

Our Lady Of Peace Parish

29th March 2026
Palm Sunday

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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.
Rosary 8.30am

Confession

Saturday
4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Adoration & Benediction

First Friday
following 9:00 a.m. Mass

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Office

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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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Carrying Christ into Holy Week

As we enter this sacred week, an old fable offers us a powerful question: Are we Christians in name only, or do we truly carry Christ within us?

The story tells of a donkey that carried Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Surrounded by cheering crowds, the donkey thought the praise was meant for him. The next day, he returned alone, expecting the same honor—but no one noticed him. Days later, when he ran into a crowd again, he was driven away. Only then did he learn the truth: without Christ, he was nothing special.

This simple story challenges us deeply. Are we like that donkey—seeking recognition, forgetting that whatever goodness we have comes from Christ within us? Or do we humbly carry Jesus into the world through our lives?

Palm Sunday is unique. It holds both joy and sorrow, glory and suffering. We begin with “Hosanna!” as Jesus enters Jerusalem, and we end with the Passion—His suffering and death on the Cross. This is not just history. The Church invites us to relive these events—to walk with Jesus, not as spectators, but as participants.

Holy Week is a time to reflect on Christ’s love and sacrifice, recognize our own sinfulness, experience healing and forgiveness, renew our commitment to follow Him. The liturgies of this week are not optional extras—they are encounters with Christ Himself.

The readings remind us that Jesus is the Suffering Servant, who chose obedience, humility, and love—even unto death. As St. Paul tells us, He “*emptied Himself*” and accepted the Cross.

This challenges us: Are we willing to be humble? Are we willing to obey God even when it is difficult? Are we willing to carry our crosses with faith?

We see ourselves in the Passion story: Like Peter, we sometimes deny Him. Like Judas, we may betray Him. Like Pilate, we avoid responsibility. Like the crowd, we can be inconsistent—praising one moment, rejecting the next. Yet, we are also called to be: Like Mary, faithful and steadfast. Like Simon of Cyrene, willing to help carry the cross. Like the Good Thief, trusting in mercy.

To make this week truly holy, we must be intentional: Participate fully in the liturgies. Make time for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. Be present—not just physically, but spiritually. Seek reconciliation. Receive God’s mercy in Confession. Let your heart be healed. Examine your life. Are you bearing good fruit—love, kindness, humility? Or are there areas that need conversion? Carry Christ to others. See Jesus in the poor, the suffering, the lonely. Serve them with compassion. Make Christ your priority. Everything else in life is temporary. Christ is eternal. Put Him first.

This Palm Sunday, we must ask ourselves honestly: Do I truly carry Christ in my heart? Do others see Jesus in the way I live? Am I shouting “Hosanna” with my lips, but “Crucify Him” by my actions?

Let us become like the humble donkey—not seeking glory, but carrying Christ faithfully. May this Holy Week transform us—so that through repentance, prayer, and love, we may rise with Christ renewed, healed, and full of life.

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

TUESDAY TREASURES!

CANCELLED: MARCH 31ST

Parishioner Envelopes Notice:

Attention: Envelope #: 212 & 293

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 28th March 2026 - 5:00pm - Palm Saturday

†Philomeno Vaz *Requested by the Vaz Family*

†Richard Tomaszewski *Requested by the Doplaga Family*

†José Gonzalez *Requested by the Gonzalez Family*

Sunday 29th March 2026 - Palm Sunday

10:00am

†Sheela Samson *Requested by the Samson Family*

†Josephine, †Basil, & †Callise Madigan

Requested by the Doplaga Family

11:30am

†Adele Capirchio *Requested by Victor Capirchio*

†Diogo & †Anjinha D'Souza *Requested by Kern D'Souza*

Tuesday 31st March 2026 - 7pm Mass only (no 9am)

Special Intentions of Priestly Vocations

Wednesday 1st April 2026 - 7pm Mass only (no 9am)

Thursday 2nd April 2026 - 7pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 3rd April - Good Friday Service - 3pm

Office will be closed

The Parish Office will be Closed on:

Good Friday (April 3rd)

Easter Monday (April 6th)

Normal hours will resume on Tuesday Apr 7th

THURSDAY FIT & FUN PROGRAM

NO PROGRAM ON APRIL 2ND, FOR HOLY WEEK

Program will resume on April 9th

Last Stations of the Cross

Our last gathering for Stations of the Cross will be held on **Friday April 3rd (Good Friday) at 7pm** in the Church.



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)

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.

ALPHA Returns to OLP

This April, Our Lady of Peace will be hosting its third ALPHA. So far, we have had 60 participants go through the program. For those unfamiliar with the program, Alpha is a series of videos and discussions on the Christian faith. For many, it is a moving experience that allowed them to connect with their faith in a deeper and more intimate way. People who participate often find their faith changed and strengthened. The course will run over 11 weeks on Tuesday nights from 7pm until 9pm, starting on April 14th. The Holy Spirit weekend will be taking place; Saturday May 30th. Each session starts with a meal and fellowship together at 7, followed by a video on a core topic of the evening and discussion over tea and coffee at 7:30. There is no cost: The program is free for everyone. We would like to personally invite you to experience the power of Alpha. Come join us for our first session on April 14th downstairs in the parish hall. To register go to this link: <https://olpeace.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/alpha-2026/>



Children's Summer Camp 2026

OLP Summer Camp Registration now open: **Children aged 6-12** are invited to OLP for **August 3rd-7th 2026**, from 8:50am-4:00pm. Registration details are available on our website please see our flyer & registration form here; <https://olpeace.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/summer-camp-2026/>

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