

Our Lady Of Peace Parish

22nd March 2026
Fifth 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.

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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

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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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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.

“Lazarus, Come Out!”

As we enter the Fifth Sunday of Lent, the Church leads us to the very heart of our faith: **Resurrection Hope**. Over these Lenten weeks, we have journeyed step by step— from the thirst for living water, to the healing of our spiritual blindness, and now to the ultimate promise: new life in Christ.

Today’s readings speak with one voice: death does not have the final word—God does. The prophet Ezekiel offers a powerful image of dry bones rising to life. What seemed lost, lifeless, and beyond hope is restored by the breath of God. This is not just about Israel in exile—it is about each one of us. There are moments when we feel spiritually dry, discouraged, or trapped. Yet God promises: **“I will put my Spirit in you, and you shall live.”**

St. Paul deepens this promise. He reminds us that the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead is already at work within us. This means that resurrection is not only a future reality—it begins now. Every act of love, every step toward holiness, every turning away from sin is a sign that new life is already unfolding within us.

Then we come to the Gospel—the moving story of the raising of Lazarus. We see Jesus deeply human, weeping with those who mourn. But we also see His divine authority as He stands before the tomb and cries out: **“Lazarus, come out!”**

This is more than a miracle. It is a sign. It reveals that Jesus is truly “the Resurrection and the Life.” It points forward to His own victory over death and assures us that those who believe in Him will share in that victory.

But this Gospel is not only about Lazarus—it is about us. How often do we find ourselves living in tombs of our own making? Tombs of fear, resentment, addiction, guilt, or despair. Stones of doubt and discouragement that block the light of hope.

Today, Jesus stands before those tombs and calls each of us by name: “Come out!” He invites us to roll away the stones, to allow His grace to free us, and to step into the light of a new life. Sometimes, He does this through prayer. Sometimes through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Often through the support and love of our community.

Lent is the perfect time to respond to that call. It is also a time to remember that our journey does not end in death. The raising of Lazarus reminds us that while physical death is real, it is not the end. True resurrection is not just a return to life, but a transformation into a new and eternal life with God. That is why, even in the face of death, we are people of hope.

There is a beautiful image often shared at funerals: “Keep your fork—the best is yet to come.” Just as we hold on to our fork at the end of a meal, waiting for something better, so too we hold on to faith, trusting that God has something far greater prepared for us.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us ask ourselves: *What “tombs” is Jesus calling me to come out of? What “stones” do I need to roll away? Do I truly believe that He is the Resurrection and the Life?*

May this Eucharist strengthen our faith, renew our hope, and fill us with the courage to respond to His call. And when we hear His voice—clear, personal, and full of love— may we rise, step forward, and live as people of the Resurrection.

“Lazarus, come out!” — and begin anew.

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.

OLP YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Children’s Liturgy

11:30 AM Mass on Sundays

There will be **NO Children’s Liturgy on: March 29th (Palm Sunday) & April 5th (Easter Sunday).**

We will still have Liturgy this Sunday (March 22nd) & **resume on April 12th.** Happy Easter from the CL Team!



Mass Intentions

Saturday 21st March 2026 - 5:00pm

†Deceased Family & Friends of Maria Carreira

Requested by Maria Carreira

Special Intentions of Jason Vicente, & Healing Intentions for Medhat, *Requested by Isabel Vicente*

Sunday 22nd March 2026

10:00am

†Joseph Snidero

†Jennifer Reece *Requested by the McRae Family*

Special Intentions of Gilda Orrico

Requested by OLP Social Committee

11:30am

†Mate Granic *Requested by the Doplaga Family*

Tuesday 24th March 2026 - 9am

†Bernice & Walter Papuga & Family

Requested by the Sitarz Family

Wednesday 25th March 2026 - 9am

†Sheila Clayton *Requested by the McRae Family*

Thursday 26th March 2026 - 9am

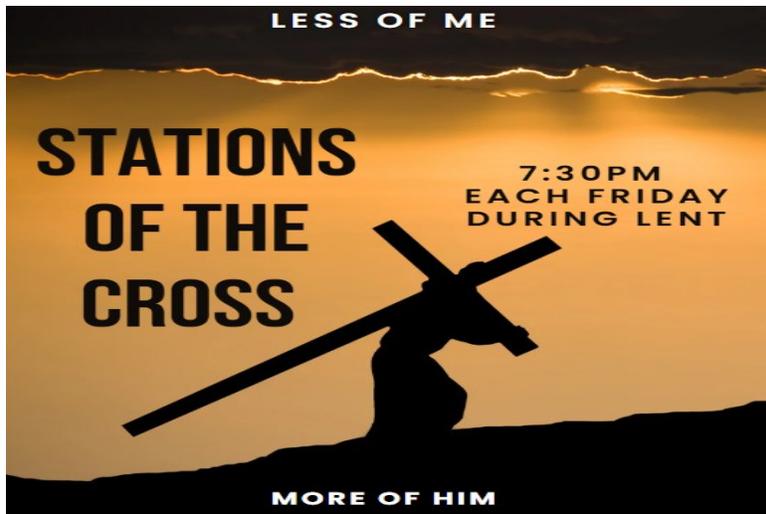
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Friday 27th March - 9am

†All Souls in Purgatory

Special Intentions of Adele Morrissette

Requested by Susan Gagliardi



LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

March 27th is the final week to join fellow parishioners in the church hall for an assortment of homemade soup and bread.

6:30 pm - Soup Supper

7:30 pm - Stations of the Cross

Thank you to the parishioners who have been providing delicious soup, **and to Cordi Bakery, 1891 Rathburn Rd E, Mississauga,** for providing the bread.

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Thursdays

Join us three Thursdays a month to get fit first and then have fun together!

2-5pm

Please Contact the Parish Office to join!

TUESDAY TREASURES!

CANCELLED: MARCH 24TH & 31ST

Tuesday Treasures will return with S2 of *The Chosen* on April 7th at 9:30am.

Flower Donations

& Blessing of Easter Baskets

Please bring your Easter Flower donations to the Parish by; Thursday April 2nd.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Easter food baskets will be blessed at **10am on Saturday, April 4th** in the Parish Hall.



Holy Week & Easter Triduum Schedule:

Palm Saturday:

Mar 28th, 5:00 pm

Palm Sunday:

Mar 29th, 10:00 am & 11:30 am

Tuesday Mar 31st :

7:00 pm only (no 9am Mass)

Wednesday Apr 1st:

7:00 pm only (no 9am Mass)

Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday):

Apr 2nd, 7:00 pm

Good Friday service:

Friday Apr 3rd, 2026, 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil):

Apr 4th, 2026, 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday:

Apr 5th, 2026, 10:00am & 11:30am

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