

Our Lady Of Peace Parish

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

(Or by appointment)

Adoration & Benediction

First Friday

following 9:00 a.m. Mass

Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals

Please contact the Parish Office

Dear Parish Family,

Our Lady of Peace Parish is joyfully celebrating a very special milestone — **our 75th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee!** As we give thanks for God's countless blessings throughout these seventy-five years, we warmly invite you to join us for an unforgettable evening of celebration at our **Diamond Jubilee Gala on Friday, November 6, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Le Tréport, 1075 Queensway East, Mississauga.** This will be a wonderful opportunity for our entire parish family — past and present — to come together, reconnect with friends, celebrate our journey, and look forward with hope to the years ahead.

The evening will feature: **A delicious dinner, Open Bar, Dancing and live entertainment, A spectacular grand door prize valued at \$5,000, and Exciting raffle prizes.**

We encourage you to reserve your tickets early and invite your family and friends to celebrate this remarkable occasion with us. **Tickets Are Now Available! Purchase your tickets online here:**

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/our-lady-of-peace-diamond-jubilee-gala>

For every ticket purchased, a **\$75 tax receipt** will be issued to the purchaser of the ticket (s).

If you have any questions or would prefer to purchase your tickets **with cash**, please contact the parish office. We will be happy to assist you.

We look forward to celebrating

75 years of Our Lady of Peace Parish — together as one family!

With gratitude and every blessing,

Fr. Biju Kannampuzha

Pastor, Our Lady of Peace Parish

WE ARE OUR BROTHER'S KEEPER

"Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." — Matthew 18:20

Today's readings remind us of something we often forget: our faith is never simply a private matter. Through Baptism, we become members of the Body of Christ. We belong to one another. We are brothers and sisters in Christ, and therefore we have a responsibility for one another's spiritual and human well-being.

In the first reading, God appoints Ezekiel as a "watchman for the house of Israel." A watchman does not remain silent when he sees danger approaching. His responsibility is to warn others. In the same way, God calls each of us to watch over one another—not with judgment or condemnation, but with love and concern.

This is especially important in our families. Parents have a responsibility to guide their children. Spouses are called to support one another. Friends should have the courage to speak a loving word when someone is going in the wrong direction. In our parish community, we are also called to care for one another. Sometimes the most loving thing we can do is to say, gently and privately, "I am concerned about you. I think this is hurting you. Can I help?"

But Jesus also gives us an important warning: correction must always come from love. We are not called to criticize, embarrass, gossip about, or condemn others. Before correcting another person, we should examine our own hearts. Am I speaking because I genuinely care about this person, or because I am angry? Am I trying to help, or simply trying to prove that I am right?

St. Paul gives us the answer: "Love does no wrong to a neighbor." Christian correction seeks restoration, not humiliation. Its goal is not to win an argument but to win back a brother or sister.

And there is another side to this Gospel: we must also learn to forgive. Sometimes we are the ones who have been hurt. Sometimes we are carrying an old wound, an argument, a betrayal, or resentment that has remained in our hearts for years.

Forgiveness does not mean pretending that nothing happened. It does not mean that serious wrongdoing should be ignored. But forgiveness means refusing to allow anger and resentment to have the final word. We place the situation into God's hands and ask for the grace to move toward healing.

Perhaps that is why Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." We do not have to face these difficult situations alone. When we pray together, seek reconciliation together, and sincerely desire the good of another, Christ is present among us.

Our world desperately needs this kind of Christian community. We live in a time when it is easy to cancel someone, condemn someone, talk about someone behind their back, or simply walk away from difficult relationships. Jesus offers us a different way: speak with love, listen with humility, forgive generously, pray together, and seek reconciliation.

Let us therefore ask ourselves today: Who needs my encouragement? Whom do I need to forgive? From whom do I need to ask forgiveness? Is there someone I need to approach with a word of loving correction?

Being our brother's or sister's keeper is not a burden imposed upon us; it is a consequence of love. Because we belong to Christ, we belong to one another.

May our families and our parish become communities where people are not afraid to correct one another with love, forgive one another with mercy, and pray for one another with faith.

And may we remember that whenever we gather in the name of Jesus—with sincere hearts, united in prayer and love—Jesus himself is in our midst

WELCOME BACK BBQ

A special weekend of celebration!

Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th September 2026

Next weekend is a **very special one for our parish family**, with great joy and thanksgiving, **we will return to our beautifully renovated sanctuary** and begin a new chapter in the life of our parish!

To celebrate this wonderful milestone and welcome everyone back as we begin a new parish year, our **Knights of Columbus** are hosting a **Welcome Back BBQ**. Please join us **after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday and after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday** for some delicious food, fellowship, and celebration. It will be a wonderful opportunity to come together as a parish family, give thanks for all that God has done among us, and look forward with hope to the year ahead.

Come celebrate, bring your family and friends, and let's make this a joyful Welcome Back!

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5th September 2026 - 5pm

†Adele Morrisette Requested by OLP Social Committee

†Roland D'Souza Requested by OLP Social Committee

Sunday 6th September 2026

10:00am

†Cyril Mendes Requested by Veronica Mendes

†Brian Burnie Requested by McGovern-Hemmy Families

11:30am

Our Lady of Peace Parishioners

Tuesday 8th September 2026 - 9am

†Neil Fitzpatrick Requested by Zirnhelt Family

Wednesday 9th September 2026 - 9am

Deceased Members & Friends of The Pellegrino Family

Thursday 10th September 2026 - 9am

Deceased Members & Friends of The Perl Family

Friday 11th September - 9am

Deceased Members & Friends of The Primeau Family



St Joseph: +Joseph Snidera

Sanctuary Candles

Sanctuary: No Intention

Sacred Heart: No Intention



RCIA: THE JOURNEY HOME

Come, Explore, Discover, and Grow in Faith

Have you ever wondered what the Catholic Church teaches? Are you searching for deeper meaning in life, curious about the Catholic faith, or wondering whether the Church might be your spiritual home?

We warmly invite you to join us for **The Journey Home**, our parish **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** program—a welcoming journey for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith.

Whether you were raised in another Christian tradition, come from another faith background, are a Catholic who would like to complete your Sacraments, or are simply beginning to explore your relationship with God, **you are welcome!**

This is a place to **ask questions, discover the beauty of the Catholic faith, meet others, and deepen your relationship with Christ**—all in a warm, welcoming, and supportive environment. There is no pressure and no obligation. Come as you are, listen, learn, and discern where God may be calling you.

Our Journey Home begins Sunday, September 13, and we will meet weekly after the 10:00 AM Mass until 12:30 PM. To register: • Visit the parish website. • Or contact the Parish Office.

If you or someone in your family or among your friends is interested, we would love to welcome you!

Come and See! Perhaps this is the beginning of your Journey Home to Christ and His Church.

Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation Registration



Registration for **Confirmation** will take place on **Saturday, October 3rd**, at the **5:00 p.m. Mass**.

Registration for **First Holy Communion** will take place on **Sunday, October 4th**, at the **11:30 a.m. Mass**.

Registration forms will be distributed to **St. Elizabeth and Our Lady of Peace Schools** in mid-September. If your child does not attend either of these schools, please contact the **Parish Office** to receive a registration form.

Please note: A copy of your child's Baptism Certificate is required at the time of registration.

We look forward to celebrating these special sacraments with our families!

TUESDAY TREASURES

Sharing the Treasures of Our Faith

Tuesday Treasures is back! We warmly invite you to join us this Fall for **12 weeks of fellowship, faith, and inspiration** as we explore the beautiful treasures of our Catholic faith.

Beginning **Tuesday, September 22nd, at 9:00 a.m. with Holy Mass**, our sessions will focus on the virtues of **faith, hope, love, and charity**, drawing inspiration from the ministry of Jesus portrayed in *The Chosen* and the powerful witness and inspiring lives of the Saints.

Tuesday Treasures is a relaxed and welcoming opportunity to **meet, share stories, reflect on our faith, and grow together as a parish community**. Whether you have joined us before or this will be your first time, **you are most welcome!** Come and enjoy good fellowship while discovering the many treasures our faith has to offer. **Bring a friend and come share the treasures of our faith!**

Beginning Tuesday, September 22nd at 9: a.m. | 12-Week Series



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