

Our Lady Of Peace Parish

18th January 2026
Second 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.

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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.

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.

“Behold the Lamb of God”

Today's readings invite us to fix our eyes on Jesus, whom John the Baptist boldly identifies as “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” This simple yet profound title opens before us the heart of our Christian faith and challenges us not only to believe, but to live and witness as disciples of the Lamb.

John the Baptist is a powerful model for us. He does not draw attention to himself, despite his popularity and influence. Instead, with humility and clarity, he points away from himself and toward Jesus. His mission is not self-promotion, but faithful witness. In doing so, John teaches us that true discipleship always involves helping others recognize Christ and follow Him.

The image of the Lamb would have been rich with meaning for John's listeners. It recalled the lamb of sacrifice, the Passover lamb whose blood saved God's people, and the suffering servant spoken of by the prophets. When John calls Jesus the Lamb of God, he is proclaiming that Jesus is the one who will take upon Himself the sin, brokenness, and suffering of the world—not through power or violence, but through love, obedience, and self-giving sacrifice.

The first reading from Isaiah reminds us that God's call is personal and purposeful. The servant is called from the womb and sent not only to restore Israel, but to be “a light to the nations.” This mission finds its fulfillment in Jesus, but it does not end with Him. Through our Baptism, we share in this same calling. We are chosen, formed, and sent—to reflect Christ's light in our families, workplaces, parish, and society.

Saint Paul, writing to the Corinthians, reinforces this truth. He reminds them—and us—that we are “sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy.” Holiness is not reserved for a few; it is the vocation of every baptized person. Together, as members of the Body of Christ, we are called to live lives shaped by faith, love, and service.

The Gospel shows us how discipleship begins and grows. Andrew and John first respond to Jesus' gentle invitation: “Come and see.” They spend time with Him, listen to Him, and gradually come to recognize who He truly is. Faith, we are reminded, is often discovered not in dramatic moments, but in simple encounters—by staying close to Jesus and allowing Him to reveal Himself.

Andrew's response is especially practical and inspiring. Having encountered Christ, he immediately brings someone else—his brother Simon—to Jesus. This is how the Church grows: one invitation at a time. Andrew does not argue or preach; he simply shares what he has found. His example challenges us to ask ourselves: whom have I invited to “come and see”?

To follow the Lamb of God also means to live like the Lamb. This calls us to humility, gentleness, and compassion in a world that often values power and self-interest. It means striving to live pure and sincere lives, trusting in the care of the Good Shepherd, and drawing strength from prayer, the Sacraments, and especially the Eucharist, where Christ the Lamb feeds us with His own Body and Blood.

But living like the Lamb also means learning how to sacrifice. We are called to share our blessings, to stand with those who suffer, and to offer our struggles—big and small—for the good of others. In doing so, we participate in Christ's work of healing and reconciliation, helping to rebuild broken lives and restore hope.

Finally, today's Gospel reminds us that disciples are witnesses. Faith is not something to be kept private or at a distance. To know Christ is to love Him, and to love Him is to desire that others may know Him too. Our witness is expressed not only in words, but in lives marked by kindness, justice, mercy, forgiveness, and peace.

As we reflect on today's readings, let us hear again John the Baptist's words as spoken directly to us: “Behold, the Lamb of God.” May we recognize Him, follow Him closely, live as He lived, and invite others—by our words and our lives—to come and see.

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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 17th January 2026 - 5:00pm

†**Maria Nesci** Requested by The Family

†**Wayne & †Dan Currie** Requested by Joan Kennedy & Family

†**Ennio Gasparet** Requested by Josie Snaith

Sunday 18th January 2026

10:00am

All Souls in Purgatory Requested by Tony Cioffi

†**Vinko Jukic** Requested by Vesna Jukic

11:30am

†**Philomeno Vaz** Requested by Lourdes Peter

Tuesday 20th January 2026 - 9am

Special Intentions of Antoinette Offi Requested by Tony Cioffi

Wednesday 21st January 2026 - 9am

†**Deceased Family & Friends of Susie De Franco**

Thursday 22nd January 2026 - 9am

†**Deceased Family & Friends of Alana Dmello**

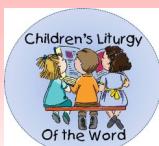
Friday 23rd January - 9:00am

†**Deceased Family & Friends of Irene Domanski**

Sanctuary Candles



St Joseph: †Dan & †Wayne Currie
Requested by Currie Family



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

OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH BINGO NIGHT!

Friday, Jan. 30, 2026 • 6:30 PM • Parish Hall

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Marian Pilgrimage

Diamond Jubilee Special

Our Lady of Peace Parish joyfully invites parishioners to join a 12-day **Marian Pilgrimage to France, Spain, and Portugal** as part of our **75th Anniversary** celebrations. The pilgrimage will take place **May 31 – June 11, 2026**, under the **spiritual leadership of Fr. Biju Kannampuzha**, Pastor of Our Lady of Peace Church, Etobicoke.

Highlights include visits to **Montserrat (Black Madonna)**, **Lourdes**, **Zaragoza (Our Lady of the Pillar)**, **Madrid**, **Toledo**, **Avila**, **Salamanca**, **Santiago de Compostela**, and **Fatima**, with daily Mass, time for prayer, candlelight processions, and major Marian shrines. **Cost: \$5,190 CAD** (includes taxes and tips).

For more information and registration, please contact: International Heritage Tours, 7117 Bathurst Street, Suite 200, Thornhill, ON L4J 2J6 Tel: 1-877-999-8868 | 905-886-0232 Stan (ext. 339 / 647-463-9057) – stan@ihtours.com. Alex (ext. 317) – alex@ihtours.com

Celebrate our Diamond Jubilee with prayer, pilgrimage, and grace.

TUESDAY TREASURES!

Resumes – January 20th 2026

Join us for the return of Tuesday Treasures on **January 20th, following the 9am Mass**. We warmly welcome back our regular participants and invite anyone interested in building community and fellowship in a simple setting of conversation and reflection on *The Chosen*.

Faith continues to blossom at every stage of life and helps strengthen our parish community and one another!

All are welcome—please join us!

Feel free to bring a light snack to share—because good conversation is even better with a little treat!



The Parenting Teenagers Course is coming to Our Lady of Peace Parish.

This is an excellent opportunity for those in our community with children aged 11 to 18.

Over the course of five sessions, parents will learn tools and strategies to help build healthy relationships with their teenagers and guide them into adulthood. Sessions will be held on **February 13th, 20th, March 13th, April 10th and 24th** from **7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**. **Please see our website to register and for more details. We look forward to connecting with you!**

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