

# Our Lady Of Peace Parish

4th January 2026  
*The Epiphany 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.

## **Confession**

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

## **Adoration & Benediction**

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

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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 Epiphany of Our Lord

On this Feast of the Epiphany, the Word of God proclaims a powerful and hope-filled message: God's light has appeared, and it is meant for all. Isaiah cries out across the centuries, "Arise, shine, for your light has come!" These are not just poetic words for ancient Israel—they are a summons to us, here and now.

Isaiah speaks to a people living in darkness, uncertainty, and fear. Yet into that darkness, God promises light—His own glory rising like the dawn. This is not a private light meant for a few, but a light so radiant that nations are drawn to it, kings are guided by it, and hearts are set aflame with joy. The prophet's vision reaches its fulfillment in today's Gospel, where wise men from distant lands follow a star to Bethlehem.

The Magi represent the whole human family—seekers, outsiders, people from other cultures and traditions—who are drawn by God's light even when they do not yet know His name. They remind us that God is always ahead of us, guiding us gently, patiently, faithfully. While Herod is troubled and threatened by the newborn King, the Magi rejoice. Fear closes hearts; wonder opens them. The same Child who unsettles the powerful fills the humble with joy.

Saint Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, names this truth clearly: the great mystery has now been revealed—in Christ, there are no outsiders. Gentiles and Jews, men and women, rich and poor, strong and weak are all fellow heirs, members of one body, sharers in the same promise. The Epiphany is not only about Christ being revealed to the nations; it is about God revealing His dream for humanity: unity, dignity, and shared hope.

Psalm 72 gives us a picture of what life looks like when we truly allow Christ to reign. Justice flourishes. Peace abounds. The poor are defended. The needy are heard. This is not a distant fantasy; it is a mission entrusted to us. If Christ is King, then His values must shape our choices, our relationships, and our priorities.

The Magi teach us something deeply practical. They set out, they pay attention to the signs, they offer their best, and they return home by another road. Encountering Christ always changes us. Faith is not just about kneeling in adoration; it is about walking differently afterward—choosing compassion over comfort, courage over fear, generosity over indifference.

This week, the Epiphany invites us to ask: Where is God's light trying to break into my life? Whom is God calling me to welcome, include, or serve? What gift am I being asked to place before the Lord?

In a world still covered by darkness—violence, division, loneliness, and despair—we are called not to curse the darkness, but to shine. Our parish, our families, our workplaces can become places of Epiphany when we reflect Christ's light through kindness, justice, forgiveness, and hope.

Arise. Shine. The light has come—and through you, God wants that light to reach others.

### Episcopal Visitation at Our Lady of Peace Parish

Our Lady of Peace Parish is blessed to welcome ***His Excellency Bishop Ivan Camilleri*** for an Episcopal Visitation on January 9, 10, and 11.

During his visit, the Bishop will meet with the parish staff, volunteers, and members of our various ministries, offering encouragement and support as we continue our mission together.

**Bishop Camilleri will celebrate Mass with us on Saturday at 5:00 PM and Sunday at 10:00 AM.**  
Parishioners who wish to meet the Bishop personally will have the opportunity to do so after each Mass in the parish hall.

All are warmly invited to take part in this special moment of grace in the life of our parish and to keep the Bishop and our parish community in your prayers.

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday 3rd January 2026 - 5:00pm**

**Special Intentions of Gorge Pavao** Requested by Marta Pavao

**†Mary Bridget Peters** Requested by Doreen Peters

**Special Intentions of Antoinette Offi** Requested by Tony Cioffi

**Sunday 4th January 2026**

**10:00am**

**All the Souls in Purgatory** Requested by Marta Pavao

**†Ladislao Humawid** Requested by Ernst Humawid

**11:30am**

**†John, †Bill (William), & Adam Jarosz** Requested by

**Special Intentions of Antoinette Offi** Requested by Tony Cioffi

**Tuesday 6th January 2026 - 9am**

**†Deceased Family & Friends of the Cichy Family**

**Wednesday 7th January 2026 - 9am**

**†Deceased Family & Friends of the Cleetus Family**

**Thursday 8th January 2026 - 9am**

**†Deceased Family & Friends of Castrucci Family**

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

**†Stan Franczak** Requested by Czeslawa Emerling

**†Julian Molina** Requested by Eden Molina

**All the Souls in Purgatory** Requested by Kevin Madigan

**Special Intentions of Kevin Madigan**

### Sanctuary Candles



**Sacred Heart:** Dino Snidero

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Take a moment to inscribe your name and address on the envelopes for the initial weeks of 2026, offering an additional way to verify your contact details. We encourage you to include the donation amount on your envelope, providing valuable assistance to the counters. If you currently do not use donation envelopes, we urge you to consider adopting them or explore the option of enrolling in a monthly-preauthorized giving plan. (PAG) Both approaches contribute to the financial stability of your parish while ensuring you receive a beneficial tax receipt annually. Your ongoing support is deeply appreciated. Thank you!



The 2025-2026 Sunday Missals are ready for you at the back of the church.

Please consider a minimum \$5.00 donation

Recycle bins are located near the church exit doors, if you'd like to discard your Sunday Missals from past years.

**Faith & Fellowship**

**Coffee Sunday**  
January 11th 2026 After the  
10am & 11:30am Masses

# Thank You

As I reflect on the joy and grace of Christmas 2025, my heart is filled with deep gratitude for each and every person who helped make this sacred season truly beautiful at our parish.

First, thank you to all who celebrated the Christmas Masses with us. Your presence, prayer, and faith-filled participation brought life to our worship and reminded us that Christmas is most meaningful when we gather as one family in Christ.

I am especially grateful to all who made our Christmas liturgies prayerful, reverent, and inspiring: our dedicated choir and musicians, who lifted our hearts to God through sacred song; our altar servers, whose reverence and commitment enhanced our worship; our Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, and sacristans, who served faithfully and quietly behind the scenes; and all who ensured that every celebration flowed smoothly and beautifully.

My sincere thanks to those who donated flowers and helped decorate the sanctuary. The beauty of the church reflected the joy of Christ's birth and helped us enter more deeply into the mystery of the Incarnation.

I am deeply thankful for the generous donors of our parish, whose ongoing support makes our mission possible, not only at Christmas but throughout the year. Your generosity is a powerful expression of faith in action.

Thank you as well to all who sent Christmas cards, warm wishes, and thoughtful gifts. Your kindness, prayers, and remembrance are truly appreciated.

As we now step into a New Year, we do so with gratitude and hope. I ask God to bless you and your families with health, peace, and joy. May the new year be a truly grace-filled time of renewal, thanksgiving, and mission, as we celebrate 75 years of God's faithfulness and look forward with trust to all that lies ahead.

With sincere appreciation and prayers,

**Fr Biju**



### Children's Liturgy

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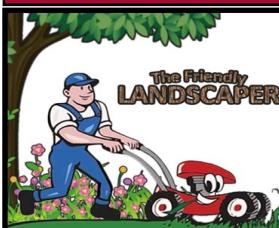
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