

# Our Lady Of Peace Parish

25th January 2026  
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.

## **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. 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.

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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.*

## **Christ Our Light: Called to Repent, Called to Follow**

Today's Scripture readings proclaim a powerful and hope-filled truth: Christ has brought us into the Light. That Light is not an idea or a philosophy—it is a Person. Jesus enters the dark places of history, society, and the human heart, calling us to repentance, unity, and a transformed way of life.

The prophet Isaiah speaks to a people who knew darkness well—war, occupation, fear, and loss. Into that reality comes God's promise: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." Matthew deliberately places this prophecy at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry to make one thing unmistakably clear: Jesus is that Light. What Isaiah foresaw has now been fulfilled. Darkness does not have the final word. God does.

The Responsorial Psalm gives voice to our response: "The Lord is my Light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?" When the Lord becomes our refuge, fear loses its grip. The Light of God does not merely brighten our circumstances—it gives us courage, direction, and hope, even when life feels uncertain or overwhelming.

Saint Paul, writing to the divided community in Corinth, reminds us that people who live in the Light must also live in unity. Rivalries, factions, and ego-driven loyalties are signs that Christ's Light has been dimmed by pride. Christ cannot be divided, and neither can His Body, the Church. To live as children of the Light means choosing humility over competition, communion over division, and Christ over every lesser attachment.

The Gospel according to Matthew shows us how this Light enters the world. After the arrest of John the Baptist, Jesus begins His ministry in Galilee—a region considered insignificant, mixed with Gentiles, and long marked by political and spiritual darkness. It is precisely there, among the marginalized and the forgotten, that Jesus chooses to dwell. He proclaims a simple but demanding message: "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven has come near."

Repentance, as Jesus understands it, is far more than feeling sorry for past sins. It is metanoia—a radical change of mind and heart, a decisive turning away from self and toward God. It is an ongoing way of life. To repent is to surrender control, to admit that we cannot save ourselves, and to allow God to re-create us from within. Repentance is not weakness; it is the doorway to freedom.

Immediately after this call, Jesus invites ordinary fishermen—Peter and Andrew, James and John—to follow Him. He does not choose scholars, elites, or the powerful. He chooses working men with calloused hands and open hearts. They leave their nets at once—not because they know where the road will lead, but because they trust the One who calls them. What Jesus needs is not our ability, but our availability.

To be made "fishers of people" means allowing ourselves first to be caught in the net of God's love—dying to self so that God may raise us to new life. It means stepping out of old patterns, old fears, and old securities, and entering the Kingdom that is already near. Eventually, Jesus will say to His followers, "You are the light of the world." He chooses us so that His Light may continue to shine through us.

Matthew summarizes Jesus' mission in three words: teaching, preaching, and healing. These are not relics of the past; they are the ongoing mission of the Church today. Through God's Word, hearts are changed. Through the Good News, lives are healed. Through loving service, the darkness of injustice, prejudice, violence, and despair is pushed back.

Appreciate your call as a disciple. Every baptized person is personally called by Christ and sent as part of His Church. Through the Sacraments, God continually strengthens, heals, and reclaims us when we wander. Our faith is not private—it is lived for the life of the world.

Proclaim the Good News by word and witness. Like the first disciples, we are asked to leave behind our "nets"—self-centeredness, comfort, indifference—and to rebuild our homes, workplaces, and communities with justice, mercy, and peace.

Become light in a dark world. Even a small flame dispels darkness. When we live with kindness, forgiveness, humility, and respect for others—especially those different from us—we become beacons of Christ's presence.

## **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, candle-light 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](mailto:stan@ihtours.com). Alex (ext. 317) – [alex@ihtours.com](mailto:alex@ihtours.com)

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

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday 24th January 2026 - 5:00pm**

†Frank Gallagher Requested by Vicky Siderkiew

**Sunday 25th January 2026**

**10:00am**

†Brian Blair Requested by Jane Wallbridge

†Pat McCune Requested by Mary & Nick Romano

**11:30am**

**Birthday Intentions for Sebastian Pradan** Requested by Liana

**Tuesday 27th January 2026 - 9am**

†Jean, †Dymi & †Veronick Lehunewycz Requested by Czeslawa Emerling

†Carmine Storino Requested by the Family

**Wednesday 28th January 2026 - 9am**

**Healing Intention-Gilda Orrico**

**Thursday 29th January 2026 - 9am**

†Deceased Family & Friends of Lydia Domanski

**Friday 30th January - 9:00am**

†Deceased Family & Friends of Emerling 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**



**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 contact our website for more details. We look forward to connecting with you!

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## Our Lady of Peace—Outreach Elisa House Women's Shelter

As part of our ongoing outreach ministry, Our Lady of Peace continues to support Elisa House, a local women's shelter, by providing a delicious dinner every month. This Saturday, our parish had the joy of serving dinner to 45 women, sharing not only a meal but also care, dignity, and compassion.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Snaith Family for generously sponsoring this month's dinner. Your kindness and support made this outreach possible and truly reflected the spirit of Christ's love in action.

Thank you to all who continue to support OLP Outreach through prayer, generosity, and service. Together, we make a difference—one meal, one moment of care at a time.

## TUESDAY TREASURES!

Join us every Tuesday 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!



## Reservations are required

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