Our Lady Of Peace Parish

6th July 2025 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Holy Mass Saturday 5:00 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.

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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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.

Proclaiming the Good News: A Mission for Us All

Today's Scriptures remind us that announcing the Good News of God's Kingdom is not just the task of priests, religious, or missionaries—it is the shared mission of every baptized Christian. We are each called to be living witnesses to Christ's saving love through our words, actions, and way of life.

In the first reading (Isaiah 66:10–14), the prophet comforts the Jewish exiles returning from Babylon, promising that Jerusalem—like a loving mother—will nourish, protect, and bless them with prosperity and peace. Through this image, Isaiah reminds us that God's care is as tender and constant as a mother's embrace.

Today's Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 66) calls all the earth to sing praise for God's marvelous deeds.

In the second reading (Galatians 6:14–18), St. Paul firmly reminds the Christians of Galatia that salvation comes not through heritage or strict observance of the Law but through the cross of Christ. He challenges us to boast only in the sacrifice of Jesus and to bear witness to Him through lives of humble, self-giving service.

In the Gospel (Luke 10:1–12, 17–20), Jesus sends out his disciples in pairs to announce that the Kingdom of God is near. He gives them simple but profound instructions: travel light, depend on the hospitality of others, heal the sick, and proclaim peace. They are to rely fully on God's providence and trust that their mission is His work, not theirs alone.

Like those first disciples, we too are called to be "walking witnesses" of the Gospel. By our baptism, we have been sent into the world to share Christ with those who do not yet know Him or have drifted away. We cannot delegate this mission to others or remain silent because of fear of rejection. Jesus reminds us that when people reject the message, they are not rejecting us—they are rejecting Him. Our task is to prepare hearts and trust that God will do the rest.

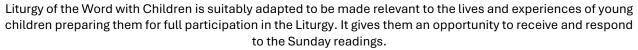
Be missionaries where you are. Research shows that most people come to the Church not because of programs or publicity but through the personal witness and invitation of another believer. A vibrant, authentic faith draws people in like the beauty and fragrance of a rose.

Build a welcoming parish. A parish must be a true spiritual family—alive, supportive, and open to all. Let us strengthen our parish as a place of hospitality, where people feel they belong and can grow in faith and service.

Avoid counter-witness. We must strive to live what we believe. Our words and actions must point to Christ, not contradict Him. May we never be "cafeteria Catholics" who pick and choose what suits us while ignoring the heart of the Gospel. Let us bring the Kingdom into our homes by how we love and respect each other—because when God reigns in our hearts and families, His Kingdom is truly at hand.

May the Lord of the harvest send more laborers—starting with us. May we trust Him daily, rely on His Spirit, and proclaim with joy: "The Kingdom of God is near!"

Children's Liturgy 10:00 AM Mass on Sundays



Parents, Please bring your child/children to the Parish Hall before Mass and look for a volunteer with a name tag. *Last Class will be July 20th and will return 7th September*



Altar Server Training Saturday July 19th 2025 10am-2pm

If you are curious about serving during the Mass, have any questions about what the role requires and is responsible for, or are already willing to make an application to be an Altar Server at OLP, please consider coming out for a bit of learning. For more info contact our Youth Minister Arnold <u>asamson@archtoronto.org</u>

<u>Mass Intentions</u>

Saturday 5th July - 5:00pm

[†]Vashali Shroff *Requested by Fasciano Family* Sunday 6th July 2025

<u>10:00am</u>

†Anacorita Sayani Requested by Dano Family 11:30am

[†]Douglas Marsan Requested by Hamel-Smith Family

Tuesday 8th July - 9:00am

†For the deceased members of Muszinski & Ziolkowski families *Requested by Teresa & Barb Ziolkowski*

Wednesday 9th July - 9:00am

†Anacorita Sayani Requested by Dano Family

Thursday 10th July - 9:00am

No Intention

Friday 11th July - 9:00am

No Intention

12-Week Program: Join Strong For Life When: Thursdays, starting July 10 from 2-3PM Contribution: \$20

We're excited to offer a free 12-week pilot program for adults 60+ that focuses on building strength, improving balance, and preventing falls.

- Participants will attend one group session per week (1 hour) with guided home activities to support their progress.
- O The program is gentle yet effective, and led by a certified mobility and strength coach.
- O Benefits include increased energy, better posture, improved confidence walking, and reduced risk of injury

Spaces are limited, sign-up at the Parish Office.

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 Chris-

tian 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, Queen of Peace, Pray 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!

