

# Our Lady Of Peace Parish

3rd May 2026  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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.  
**Rosary 8.30am**

## **Confession**

Saturday  
4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

## **Adoration & Benediction**

**First Friday**  
following 9:00 a.m. Mass

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Please contact the Parish  
Office

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## 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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## A HOME WITH MANY ROOMS

In the early centuries of the Church, John Chrysostom stood boldly before the powerful Roman Emperor Arcadius. Threatened with exile, death, and loss, Chrysostom responded with remarkable serenity: nothing could be taken from him, because everything that mattered was already secure in Christ. His courage flowed from a deep conviction that his true home was not of this world, but with God.

That same assurance echoes in today's Gospel. As Jesus prepares His disciples for His departure, He offers words not of fear, but of profound comfort: *"Do not let your hearts be troubled... In my Father's house there are many dwelling places."* This is not just poetry—it is a promise. A promise that we belong. A promise that we have a place. A promise that our journey has a destination prepared by Christ Himself.

Yet, this beautiful vision has sometimes been misunderstood. Some have imagined God's house as small, exclusive, and reserved for only a few. A story tells of a man touring Heaven, seeing many rooms filled with different groups—each expressing their faith in unique ways. When he approaches one particular room, he is told to remain silent because those inside believe they are the only ones there! The humor reveals a serious truth: God's house is far greater, wider, and more welcoming than our human limitations often allow.

Jesus reveals the truth clearly—He is *"the Way, the Truth, and the Life."* This is not a message of exclusion, but of invitation. He is the Way who leads us to the Father, the Truth who reveals who God truly is, and the Life who shares with us the very life of God. To know Jesus is to know the heart of God.

The early Church understood this deeply. In the Acts of the Apostles, when tensions arose within the community, the apostles responded not with division but with wisdom and unity. They appointed leaders—servants filled with the Spirit—to ensure fairness and care for all. The Church became not just a place of worship, but a living, serving community. Word, Sacrament, and Service formed its foundation.

Saint Peter expands this vision further, describing us as "living stones" built into a spiritual house, with Christ as the cornerstone. Each of us has a place in this house. Each of us matters. We are not visitors—we are part of the structure itself, a chosen people called to reflect God's light in the world.

But this Gospel is not only about Heaven someday—it is about how we live today. If Jesus is truly the Way, then we are called to walk in His path of humility, love, and service. If He is the Truth, then our lives must reflect integrity, compassion, and faithfulness. If He is the Life, then we are invited to live fully—rooted in prayer, nourished by the Eucharist, and guided by the Holy Spirit.

Too often, we become distracted by what does not last. Like the man who tried to take his money with him into eternity, we can cling to things that ultimately cannot follow us. The truth is simple: what endures is love, faith, and our relationship with God.

Faith, however, requires courage. As Robert H. Schuller once noted, two words often hold us back: "Be realistic." But faith calls us beyond mere realism—it calls us to trust in God's possibilities. The story of Tom Dempsey, who overcame physical limitations to achieve greatness, reminds us that with faith, even what seems impossible can become real.

Ultimately, today's message is one of hope. Jesus is preparing a place for us—not a distant, abstract idea, but a real home in the Father's presence. And He assures us that we are not alone on the journey. He walks with us, strengthens us, and calls us to trust.

So, let us not be troubled. Let us believe. Let us live as people who already belong to God's house—encouraging one another, serving one another, and walking together in faith. For in the end, we are not simply heading toward a destination. We are being led home.

## 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.

## 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 Parish Hall before Mass



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 2nd May

†Steve Dello  
†Oscar Flores *Requested by Currie Family*  
†Massimo Pelligrino *Requested by Josie Pelligrino*

### Sunday 3rd May 2026

**10:00am**

†Ante Bavcevic *Requested by Bavcevic Family*

**11:30am**

†Catherine O'Hara *Requested by Mary Lynne Wren*  
†Nora Corbett *Requested by Teresa McNamara*  
†Brieger Bellew *Requested by Teresa McNamara*

### Tuesday 5th May 2026 - 9am

†Adela & †Mike Gesior *Requested by Diane Zelma*

### Wednesday 6th May 2026 - 9am

In Thanksgiving *Requested by Tony Cioffi*

### Thursday 7th May 2026 - 9am

Healing Intentions for Christine & Phil *Requested by Tony Cioffi*

### Friday 8th May - 9am

†Stan & †Helen Franczak *Requested by Emerling Family*

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IN THE PARISH HALL**

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## ALPHA - Returns to OLP

We are happy to share that ALPHA has returned to Our Lady of Peace, and we began our first session on Tuesday, April 14th. So far, nearly 60 participants have experienced this journey of faith through our previous sessions—and the impact has been truly meaningful.

For those who may not be familiar, Alpha is a series of engaging videos and open conversations that explore the Christian faith in a welcoming and relaxed setting. Many who take part discover a deeper, more personal connection with God, and find their faith renewed and strengthened. The program continues over 11 weeks on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Each session begins with a shared meal and fellowship at 7:00 pm, followed by a video on a key topic and small group discussions over tea and coffee.

A special highlight of the course will be the Holy Spirit Weekend on Saturday, May 30th.

Even though we have already begun, it's not too late to join us! There is no cost—Alpha is completely free and open to everyone.

We warmly invite you to come and experience the joy, community, and transformation that Alpha offers. Join us downstairs in the parish hall any Tuesday evening.

For more information, please visit:

<https://olpeace.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/alpha-2026/>

## Interested in Becoming Catholic or Deepening Your Faith?

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 starts here!**

## Children's Summer Camp 2026

OLP Summer Camp Registration now open: **Children aged 6-12** are invited to OLP for **August 3rd-7th 2026**, from 8:50am-4:00pm. Details are available on our website. Please see our flyer & registration form here;

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