

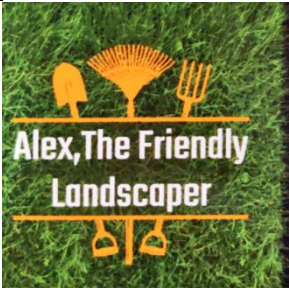


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## Our Mission

*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 their faith in the world".*

### Our Pastor

Fr. Biju Kannampuzha  
Tel: 416-239-1259 Ext 3

### Office Administrators

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### Mass Intentions & Candle Intentions

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### Office Hours

Monday to Friday  
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### Holy Mass

**Saturday**  
5:00 PM

**Sunday**  
10:00 AM  
(Children's Liturgy)  
&  
11:30 AM

**Tuesday to Friday**  
9:00 AM

### Confessions

**Saturday**  
4:15 PM – 4:45 PM  
Or by appointment

### Adoration & Benediction

First Fridays of the Month  
Following 9:00 AM Mass



*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 Log In Your Eye**

A grocery store cashier once wrote to advice columnist Ann Landers, expressing frustration at seeing people use food stamps to purchase “luxury” items like birthday cakes and shrimp. She judged these welfare recipients as “lazy and wasteful,” condemning them for treating themselves to such indulgences. A few weeks later, Ann Landers dedicated her column to sharing the responses of those who had been criticized. One woman wrote: "I didn't buy a cake, but I did buy a big bag of shrimp with food stamps. So what? My husband worked at a plant for fifteen years until it shut down. The shrimp casserole I made was for our wedding anniversary dinner, and it lasted three days. Perhaps the grocery clerk who criticized me would have a different view of life if she walked a mile in my shoes." Another woman shared: "I'm the one who bought the \$17 cake with food stamps. I could feel the cashier's disapproval burning through me, but what she didn't know was that this cake was for my little girl's birthday. It may be her last—she has bone cancer and only has six to eight months to live."

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us to leave judgment to God and to show mercy and compassion to others. He challenges us to follow His example of using our words for healing, restoration, and hope—words that uplift rather than condemn. He calls us to speak with love and care, to avoid gossip, and to refrain from making thoughtless judgments that can damage others' reputations and cause irreparable harm.

The first reading from the Book of Sirach highlights that what is within us is revealed through our words. Just as the quality of grain is separated from the husks in a sieve, and the strength of clay is revealed in fire, our true nature is shown through what we say. Sirach's wisdom prepares us for the message in the Gospel, which warns us that when we judge others, we must remember that our words reflect our hearts.

In the second reading, St. Paul encourages the Corinthians to remain steadfast in the work of the Lord, knowing that their labor is never in vain. Instead of engaging in destructive conversations, we are called to focus on building others up and honoring God with our words.

In the Gospel passage, Jesus uses humor to illustrate how absurd and hypocritical it is to judge others without understanding the full picture. He tells of the blind leading the blind and a person with a log in their eye trying to remove a tiny speck from another's eye. Jesus is not suggesting that we should ignore immoral behavior or fail to correct children when necessary. Rather, He is emphasizing that we should not pass judgment hastily, especially when we do not have all the facts.

Only God has the authority to judge because He alone knows the whole truth and can see into our hearts. We do not have access to all the details or understand the temptations others face, making it impossible for us to judge fairly. We are often biased in our judgments, especially when it comes to those closest to us, and true fairness is beyond our grasp. We often have the same flaws as those we criticize—and sometimes, even more so. Jesus' humorous example of the person with a log in their eye is a reminder that we are often guilty of the very faults we condemn in others. Let us leave all judgment to God. Remember the wise words of the saints: “When you point one finger of accusation at another, three of your fingers point back at you.” May we strive to see others through eyes of compassion, understanding, and love, just as Jesus would.



**Mass Times**

- 10:00 am: Our Lady of Peace School Mass
- 1:00 pm: St Elizabeth School Mass
- 7:00 pm: Mass for the Parishioners'


*\*There will be NO Mass at 9 AM, feel free to attend any of the Masses. Blessed Ashes will be distributed at all 3 Masses*



**Lenten Soup Supper**  
Every Friday during Lent  
at 6:00pm – 7:30pm  
in the Parish Hall

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Every Friday during Lent  
7:30 pm.



## MASS INTENTIONS

*Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup> 2025*  
**5pm**

1. † **Diane Bélanger** Requested by Poirier Family
2. † **Luiza Perucello** Requested by Marcos Saviolli
3. † **Mary Tootill** Requested by Pat Fitzgerald & Mae Gilleece

*Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025*  
**10am**

†Theresa & †Michael Cross Requested by Bev Tollofson

**11:30am**

†Dermot McNamara Requested by McNamara Family  
†Anne Dunne Requested by McNamara Family

*Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025 - No Mass on Mondays*

*Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup> 2025* **9am**

1. †**Steve Castrucci** Requested by Carolyn Kennedy
2. **Speedy recover for Marianne Reis** Requested by Melanie Fernandes
3. †**Bertie Fernandes** Requested by Melanie Fernandes

*Ash Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup> 2025* **NO 9am Mass**

**Our Lady of Peace School Mass** **10am**  
**St Elizabeth School Mass** **1pm**  
**Parish Mass** **7pm**

*Thursday March 6<sup>th</sup> 2025* **9am**  
†Steve Castrucci Requested by Joan Kennedy

*First Friday March 7<sup>th</sup> 2025* **9am**  
Birthday Intentions Agnes Podbielski Requested by her parents



**Sanctuary Candle Intentions**

**Sacred Heart:** Healing Prayers for Anne Luguya

**Sanctuary Candle:** Personal Intentions of Ivy Luguya



Let us pray for those who are sick  
**Marianne Reis**  
&  
Those who have recently passed away:  
† **Steve Castrucci**  
May He Rest in Peace

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Gratefully, **Fr. Biju Kannampuzha**