

Our Lady Of Peace Parish

26th October 2025
Thirtieth 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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*"Whoever humbles
himself will be exalted."*

*May that humility be
the prayer that leads us
home to God.*

Luke 18:9-14

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.

“The Prayer That Reaches Heaven”

This Sunday’s readings invite us to reflect deeply on the kind of prayer that truly touches the heart of God. We are reminded that God listens—not to the loudest voice or the most polished words—but to the humble heart that cries out in sincerity and faith.

The Book of Sirach paints a moving picture of God’s justice: “The Lord will not ignore the supplication of the orphan or the widow.” He is the righteous judge who shows no partiality, yet always bends his ear toward the one who is wronged, the one who calls upon Him in trust. The prayer of the humble “pierces the clouds,” it says—it doesn’t just rise; it insists, it perseveres, it reaches its goal. Such prayer may not always bring immediate change around us, but it transforms us within. It strengthens faith, renews hope, and draws us closer to the heart of the One who never forgets His children.

St. Paul, nearing the end of his life, gives us a living example of such faith. Even when he was abandoned and stood alone in trial, Paul could say, “The Lord stood by me and gave me strength.” His confidence was not in human support, but in the Lord who rescues and redeems. Paul had learned that the “crown of righteousness” is not won through pride or self-promotion, but through steadfast trust and humble endurance in God’s service.

In the Gospel, Jesus confronts the great spiritual temptation of all time—self-righteousness. The Pharisee prays not to God but to his own ego, measuring holiness by comparison and congratulating himself for his piety. The tax collector, on the other hand, stands at a distance, eyes cast down, and simply pleads, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner.” It is this humble prayer that wins God’s favor. Jesus’ message is clear: true holiness is not about how good we think we are, but how deeply we know our need for God.

Pride shuts heaven’s door, but humility opens it wide. The proud pray to be seen; the humble pray to be healed. The proud rely on their works; the humble rely on God’s mercy. And it is that humble, honest prayer—the one born of brokenness, trust, and repentance—that God hears and exalts.

This week, let us pray with the heart of the tax collector, not the Pharisee. Let us come before God not boasting of our goodness, but confident in His. When we bring our weakness, pain, and failures before the Lord with honesty and faith, our prayer too will “pierce the clouds.” For the Lord is near to the broken-hearted, and “the poor one called—and the Lord heard.”

“Whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” May that humility be the prayer that leads us home to God.

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.

Embrace Motherhood Workshop for Moms of Young Children

Saturday November 8, 2025

All Saints Parish, 1415 Royal York Road.

10am-12pm

TO REGISTER Send an e-transfer for \$20 to catholicmomsgroupmj@gmail.com

Mass Intentions

Saturday 25th October - 5:00pm

†Gerado and †Elvira Ferrante Requested by Bernadita Ferrante

†Maria Lino Silva Requested by Maria Silva

Sunday 26th October 2025

10:00am

†Denis LaFrost Requested by Eileen LaFrost

†Peter Reginald Johnson Requested by Zirnhelt Family

11:30am

Special Intentions of Gilda Orrico & Family

Tuesday 28th October - 9:00am

†William Chu Requested by Doploga Family

†Rosalia Medeiros Requested by her daughter Manuela

Wednesday 29th October - 9:00am

†Jose Lecaros Jr Requested by Jeanette Lecaros

Special Intentions of Gild Orrico & Family

Special Intentions of the Mothers' Group

Thursday 23rd October - 9:00am

†Stan, †Jerry & †Henry Swiderski

Requested by Czeslaw Emerling

Friday 24th October - 9:00am

†Ivan Diakiw Requested by Elizabeth Karczuga



Children's Liturgy

11:30 AM Mass on Sundays

Liturgy of the Word with Children is adapted to be relevant to the lives of young children (5-8 years) & preparing them for participation in the Mass.

Parents, Please bring your child/children to the Parish Hall BEFORE Mass

EDGE Night!

Oct 31st- Halloween Party

- ◆ Costume Contest
- ◆ Pumpkin Decorating
- ◆ Trick or Treating
- ◆ Candy



For Students in Grades 6-8

In Parish Hall 6-9pm

No registration required, Drop in and Stay Awhile!

Our Lady of Peace, Pray for Us

Commemoration of

All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Sunday, November 2, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Reception to follow in the parish hall

All parishioners, especially those who have lost loved ones in the past year, are warmly invited to join us for a special **Mass of Remembrance** as we commemorate **All Souls' Day**. Together we will pray for our departed family members and friends, honour their memory, and find comfort in our shared hope of resurrection and eternal life.

During the Mass, the names of our deceased loved ones will be remembered and candles will be lit in their honour. After the celebration, all are invited to a **reception in the parish hall** — a time to share fellowship, stories, and gentle consolation.

"Love is stronger than death, and in Christ, life is changed, not ended."

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Volunteers

Dear Parish Family,

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who have offered their time, talents, and hearts in service to **Our Lady of Peace Parish**, at the Volunteer Drive last weekend!

Your willingness to serve reflects the love of Christ and strengthens the bonds of our faith community. Through your dedication, our parish becomes a true home of welcome, compassion, and joy.

Remember, you are always welcome to volunteer at any time through the parish office or by visiting our website. Every act of service, no matter how small, helps build the Kingdom of God among us.

***"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me."* — Matthew 25:40**

You will be contacted soon by a minister lead.

Students seeking volunteer hours are kindly asked to contact **Arnold Samson Our Youth Minister** asamson@archtoronto.org for opportunities.

May the Lord reward your kindness, bless your hands and hearts, and keep you always in His loving care.

Holy Name of Mary College School is hosting a Grade 9 Information Evening on Wednesday, October 29th

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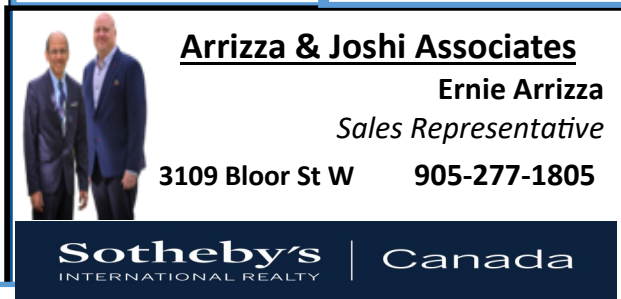
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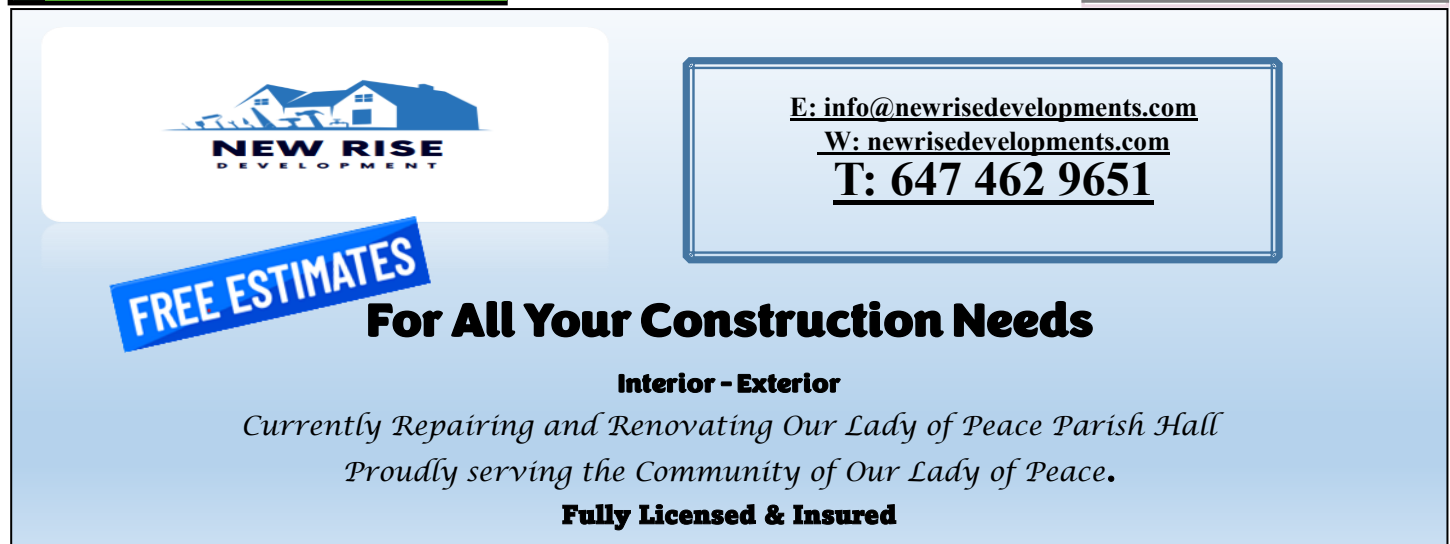
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