

Our Lady Of Peace Parish

17th May 2026
The Ascension of the Lord

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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

St Vincent De Paul Society

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.

The Ascension of the Lord: Called to Continue the Mission

Today the Church celebrates the great Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord — the moment when Jesus returned to the Father after completing His saving mission on earth. At first glance, the Ascension may seem like a farewell scene, as though Jesus is leaving His disciples behind. But in reality, it is not the end of His presence; it is the beginning of the Church's mission.

Before ascending into Heaven, Jesus gave His disciples one final command: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." He entrusted His mission to ordinary people — frightened disciples who were far from perfect. Yet Jesus believed in them. And He believes in us.

There is a beautiful story about the famous artist Leonardo da Vinci. He had begun painting a masterpiece but left it unfinished. Calling one of his students, he asked him to complete the work. The student felt unworthy and incapable, but da Vinci encouraged him: "Will not what I have done inspire you to do your best?" In the same way, Jesus began the work of salvation through His life, death, and Resurrection, and now He invites us to continue the painting. The Gospel is unfinished unless we live it and share it.

Another story tells of the angels asking Jesus after His Ascension, "Who will continue your work on earth?" Jesus answered, "My disciples." The angels were surprised: "Those weak and fearful people? What if they fail?" Jesus simply replied, "I have no other plan." What an incredible thought! Jesus has entrusted His work to us. We are His hands to serve, His voice to encourage, His heart to love, and His presence in the world today.

The Ascension also reminds us that Heaven is our destination. Jesus did not ascend to abandon us but to open the way for us. As the Preface of today's Mass beautifully says, "He ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state, but that we, his members, might be confident of following where he, our Head and Founder, has gone before." Our lives are not meant to end in fear, suffering, or death. We are created for eternal life with God.

And yet Jesus does not leave us alone on the journey. He promises: "I am with you always, until the end of the age." Through the Holy Spirit, Christ remains present in every Eucharist, every act of love, every prayer, and every moment of grace. The Ascension is not about Jesus disappearing; it is about His presence becoming universal.

In a world filled with anxiety, division, loneliness, and uncertainty, Christians are called to be witnesses of hope. We preach not only with words but with our lives — through kindness, forgiveness, compassion, patience, and joyful faith. Sometimes the most powerful sermon is simply a life lived with love.

As we celebrate this feast, let us ask ourselves: How am I continuing the mission of Jesus? In my family? In my parish? In my workplace and community? The Lord still depends on His disciples to carry His light into the world.

May the Ascended Lord fill us with courage and joy. And may the Holy Spirit strengthen us to continue the beautiful mission Jesus has placed into our hands. Amen.

60th Anniversary Celebration – Fr. George Galea

Sunday, May 24th at 11:30 a.m

Our Lady of Peace Parish joyfully invites all parishioners to celebrate the 60th anniversary of priestly ordination of Fr. George Galea. In thanksgiving for his many years of faithful service to the Church, Fr. Galea will preside at a special Thanksgiving Mass on **Sunday, May 24th at 11:30 a.m.** Following the Mass, all are warmly invited to a reception in the parish hall as we come together in gratitude, fellowship, and celebration of this remarkable milestone. Please join us in honoring Fr. Galea and praying in thanksgiving for his dedicated service and continued blessings.

FROM OUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to these businesses for generously donating prizes in support of last Friday's Bingo. We deeply appreciate their kindness and support of our parish community.

**Canadiana Restaurant *Metro *OLP Gift Shop *State & Main
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DESSERTS NEEDED

Donations of desserts for Fr. Galea's Reception may be dropped off in the OLP kitchen on Sunday, May 24, before the 10:00 AM or 11:30 AM Mass. Thank you for helping make this celebration special.

OLP LADIES' BRUNCH

The OLP Ladies' Brunch will be held on Sunday, June 7, at 12:30 PM at Canadiana Restaurant. Join us for a wonderful afternoon of fellowship, delicious food, a guest speaker, door prizes, and more. Tickets will go on sale beginning next weekend.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 16th May

Special Intentions for Jason Vincente & Maria Carreira

Requested by Maria Carreira

†Luis Gouvía *Requested by The Family*

Sunday 17th May 2026

10:00am

Special Health Intentions for Gabriel Falcon

Requested by Colavecchia Family

Special Intentions for Annika Samson

Healing Intentions for Guy Giorno

11:30am

†Ramon Rafael Torres *Requested by Torres Family*

†Amador Ding Raz (18 yrs) *Requested by Lilia Raz*

†Linda Pegg *Requested by Kyle Pegg & Family*

Tuesday 19th May 2026 - 9am

Blessing & Healing for Anna *Requested by Mama*

Wednesday 20th May 2026 - 9am

†Deceased members and friends of Gilay Family

Special Intention Request

Thursday 21st May 2026 - 9am

†All the souls in Purgatory *Requested by Tony Cioffi*

†Frank Kennedy *Requested by The Kennedy Family*

Friday 22nd May - 9am

†Deceased members and friends of Giorno Family

Special Intention Request



Sanctuary Candles

Tabernacle : †Ramon Rafael Torres

Requested Dulce & Torres Family

Interested in Becoming Catholic or Deepening Your Faith?

RCIA

Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program begins in September 2026, and registration is open now! This program is for: Those not yet baptized. Those baptized in another Christian denomination. Those baptized in the Catholic Church but who have not yet received First Communion or Confirmation. Even fully initiated Catholics who wish to deepen their understanding, knowledge, and faith in God and the Church.

RCIA is a journey of faith, prayer, learning, and community. It offers a welcoming and supportive environment to explore the Catholic faith and prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact the parish office to register or meet the pastor.

Come and see what God may be inviting you to—your journey of faith

EDGE NIGHT

Friday May 22nd

6pm-9pm - Gr 6-8 only

Knights of Columbus 75th Anniversary

Knights of Columbus Kingsway Council #3387 will celebrate their **75th Anniversary** on **Saturday, May 30, 2026**.

Mass at 5:15 p.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Church followed by Reception & Dinner at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 643.

Tickets: \$75 per person.

For tickets contact John Chiappetta 416-558-6855 | fs3387@ontariokofc.ca

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Afternoon Tea & Fun together!
3pm-4.30pm
All are welcome



OLP Children's Summer Camp 2026

Registration is now open for the OLP Summer Camp! Children ages 6–12 are invited to join us **August 3–7, 2026**,

from 8:50 a.m.–4:00 p.m. daily.

Full details, flyer, and registration form are available on our website: <https://olpeace.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/summer-camp-2026/> Printed registration forms are also available at the back of the church.



We watch The CHOSEN a TV series about Jesus and the people who followed Him, helping children and families learn about God's love, kindness, miracles, and the teachings of Jesus in an

easy and meaningful way.

We also enjoy home-cooked goodies, snacks, tea, and coffee together in a peaceful and welcoming morning atmosphere, sharing friendship, fellowship, and the joy of our parish community.



The MPSJ Class of 1976 will celebrate its 50th Anniversary Reunion on Thursday, June 11, 2026 at Markland Wood Golf Club. If you know a 1976 graduate, please help spread the word! Register at mpsjclassof76.com.



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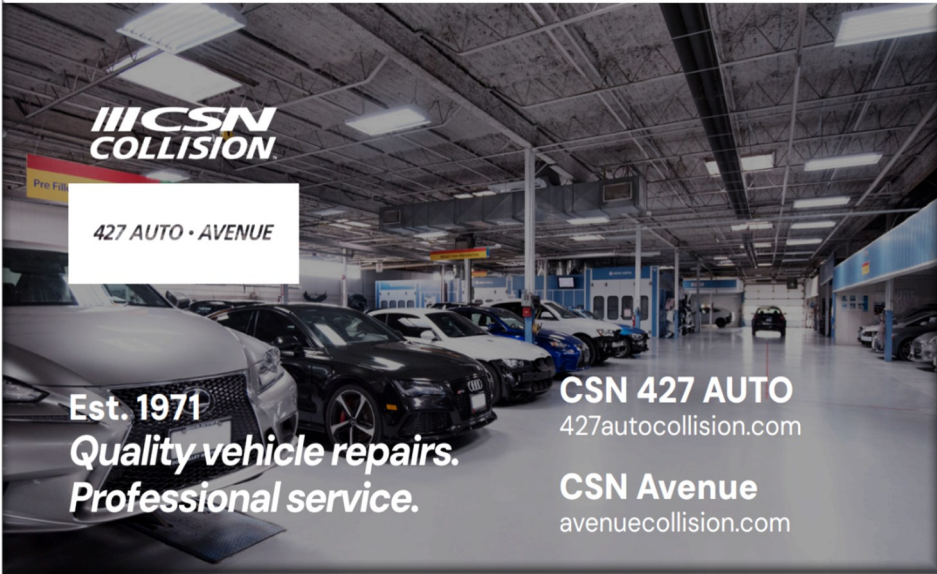
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