

# Our Lady Of Peace Parish

3rd August 2025  
Eighteenth 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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### **Our Lady of Peace Catholic School**

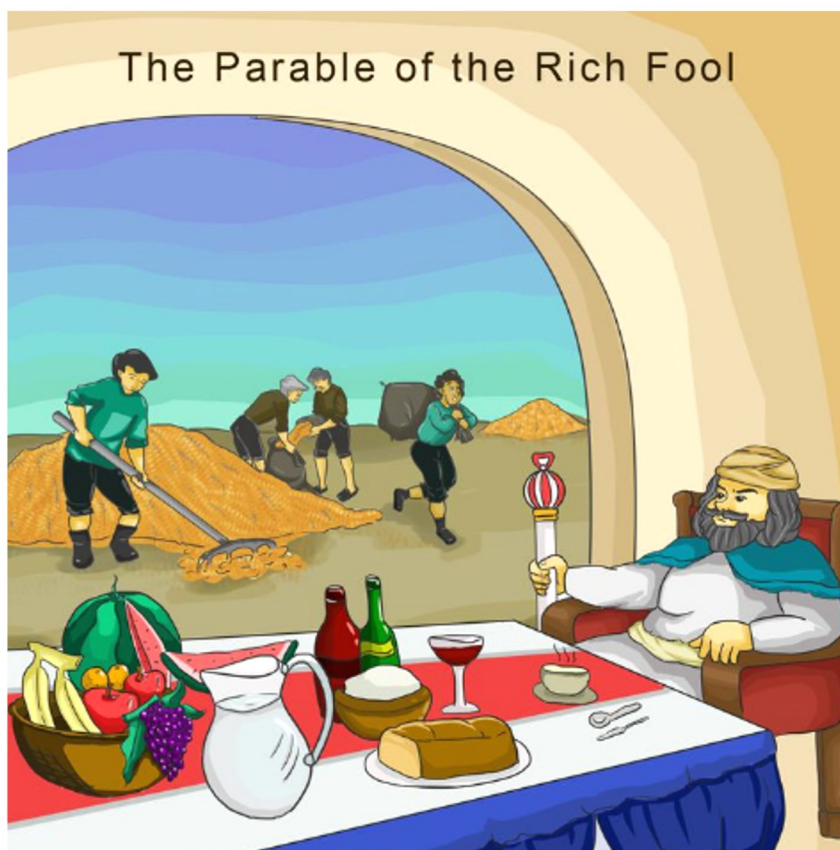
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***Luke 12: 13-21***

*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.*

## **True Wealth: A Heart Rich Toward God**

In this Sunday's Gospel (Luke 12:13–21), Jesus offers us a powerful reminder that cuts to the heart of our modern lives: "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."

A man in the crowd wants Jesus to settle a family inheritance dispute. Instead of dividing money, Jesus divides truth from illusion. He knows the real issue is not the inheritance, but the insatiable hunger for more that can take root in any heart.

To make His point, Jesus tells the parable of the rich fool—a man who is so successful that his barns cannot hold his harvest. So, he tears them down and builds bigger ones. He convinces himself he is finally secure: "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry."

But that very night, God calls him to account: "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?"

How often do we fall into the same trap? We work tirelessly to get more—more money, more comfort, more security, more recognition. We build "bigger barns" in the form of bank accounts, investments, homes, and things we believe will make us safe and happy. But Jesus reminds us that all of this can disappear in an instant.

We do need to plan wisely and provide for our families—Jesus does not condemn responsible stewardship. But He warns us that when we put our ultimate trust in possessions, we lose sight of what really matters: being rich toward God.

What does it mean to be rich toward God? It means recognizing that everything we have is a gift and that we are stewards, not owners. It means using what we have to bless others, to build up the Kingdom, to care for the poor, the lonely, and the forgotten. It means placing our security not in full barns, but in the faithful love of a God who never fails.

This week, the Gospel invites us to examine our hearts honestly: Am I so focused on protecting what I have that I forget to share with those in need? Do I cling to possessions as my source of peace instead of relying on God? Where can I be more generous—with my time, my resources, my attention?

Perhaps it is time to build bigger barns of compassion, mercy, and love. Perhaps it is time to tear down the walls of self-centered security and make room for God's abundance to flow through us.

In the end, the only treasures that endure are those stored up in heaven: the kindness we show, the burdens we help carry, the hungry we feed, the lonely we visit, the prayers we offer, the forgiveness we extend.

May this parable shake us awake, not with fear but with hope—hope that true wealth is always within reach. It is found not in what we store up for ourselves, but in what we pour out for God and one another.

"So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

May we be counted among the truly rich—those whose hearts are open, hands are generous, and souls find their rest in the love that never ends.

Let us pray for the grace to live simply, give generously, and trust fully—so that when our lives are demanded of us, we will have stored up the only treasure that truly matters.

## **Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed**

Wednesday, August 13, 2025,  
Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga  
Celebrant: Most Rev. Ivan Camilleri  
7:00 p.m.

# Mass Intentions

Saturday 2nd August - 5:00pm

†**Lourdes Mathias**, †**Anthony & †Eveline Mathias**,  
†**Anthony & Virginia Gonsalves**, †**Elizabeth David**

*Requested by Peter Mathias*

Sunday 3rd August 2025

10:00am

†**Ester Lopez** *Requested by Imelda Lopez*

†**Brenda Burnett** *Requested by Beverley Tollofson*

†**Runelle Maceda** *Requested by Mavi Maceda*

†**Giuseppe Campese** (1st Anniversary) *Requested by The Family*

11:30am

†**Ross Shawaga** *Requested by Shawaga & Plut Families*

Tuesday 5th August - 9:00am

†**Antonietta Mazzucco** *Requested by The Family*

Wednesday 6th August - 9:00am

†**Malcom Houston**

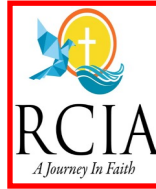
Thursday 7th August - 9:00am

*No Intention*

Friday 8th August July - 9:00am

**Special Intention for Gilda Orrico & 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!

*Our Lady of Peace Prays 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!

### **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.

### **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)

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