

# Our Lady Of Peace Parish

11th January 2026  
*The Baptism of the Our Lord*

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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.*

## Our Pastor

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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.*

## **“Beloved and Sent: Living Our Baptism”**

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, a feast that draws us to the waters of the Jordan—and just as importantly, back to the waters of our own baptism. This is not simply a memory from Jesus’ life; it is a revelation of who God is, who Jesus is, and who we are called to be.

In the Gospel, Jesus steps into the Jordan, joining a line of sinners seeking repentance. This alone is striking. The sinless One does not stand apart. He enters fully into human life, into our messiness, our struggles, our need for grace. When John hesitates, Jesus responds, “Let it be so for now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Righteousness here is not about rule-following; it is about right relationship—standing where humanity stands, so that humanity might be lifted up.

As Jesus rises from the water, the heavens open. The Spirit descends like a dove. The Father’s voice is heard: “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” This is a moment of deep intimacy and mission. Before Jesus performs a single miracle, before he preaches a single sermon, he is affirmed, loved, and claimed. Identity comes before activity. Love before mission.

Isaiah’s prophecy helps us understand the kind of Messiah Jesus is revealed to be. He is the Servant who does not shout or dominate, who does not crush the bruised reed or snuff out the dimly burning wick. This is God’s way: gentle, patient, faithful. Jesus brings justice not through force, but through compassion; not by overpowering, but by healing. He is a light to the nations, opening blind eyes and freeing those who live in darkness.

Psalms 29 reminds us that this gentle Servant is also the Lord of glory. The same God whose voice thunders over the waters now speaks words of peace. “The Lord will bless his people with peace.” At Jesus’ baptism, power and tenderness meet. God is not distant or harsh; God is near, present, and life-giving.

In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter proclaims the meaning of Jesus’ life: God shows no partiality. Jesus belongs to everyone. Anointed with the Holy Spirit and power, he “went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed.” This is the pattern of Christian life—not privilege, but service; not exclusion, but openness; not fear, but peace.

What does all this mean for us today? First, it reminds us of our own baptism. Each of us has been claimed by God, named as beloved, and filled with the Spirit. Baptism is not a past event we outgrow; it is a living identity we grow into. No matter our age, failures, or doubts, God still says to us: “You are my beloved.”

Second, it calls us to live our baptism daily. Like Christ, we are sent to bring light, to act justly, to heal rather than wound, to lift up rather than tear down. In a world marked by noise, anger, and division, baptized people are called to be signs of God’s peace—at home, at work, in the parish, and in the wider community.

Finally, this feast reassures us that God is with us. Just as the Spirit rested upon Jesus, the Spirit accompanies us in quiet strength. Even when we feel like bruised reeds or flickering wicks, God does not abandon us. He sustains us, renews us, and sends us forward.

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, let us renew our gratitude for the gift of our own baptism. May we listen for God’s voice over the waters of our lives, trust that we are deeply loved, and courageously live as people baptized into light, peace, and purpose.

### **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 10th January 2026 - 5:00pm**

**Our Lady of Peace Parishioners**

**Sunday 11th January 2026**

**10:00am**

**Special Intentions-Enrico Colosimo** *Requested by The Family*

†Daniel Novia *Requested by Vesna Jukic*

†Deceased Family Members of Mavi Maceda

**11:30am**

†Philomeno Vaz *Requested by Margaret & Santan Lobo*

**Tuesday 13th January 2026 - 9am**

**Special Intentions - Marcia Hazen** *Requested by Erin Bavcevic*

**Wednesday 14th January 2026 - 9am**

†Grazia Gianni *Requested by Nick & Mary Romano*

†Maria Nesci *Requested by The Family*

**Thursday 15th January 2026 - 9am**

†Ann & †Charlie Emerling *Requested by Czeslawa Emerling*

**Friday 16th January - 9:00am**

†Deceased Family & Friends of the Emily Colosimo

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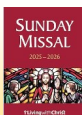
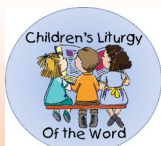
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### **Children's Liturgy**

**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 2025-2026 Sunday Missals** are ready for you at the back of the church. Please consider a minimum \$5.00 donation

## **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.



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