

Our Lady Of Peace Parish

May 4th, 2025

Third 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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Office Hours

Monday to Friday
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The Month of Our Blessed Mother Mary



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 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.

CAST YOUR NET ON THE OTHER SIDE

The scene unfolds on the Sea of Tiberias, where the disciples, weary and heavy-hearted, have returned to their old way of life after the tragic and world-shattering events surrounding the death of Jesus. They've gone back to what they knew best: fishing. Despite their expertise and years of experience, they spent the entire night on the water with nothing to show for it. As the morning light breaks, they begin to head back to shore, discouraged, but then a voice calls out from the shore, asking, "Have you caught any fish?" Shame fills their hearts as they answer, "No." They've tried everything and failed. But the voice calls again, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." It seems foolish—after all, they've been fishing all night and nothing has worked. What possible difference could it make to throw their nets on the other side of the boat? They're seasoned fishermen, and this stranger doesn't seem to know anything about fishing. But for reasons they can't explain, they follow the voice's advice and cast their nets on the other side. Suddenly, their nets fill with fish to the point they can't even pull them in. Astonished, it dawns on them who the voice belongs to. "It is the Lord!" says the disciple whom Jesus loved.

There are powerful lessons to be learned from this story, lessons that speak deeply to our lives today.

Obeying Jesus Opens the Door to Blessings

The first lesson is this: obedience to Jesus can unlock blessings we never imagined. Sometimes, we find ourselves in situations where it feels like we've hit a wall. We've tried everything we know to do, and nothing is working. We've been here before, so we think we know what to do. But then, someone—or in this case, Jesus—suggests something so simple, even foolish. A small action that seems so counterintuitive. "Cast your net on the right side," Jesus tells them. Could such a simple change really make a difference?

It may sound illogical, even frustrating. But here's the truth: obedience to Jesus, even when it seems silly or inconvenient, opens the door to miracles. Blessings follow when we listen to Him, even when we think we know better. In our relationship with God, success and fulfillment don't come from our own strength or wisdom, but from obeying His voice. We can't keep doing the same thing over and over and expect different results. But when we listen to Jesus, even in the simplest of commands, that's when we start to see things change.

God Shows Up When We Are at the End of Ourselves.

The second lesson is this: God often meets us at the end of our own resources. The disciples had tried everything they knew—spent the whole night, used their skills and knowledge, yet they were empty-handed. They were at the end of their ability, and that's when Jesus appeared. It is often at the moment we are exhausted, when we've given all we can, that God shows up with the breakthrough we need.

There's a lesson in that. Our weaknesses and limitations aren't something to be ashamed of. They are often the very thing that leads us to God's strength. When we finally reach the end of our efforts, when we stop trying to control everything, that's when God can truly take over. When we relinquish control, stop striving for personal success, and surrender to God's plan, that's when things begin to happen in ways we couldn't have imagined. The end of us is the beginning of God.

The Answer Is Closer Than We Think

The third lesson is that sometimes the answer we're looking for is closer than we think. The disciples were fishing all night, casting their nets in the same spot, yet all they had to do was move the nets to the other side of the boat. The solution was right there, but it required faith and obedience to act.

The lesson here is profound: often, the answer is within reach, but it requires us to obey God in small ways. We're not called to do grandiose, attention-grabbing things, but to be faithful in the simple, everyday acts of obedience. As Eugene Peterson puts it, it's about "a long obedience in the same direction." It's about listening to God, following His guidance, and doing the little things that bring us closer to the blessings He has for us.

So, when life feels frustrating, when the answers aren't coming, and when we feel like we've reached the end of our resources, remember this story. Trust that God's guidance is always available, even when it seems counterintuitive. Throw your net on the other side. Your breakthrough may be just a simple step of obedience away.



Catholic Education Week – May 4-9, 2025 — “Pilgrims of Hope”

During Catholic Education Week (May 4 – 9, 2025), we give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in our province. Catholic schools foster supportive communities where children can experience the joy of God's love and understand the Christian mission in the world. As we celebrate this Year of Jubilee, as pilgrims of hope, let us journey with our parishes, educators and families to sow and nurture the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, encouraging them to live lives of holiness and Christian witness as one body in Christ. To indicate your support of Catholic education and sign-up for email updates, visit:

www.togetherinfaith.ca

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 3rd May - 5:00pm

† Anne Marie and † Harry Willis Requested by Cutinha Family

Sunday 4th May

10:00am

† Ante Bavcevic Requested by Bavcevic Family

† Joseph & † Margaret McRae Requested by McRae Family

11:30am

† Caridad Bensen

† Helega Elizabeth Pacelo Requested by Pacelo Family

Monday 5th May No Mass on Mondays

Tuesday 6th May—9:00am

† Antonio Romano Requested by Nick & Mary Romano

Wednesday 7th May —9:00am

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Thursday 8th May —9:00am

† Stan & † Helen Franczak Requested by Emerling Family

Friday 9th May—9:00am

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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.

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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Sacrament of First Holy Communion



Congratulations to the Children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Peace Parish this weekend and next. May 3rd, 4th & 11th.

May you feel the peace of Christ filling your heart and the joy of His presence in your life. Amen

Sacred Heart Candle: † Helega Elizabeth Pacelo Requested by Pacelo Family

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



7 Week Keep Fit Class

Thursdays

2:00-3:30PM

Class Dates: 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!**

The loving community of Our Lady of Peace Parish is thrilled to welcome with open hearts and arms



Maxen Apelo Cerga

Callie Marie Koziol

May your baptism be the start of a life filled with faith, love, and God's presence.



The Annual OLP Ladies' Brunch

Sunday, June 8th, 12:30pm
at the Canadi-

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