

# Our Lady Of Peace Parish

15th March 2026  
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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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.*

## Our Pastor

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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.  
**Rosary 8.30am**

## **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

## **St Vincent De Paul Society**

For assistance, please call  
437 575 3678 and leave your name & number.

## 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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## **“From Blindness to Light”**

In this Sunday’s Gospel (John 9), Jesus heals a man who was blind from birth. At first glance, it appears to be simply a story about a physical miracle. But the deeper message of the Gospel is about something much greater: learning to see with the eyes of faith. Jesus does not only restore the man’s physical sight; He opens his heart to a new vision of life and of God.

The story shows a beautiful journey of faith. At the beginning, the man knows very little about Jesus. When people ask him who healed him, he simply says, “The man called Jesus.” As the questioning continues, his understanding grows. He later declares that Jesus must be a prophet. Finally, when Jesus meets him again and reveals Himself as the Son of Man, the man proclaims with deep faith, “I do believe, Lord,” and worships Him. His eyes were opened in a moment, but his faith grew step by step.

At the same time, the Gospel presents a striking contrast. The Pharisees—who were educated in the Law and considered themselves spiritual guides—refuse to accept the miracle. Instead of rejoicing that a man who had been blind all his life can now see, they argue about rules and technicalities. Their pride and prejudice prevent them from recognizing the truth standing right in front of them. Ironically, the man who once could not see now understands the truth, while those who claim to see remain spiritually blind. The Gospel reminds us of an important lesson: those who humbly admit their blindness can receive light, but those who think they see everything may remain in darkness.

History provides many inspiring examples of people who overcame physical limitations and achieved remarkable greatness. One powerful story is that of Helen Keller, who lost both her sight and hearing at the age of two due to illness. Imagine living in a world without sight or sound. Yet when she was seven years old, a dedicated teacher named Anne Sullivan came into her life. Through patience, creativity, and love, Anne Sullivan found a way to communicate with Helen by spelling words into her hand. Slowly, Helen began to understand the connection between words and objects. Once that breakthrough occurred, her learning progressed rapidly. She learned to read and write Braille, developed speech, and eventually entered Radcliffe College, graduating with honors. She later became an author, speaker, and advocate for people with disabilities. Behind her remarkable success stood the constant support and dedication of Anne Sullivan.

Their story reminds us that true vision is not merely about the ability to see with our eyes, but about the ability to understand, to learn, and to grow. Even people who are physically blind can possess deep insight and wisdom, while those who have perfect eyesight may fail to see what truly matters.

In our own lives, we too can suffer from spiritual blindness. Sometimes we fail to see the goodness in others. Sometimes prejudice, anger, jealousy, or selfishness clouds our vision. At times we may become so focused on rules, routines, or personal concerns that we overlook the suffering of those around us. Like the Pharisees, we might be religious in practice—attending church, praying, and participating in the sacraments—yet still fail to notice the needs of the poor, the lonely, or the wounded.

Lent is a season that invites us to examine these blind spots in our lives. It is a time to ask Christ, the Light of the World, to open our eyes. Through prayer, reflection on God’s Word, acts of charity, and sincere repentance, we allow God’s grace to heal the parts of our hearts that cannot see clearly.

St. Paul reminds us in the second reading: ***“You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of the light.”*** To live as children of the light means allowing Christ’s truth to shape our thoughts, our choices, and our relationships. It means seeking what is good, right, and true, even when it requires courage.

A beautiful prayer we can carry with us is very simple: “Lord, give me Your eyes.” Give me Your eyes to see people as You see them. Give me Your eyes to recognize those who are suffering. Give me Your eyes to notice Your presence in the ordinary moments of life. Give me Your eyes so that I may see the good hidden even in difficulties and challenges.

When we pray this prayer sincerely, Christ gradually opens our vision. We begin to recognize His presence in our families, our communities, and in those who need our compassion. We begin to see that every person is a beloved child of God.

May this Lenten season help each of us move from blindness to sight, from darkness to light, and from doubt to deeper faith. And may the Lord open our hearts so that, like the man in the Gospel, we too can say with conviction and joy: ***“Lord, I believe.”***

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday 14th March 2026 - 5:00pm**

†Luciano DSouza Requested by Charmaine Cutinha

†Keshini Namasavayam

**Sunday 15th March 2026**

**10:00am**

†Vlad Avram Requested by Ana De Luca

**11:30am**

†Marion Chu Chong Requested by the Aleong Family

**Tuesday 17th March 2026 - 9am**

**Wednesday 18th March 2026 - 9am**

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**Thursday 19th March 2026 - 9am**

†Serafina & †Antonino Mulè Requested by the Walsh Family

†John McRae Requested by the McRae Family

**Friday 20th March - 9am**

†Louise Kelley Requested by Jane Wallbridge

### **Parishioner Envelopes Notice:**

**Attention: Envelope #: 212 & 293**

Parishioners with the above envelope numbers are asked to contact the Parish Office **\*immediately\*** to provide their donor information. A tax receipt cannot be issued at year end without this information. Thank you.

## **ONLINE SEMINAR: Catholicism 101**

**April 8, 2026 @ 7:00 pm**

Register at: <https://cat101.eventbrite.ca>

For more information please contact:

**Arcangelo Limanni, MRE, MACP, RP (Qualifying)**  
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### **Program Objective**

Catholicism 101 offers both women and men a learning environment which is safe, welcoming and non-judgmental. The 6-week program provides a comprehensive understanding of the Catholic faith. Especially for grievors, the re-evaluation of faith and social support, can promote healing and strengthen psycho-spiritual well being. The program resources include course eBook, PowerPoint, and time will be allocated for group discussion.

### **Program Goals**

- Conceptualizing reason and faith
- Learning fundamentals of syllogistic logic
- Understanding various epistemic systems
- Developing cognitive skills for problem-solving
- Exploring the connection of boundaries and needs
- Asserting the roles of responsibility and accountability

### **Program Access**

The ideal candidate is ready and able to participate in a group setting. Each candidate will be screened, prior to being considered for admittance into the program.

**Total cost:** no charge

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## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:30PM  
EACH FRIDAY  
DURING LENT



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### **LENTEN SOUP SUPPER**

Fridays during Lent in the Parish Hall.

**6:30 pm** – Soup Supper

*Homemade soup & bread.*

A goodwill donation of \$5 is appreciated.

**7:30 pm** – Stations of the Cross

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

### **17th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference**

**Saturday March 21, 2026**

*Le Treport Banquet Hall, Mississauga*

Keynote Speaker -- Johnnette Benkovic Williams from EWTN  
- What does it Mean to be a Woman?

Sister John Mary SV - Learning to Listen in a Distracted World  
April Smith, from North Pole Alaska - Live Adventurously, Live Virtuously

Dorothy Pilarski - One Mother's Heart - One Mother's Fiat  
Natalie Regnier - Brick by Brick: Building a Strong Family  
Bishop Ivan Camilleri will be celebrating the closing Mass  
**REGISTER HERE** [dwf2026.eventbrite.ca](http://dwf2026.eventbrite.ca)

*Please see our website for more details:*

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[DynamicWomenFaith.com](http://DynamicWomenFaith.com)

### **OLP YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Youth Night:** Grades 3 & up - **Friday March 13th**, 6-9pm in the Parish Hall

**EDGE:** Grades 6-8 - **Friday March 27th**, 6-9pm in the Parish Hall

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