

Our Lady Of Peace Parish

19th October 2025
Twenty-Ninth 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

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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.

Pray Always and Never Lose Heart

Today's readings remind us that prayer is not a moment—it's a way of life. They call us to perseverance in prayer, constancy in faith, and complete trust in God's justice and love.

In the first reading, we see Moses, weary yet unwavering, keeping his hands raised in prayer for Israel's victory. His persistence shows us that prayer is powerful when it is constant. The Responsorial Psalm beautifully echoes this truth: "The Lord is your guardian; He neither slumbers nor sleeps." Our trust in God must be as boundless as His care for us.

St. Paul, in the second reading, urges Timothy to be steadfast in his ministry—"proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient." And in the Gospel, Jesus drives the point home through the parable of the persistent widow. Her tireless plea for justice becomes a symbol of the faith-filled perseverance that God expects of us. Her trust and tenacity are a model of prayer that does not give up, even when heaven seems silent.

The "persistent widow" is alive among us today—in parents caring for a sick child, in spouses supporting loved ones through long illness, in those who fight for justice, dignity, and compassion in a world that often turns away. These modern widows of the Gospel pray with their hands, their hearts, and their daily acts of courage. Their perseverance in love and hope becomes their unceasing prayer before God.

True prayer must also move us to action. It begins in our hearts but overflows into our words and deeds. We are invited to blend formal and personal prayer—reading Scripture, saying the Rosary, attending Mass, and talking to God in our own words. Throughout the day, we can turn our thoughts, work, and struggles into prayer by offering everything to God. This is what it means to "pray always."

But we must remember: prayer is not about getting everything we ask for. A loving God knows what is best for us, even when His answer is "not yet" or "no." Just as a parent refuses a child's dangerous request out of love, God answers our prayers according to His wisdom and timing.

Persistent prayer does not change God—it changes us. It aligns our hearts with His will, strengthens our faith, and fills us with peace. As Cardinal Timothy Dolan reminds us, prayer should become as natural and necessary as breathing—something we cannot live without.

So let us pray with faith, act with hope, and trust with love. And as Jesus says, "Pray always and never lose heart."

Pastoral Letters of Reference

If you anticipate needing a pastoral letter of reference from the pastor for applying to a position within the Catholic School Board, such as a Teacher or a Lunch Supervisor, or for roles like a Confirmation Sponsor or a Godparent, it is crucial to establish an early connection with the pastor. This ensures that the pastor has the opportunity to become acquainted with you. The reference letter aims to confirm that the candidate is a practicing Catholic, actively participating in the parish community by regularly attending Sunday Mass. Please note that a request for a letter of reference may not be fulfilled if the pastor lacks sufficient familiarity with the individual making the request. Thank you.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 18th October - 5:00pm

† **Lena Rampersaud** Requested by *SVDP Society Members*

Sunday 19th October 2025

10:00am

† **Maria Romanowski & † Joseph & † Halina Drozdal**

Requested by *Drozdal Family*

11:30am

† **Mary Fode** Requested by *Fode Family*

Tuesday 21st October - 9:00am

No Mass Intention Requests

Wednesday 22nd October - 9:00am

† **Eva Longo (1st Anniversary)**

Requested by *Longo & Mantella Families*

Thursday 23rd October - 9:00am

No Mass Intention Requests

Friday 24th October - 9:00am

No Mass Intention Requests



Coffee Sunday & Volunteer Drive



Do you have gifts and talents that you can share with your parish?

Join a parish ministry today!

After all Masses this weekend, everyone is invited to the Parish Hall for **Parish Volunteer Drive**! This is a wonderful opportunity to share your time, talent, and faith in service to our parish community. There will be sign-up tables and ministry representatives available to answer your questions and help you get involved. We are looking for new volunteers in various ministries, including **Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Altar Servers, Children's Liturgy, First Communion and Confirmation preparation, music, gardening, and more.** Come, be part of something meaningful—help our parish family grow in faith and love through service! while enjoying refreshments prepared by our Social Committee Ministry.

Thank you





Friday, October 24th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Admission for adults & children is \$10.00 each., includes a slice of Pizza, Caesar Salad, Beverage and Dessert.

Additional pizza slices are \$2.00 each. Additional beverage is 50 cents each. Many bingo prizes to be won plus a 50/50 Raffle Draw!

Bingo Cards are 3 for \$5 or \$2 each

Reservations are required Tickets are available after each Weekend Mass, the parish office, or contact Joan Grima at 647-278-9362

Donations of bingo prizes (gift cards or unused items) and desserts would be greatly appreciated **SEE YOU THERE**

World Mission Sunday

Be Missionaries of Hope – Right Here at Our Lady of Peace

This weekend, we join over one billion Catholics around the world in celebrating **World Mission Sunday**, a day when the entire Church renews her commitment to the mission entrusted to us by Christ: *to proclaim the Gospel to all nations*. Established in 1926 by Pope Pius XI, this day invites us to pray, reflect, and support the Church's missionary work through our prayers, sacrifices, and generosity.

Pope Leo XIV's message for this year's Mission Sunday, "**Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples**," reminds us that each of us is called to be a messenger of hope—especially as we journey toward the Jubilee Year 2025. The Holy Father invites us to rekindle our missionary spirit, to allow the Holy Spirit to guide our actions, and to be witnesses of faith, love, and hope in a world that often feels darkened by division, materialism, and indifference.

Here at **Our Lady of Peace Parish**, we live out this missionary call not only in faraway lands but also within our own parish family and community. Each time we share our time, talent, and treasure in service of others, we become true missionaries—bringing Christ's love and compassion to those around us. Whether you serve as a lector, usher, catechist, choir member, altar server, or volunteer in parish outreach, you are helping to build a community of faith and hope.

Our baptism made us all missionaries. The mission field begins right where we are—at home, in our workplace, in our parish, and in our neighborhood. This Mission Sunday, let us renew our promise to participate actively in the mission of the Church. Let us pray for all missionaries who bring the Good News to distant lands, and let us also be mindful of our own mission here: to make God's love visible through our lives.

May Mary, our Blessed Mother and the first missionary disciple, inspire us to share generously of ourselves—our *time, talents, and treasure*—so that our parish may continue to be a beacon of hope and faith in our community.

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:19) Let us begin—right here, right now—at Our Lady of Peace.



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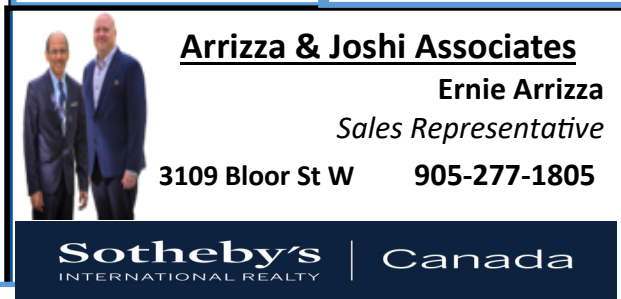
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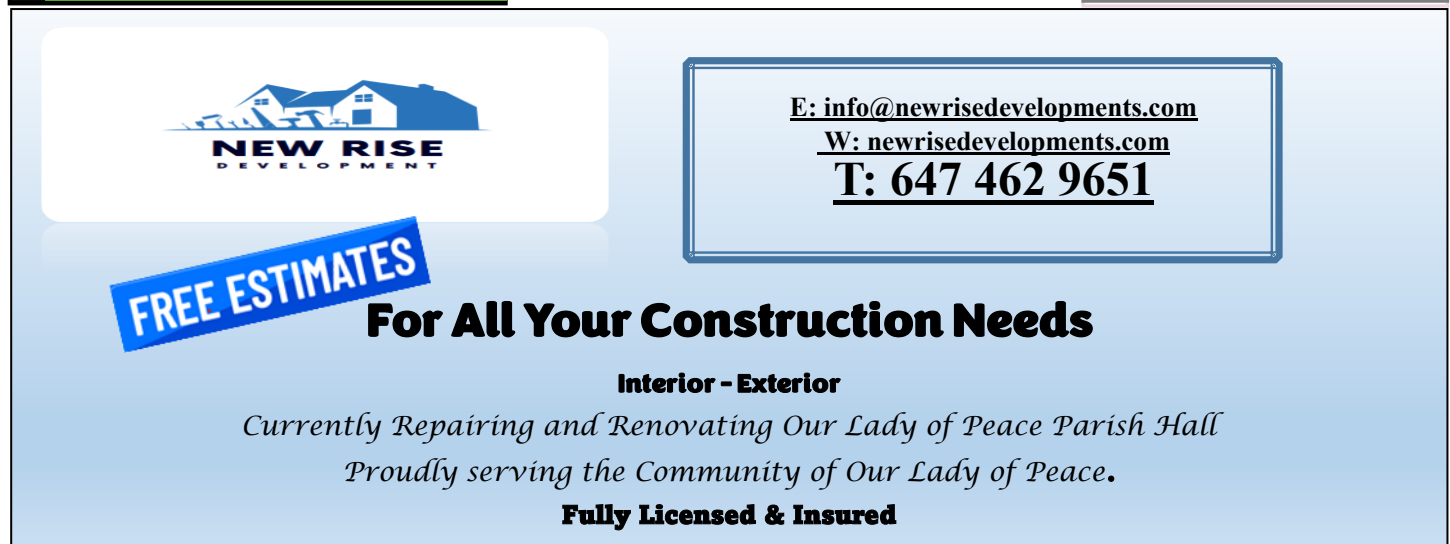
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