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 9am Mass until 10:15 am. Closing with Benediction.



Sacred Heart:

†Dan & †Wayne Currie

Requested by Kennedy Family

St Joseph:

†Ross Gagliardi

Requested by Susan Gagliardi



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!



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 stars 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 Bavecic at erin.olpeace@gmail.com.

Curious about faith?

ALPHA is for you

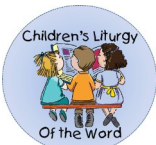
Join us for a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment.

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 Life" and select "Alpha" Forms will also be available at the back of the church

Click Here to read more about ALPHA

**Unpack the
Christian faith
together.**



Children's Liturgy 11:30 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.

Parents, Please bring your child/children to the Parish Hall before Mass and look for a volunteer with a name tag.

RETURNING Sunday 7th September* new Mass time 11.30am



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