

# Our Lady Of Peace Parish

7th September 2025  
Twenty-Third 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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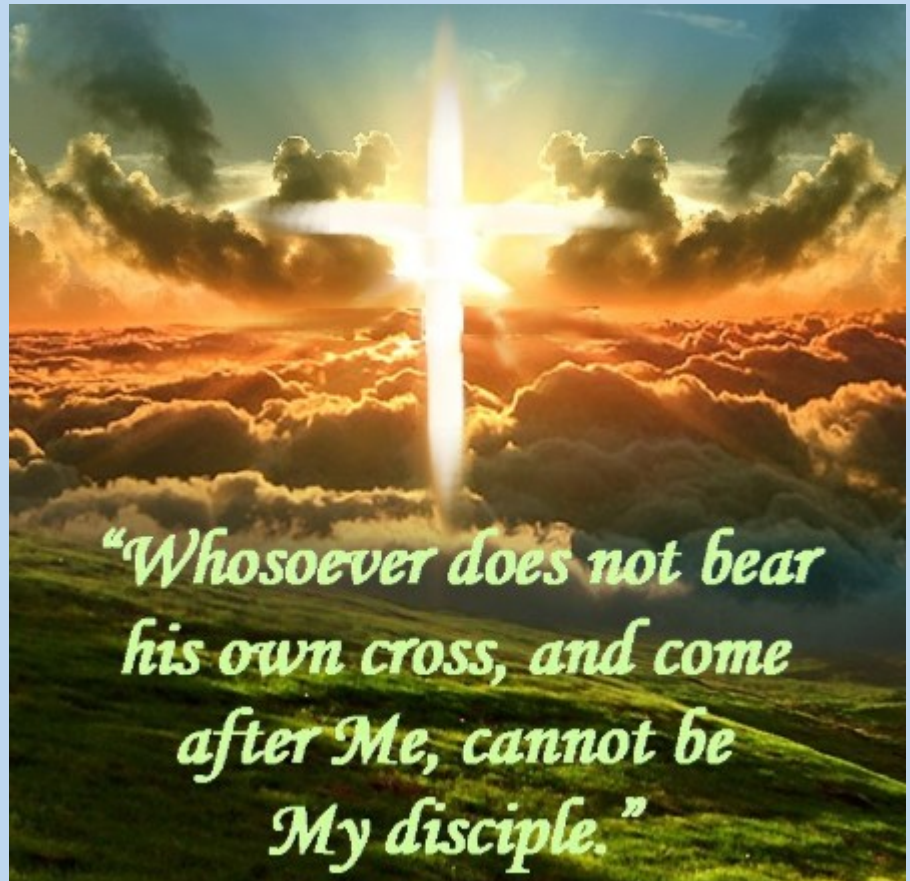
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*Our catholic faith has been passed down from generation to generation. Please ensure our faith lives on for generations to come by remembering your parish in your Will.*

## **“Counting the Cost, Finding True Freedom”**

Life constantly asks us to make choices that require sacrifice—building a house, raising a family, starting a career. Jesus reminds us in today’s Gospel that following Him is no different. Discipleship is not accidental or casual—it is a deliberate choice that requires counting the cost.

The Book of Wisdom reminds us that human reasoning is limited: *“We can hardly guess at what is on earth.”* Left to ourselves, our plans often fail. But God gives us wisdom through His Spirit so that we may walk in His ways. The psalmist teaches us to pray: *“Teach us to count our days, that we may gain a wise heart.”* Life is short; wisdom is learning to use it well.

Paul shows us what this wisdom looks like in practice. He asks Philemon to welcome Onesimus, not as a slave but as a beloved brother in Christ. God’s wisdom transforms our relationships—moving us from seeing people as problems or possessions to recognizing them as family.

Then Jesus delivers the challenge: *“Whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.”* He asks us to put Him above family, possessions, even our very lives. This may sound hard—but it is the only path to true freedom.

So the question for us today is: *What is weighing down our soul, what possessions, fears, or relationships hold us back from freely following Christ?* Maybe it is the fear of failure, the desire for control, the comfort of routine, or even the opinions of others. Jesus is not asking us to abandon responsibility or love, but to live in such a way that nothing is more important than him.

And here is the promise: when we put Christ first, when we “give up” what weighs us down, we do not lose—we gain. As the psalm says, *“Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.”* In Christ, we discover a joy the world cannot give, a freedom no possession can buy, and a love stronger than death.

Discipleship is costly—but it is also the greatest gift. Let us ask today for wisdom from on high, for hearts that are not afraid to count the cost, and for the courage to follow Christ with everything we are and everything we have. For in him alone, our days find meaning, our relationships find depth, and our lives find their eternal home.

### **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 6th September - 5:00pm

†Alex & †Emilian D'Souza *Requested by D'Souza Family*

### Sunday 7th September 2025

10:00am

†Cyril Mendes *Requested by Veronica Mendes*

†Ester & †Melanio Lopez *Requested by Imelda Lopez*

11:30am

†Helen, †Alex & †Joanne Litigio *Requested by Mavi Maceda*

### Tuesday 9th September - 9:00am

†Alex Pradan *Requested by Liana Pradan*

**Special Intentions for Christine Giorno**

*Requested by Michele & Aldo Giorno*

**Special Intentions of Ebison Oteri** *Requested by Farah-Martine Dai*

### Wednesday 10th September - 9:00am

**In Thanksgiving for Dias Family** *Requested by Jose Dias*

†Cecilia, John & Joseph Plut *Requested by Plut Family*

### Thursday 11th September - 9:00am

†Chief Maxwell Francis Oteri *Requested by Farah-Martine Dai*

**Special Intentions for the Donnelly Family**

**Special Intentions of Ebison Oteri** *Requested by Farah-Martine Dai*

### Friday 12th September - 9:00am

**In Thanksgiving** *Requested by Susan Gagliardi*

**Special Intentions of Ebison Oteri** *Requested by Farah-Martine Dai*

**Special Intentions for Christine Giorno**

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## **Curious about faith? ALPHA is for you**

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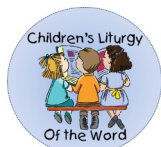
**And that's it.**

All are welcome, no matter your background or beliefs, dinner & 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 available at the back of the church



## **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\***

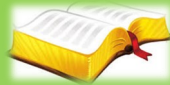
Join us for  
**Our 2nd Annual Welcome Back BBQ and Coffee Weekend**  
September 13th after 5pm Mass—BBQ  
September 14th After 10am Mass—Coffee Sunday  
After 11.30am—BBQ  
Everyone Welcome  
We hope you had a great Summer



## **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 For more details, please scan the QR code or reach out to Erin Bavcevic at [erin.olpeace@gmail.com](mailto:erin.olpeace@gmail.com).





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