

Our Lady Of Peace Parish

26th April 2026
Fourth 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

Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals

Please contact the Parish
Office

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For assistance, please call
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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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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.

Good Shepherd Sunday: Called, Known, and Sent

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates Good Shepherd Sunday, a day that invites us to reflect deeply on the loving care of Christ, who calls each of us by name. It is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, reminding us that every member of the Church shares in the responsibility of fostering vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate, and the consecrated life.

From the earliest pages of Scripture, God is revealed as a Shepherd who lovingly guides His people. The familiar words of Psalm 23 remind us: "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." This image expresses a relationship of trust, care, and faithful guidance. God provides, protects, and leads His people with tenderness and strength.

In the first reading from Acts of the Apostles, we hear Peter proclaim the heart of the Gospel message. Speaking boldly after Pentecost, he tells the people that Jesus, whom they crucified, is both Lord and Messiah. This proclamation pierces their hearts and leads them to ask, "What must we do?" Peter's answer is clear: repent, be baptized, and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. In other words, enter into the flock of the Good Shepherd and begin a new life in Him.

The second reading from First Letter of Peter deepens this image. Jesus is presented as the Shepherd who suffered for us, bearing our sins so that we might be healed. "By His wounds you have been healed," Peter tells us. Once we were like sheep gone astray, but now we have returned to the Shepherd and guardian of our souls. Christ's love is not distant or abstract—it is sacrificial, personal, and redemptive.

In the Gospel from Gospel of John, Jesus reveals Himself not only as the Good Shepherd but also as the Gate. He is the one who leads us to life and the one through whom we enter into safety and salvation. Unlike hired hands who abandon the sheep, Jesus remains faithful. He knows His sheep personally, calls them by name, and lays down His life for them.

This message is deeply meaningful in today's world, where many people feel unknown, reduced to numbers, or lost in the crowd. Yet Jesus assures us that we are never just a number to Him. He knows us intimately, loves us personally, and calls us into relationship with Him.

Good Shepherd Sunday also challenges us to reflect on our own vocation. Each of us is called in a unique way to follow Christ and to share in His mission. Some are called to ordained ministry or consecrated life, but all are called to live lives of love, service, and faithfulness.

We are also reminded that many among us are "shepherds" in their own way—parents, teachers, caregivers, and leaders. We are entrusted with the care of others. Like Christ, we are called to guide, protect, and serve with compassion and responsibility.

At the same time, we are also the sheep of His flock. We are invited to listen to His voice, to follow His guidance, and to remain close to Him through prayer, the Sacraments, and the life of the Church. Our parish becomes our sheepfold, a place of nourishment, support, and belonging.

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, let us pray earnestly for those whom God is calling. May young people be open to His voice. May families nurture faith and generosity. And may our entire community support and encourage vocations through prayer and example.

Above all, let us remember this comforting truth: we are known, we are loved, and we are never alone. Christ, our Good Shepherd, walks with us, leads us, and calls us to fullness of life.

May we listen to His voice—and follow where He leads.

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.

Parishioner Envelopes Notice: Attention: Envelope #: 212 & 293

Parishioners with the above envelope numbers are asked to contact the Parish Office ***immediately*** to provide their donor information. A tax receipt cannot be issued at year end without this information. Thank you

Mass Intentions

Saturday 25th April 2026

†**Ryan Fahey** Requested by Nesbit Family
†**Peter Ferrante** Requested by Bernardita Ferrante
For those who are sick & suffering with cancer
Requested by Tony Cioffi

Sunday 26th April 2026

10:00am

Birthdays Intentions for Kevin Madigan

11:30am

†**Carmina & †Domenica Domanicini** Requested by Genoveffa (Jenny) Jarosz
†**Anna & †Joseph Laposta** Requested by Genoveffa (Jenny) Jarosz
†**Vincenzo & †Philomena Domanicini** Requested by Genoveffa (Jenny) Jarosz

Tuesday 28th April 2026 - 9am

†**Philomeno Vaz**
†**Magdalene D'Abreo**
†**Carmine Storino (6 months)** Requested by Lucia and Family

Wednesday 29th April 2026 - 9am

Special Intentions for **Antoinetta Offi** Requested by Tony Cioffi
Healing Intentions for **Rick Gomez** Requested by Tony Cioffi

Thursday 30th April 2026 - 9am

†**Luigi Stellato** Requested by Tony Cioffi

First Friday 1st May - 9am Eucharistic adoration following the 9am Mass until 10:15am. Closing with Benediction.



†**Ante Bavcevic** Requested by The Bavcevic

Sanctuary Candles

Tabernacle: Rocco Rago
Requested by the Noronha Family



Volunteer Appreciation Evening

Our Lady of Peace

Dear Volunteers & Staff,

You are warmly invited to a Volunteer Appreciation Evening on Friday, **May 1st, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM** in the parish hall.

This informal gathering is a small way for us to express our sincere gratitude for your generous service and to celebrate the dedication and commitment you bring to our parish in so many ways. Your time, talents, and faithful presence continue to enrich our community and strengthen our life together in Christ.

Please join us for an evening of good food, fellowship, and appreciation as we come together to thank you and celebrate all that you do. Bring a dessert

Kindly inform the parish office of your intention to attend and perhaps bring a dessert!

We look forward to sharing this special evening with you.

Fr. Biju Kannampuzha Pastor

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; <https://olpeace.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/summer-camp-2026/>

Printed forms available at the back of the church



The next meeting of the Catholic Moms Group is on **Wednesday, April 29th 10am-12pm** in the Blue Room at Our Lady of Peace. For more info visit

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