

Our Lady Of Peace Parish

15th February 2026
Sixth 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.

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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 assistance, please call
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Our Lady of Peace Parish 1951– 2026



JUBILEE PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
We thank You for the gift of Our Lady of Peace Parish,
for 75 years of faith, hope, and love lived in this community.

You have gathered us at Your table,
washed us in the waters of Baptism,
nourished us with Your Word and Sacraments,
and sent us forth as witnesses of Your peace.

Through the intercession of Mary, Our Lady of Peace,
help us to remember with gratitude the past,
serve with generosity in the present,
and walk with trust into the future.

Renew our parish during this Jubilee year.
Bless all the priests who have served this parish.
Strengthen our families, inspire our youth,
comfort the suffering,
and welcome all who seek a home in Your Church.

Make us instruments of Christ's peace,
so that, guided by the Holy Spirit,
Our Lady of Peace Parish may continue
to proclaim the Gospel for generations to come.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of Peace...Pray for Us!

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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.

Choose Life: From Rules to Righteousness

"I've got good news and bad news," says the cartoon Moses coming down the mountain. "The good news is I got Him down to ten. The bad news is adultery is still in there." We smile at the joke — but it hides a serious truth. God's commandments are not random restrictions or outdated rules. They are not meant to make life harder. They are given to protect our happiness and guide us toward freedom and fullness of life.

In today's readings, God places before us a clear choice: "Before you are life and death... choose life." (Sirach 15) Sirach reminds us that God does not force us. We are not puppets. We are free. We can choose obedience or disobedience, love or selfishness, life or destruction. And we must live with the consequences of our choices.

The Commandments are not chains; they are guardrails. Some people think God's laws are too strict or old-fashioned. Yet imagine removing one: "Do not kill"? "Do not steal"? "Do not commit adultery"? Society would collapse. The truth is simple: God's laws are timeless because human nature hasn't changed. What wounded families and hearts centuries ago still wounds them today.

Jesus takes this teaching even deeper in the Gospel. He does not abolish the Law — He fulfills it. He moves us beyond external rule-keeping to inner transformation. It is not enough to say, "I didn't kill." Jesus asks: What about your anger? It is not enough to say, "I didn't commit adultery." He asks: What about your thoughts and desires? It is not enough to avoid false oaths. He says: Be so truthful that your simple 'yes' means yes. Jesus goes to the root of the heart. Because sin always begins inside before it shows outside.

History gives us a sobering lesson. Two brilliant writers were born in the same year: Shakespeare and Christopher Marlowe. Shakespeare lived long and changed literature forever. Marlowe, equally gifted, died young after a tavern quarrel turned into a fatal fight. His anger destroyed his life and his promise. One uncontrolled emotion ended a great future.

Anger, lust, dishonesty — these are not small matters. They quietly erode relationships, families, and souls. Jesus calls us to something higher: integrity. To be the same person inside and out. To forgive quickly. To speak truthfully. To respect life.

To love faithfully. Christian life is not about minimum requirements. It is about maximum love.

The Commandments are not merely "don'ts." They are really invitations: Respect life. Protect marriage and family. Speak truth. Forgive others. Choose goodness. In short: become holy as your Father is holy.

This week, let us ask ourselves: Is there anger I need to let go of? Is there someone I need to forgive or reconcile with? Are my words honest and kind? Do my choices reflect God's wisdom or just my impulses?

God places the choice before us every day: life or death, blessing or curse. May we choose life. May we choose love. May we choose Christ. Because in the end, God's commandments are not about restriction — they are about freedom, joy, and lasting peace.

Lenten Recollection, Reconciliation & Healing Mission

"Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." — Luke 23:34



Lent is a sacred season of grace — a time to pause, to return to the Lord, and to allow Him to heal what is wounded within us. We invite you to experience a powerful Lenten Mission where the light of Christ can touch your heart, lift your burdens, and lead you to forgiveness, freedom, and new life.

Our Lady of Peace Parish warmly welcomes you and your family to these special days of prayer and renewal, led by

Fr. Roy Palatty, CMI
Spiritual Director of Shalom
World, gifted preacher, and
Professor of Philosophy.

Mission Schedule

Sat, Feb 28: 5:00 p.m. — Holy Mass & Talk

Sun, Mar 1: 10:00 a.m. — Holy Mass & Talk & 11:30 a.m. — Holy Mass & Talk

Mon, Mar 2: 7:00–9:00 p.m. — Holy Mass | Talk | Eucharistic Adoration

Tue, Mar 3: 7:00–9:00 p.m. — Holy Mass | Talk | Eucharistic Adoration

Wed, Mar 4: 6:00–9:00 p.m. — Confessions | Holy Mass | Healing Adoration

As we celebrate our **75th Anniversary**, this mission is a beautiful moment of grace — not only to renew our parish, but to renew our hearts, our families, and our relationship with God.

All are welcome — individuals, couples, and families.

Come and be renewed in Christ.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 14th February 2026 - 5:00pm

†**Michael Zita** Requested by Josie Snaith

†**Cajetan, †Theresa & †Alex Dsouza** Requested by Charmaine Cutinha

Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Knots Requested by Farah Dai

Special Intentions for Okafor & Tope Families Requested by Farah Dai

Sunday 15th February 2026

10:00am

†**Mate Granic** Requested by Zirnhelt Family

†**Albert Wismayer** Requested by OLP SSV

†**Artur Borges** Requested by Borges Family

11:30am

†**Manuel Edmilao & †Alex Litigio** Requested by Mavi Maceda

Tuesday 17th February 2026 - 9am

Birthday Intentions Daniel & Luca Cioffi Requested by Tony Cioffi

Ash Wednesday 18th February 2026 -

9am Special Intention Requested by the Kennedy Family

7pm †**John McRae** Requested by McRae Family

Thursday 19th February 2026 - 9am

†**Steve Castrucci** Requested by Kerry

†**Julian Molina** Requested by the Eden Molina

Special Intention of Joan Kennedy Requested by the Currie Family

Special Intention of the Walsh Family Requested by Michelle

Friday 20th February - 9am

Birthday Intentions Ebisan M Oteri Requested by Farah Dai

Sanctuary Candles



Sacred Heart: + Steve Castrucci

Requested by the Currie Family

Sanctuary: + Steve Castrucci

Requested by Teresa McNamara

St. Joseph: + Steve Castrucci

Requested by Kerry



The Parenting Teenagers Course **Our Lady of Peace Parish.**

This is an excellent opportunity for those in our community with children **Aged 11 to 18.**

Over the course of five sessions, parents will learn tools and strategies to help build healthy relationships with their teenagers and guide them into adulthood. Sessions will be held on **February 13th, 20th, March 13th, April 10th and 24th from 7pm to 9pm.** Please contact our website for more details.

Donation Envelopes

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Children's Liturgy

11:30 AM Mass on Sundays

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HAPPY FAMILY DAY

COFFEE SUNDAY



Join us this **Sunday 15th Feb** after all Masses for Coffee Sunday

FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP!

Stay, enjoy a warm cup of coffee, and spend time visiting with fellow parishioners. All are welcome!

The Knights of Columbus warmly invite you and your family to our



Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper
February 17th from
7pm-9pm
in the parish hall.

Come enjoy delicious pancakes, great conversation, and joyful fellowship as we gather for one last celebration before beginning our Lenten journey. All are welcome!



Lent begins on

Ash Wednesday, February 18th.

All are invited to begin this sacred season of prayer, fasting, and charity with the celebration of the Eucharist. Masses will be celebrated at **9:00 AM and 7:00 PM.**

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at both Masses.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Join us beginning **Friday, February 20th** and every Friday during Lent in the **Parish Hall.**

6:30 pm – Soup Supper

7:30 pm – Stations of the Cross

Homemade soup, bread, and water will be served.

A **goodwill donation of \$5** is appreciated.

If you are able to make soup for any of the following dates: **February 20, 27; March 6, 13, 20, or 27,** please leave your name and phone number with the Parish Office.

We look forward to sharing this Lenten time of fellowship and prayer together.



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• Feb 13 | 6:00-9:00 PM

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