

Our Lady Of Peace Parish

1st March 2026
Second Sunday of Lent

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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.
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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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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“Get Up, Do Not Be Afraid: From Promise to Transformation”

The readings for this Sunday invite us on a journey—out of fear and comfort, and into trust, transformation, and mission.

That journey begins with **Abram**. God’s call to him is clear but deeply unsettling: “*Go from your country... to the land that I will show you.*” Abram is given no map, no timeline, and no guarantees of comfort or success. He is given only a promise—and a choice. In Scripture, faith rarely means having everything explained in advance. More often, it means taking the next step simply because God has spoken. Abram goes, not because he understands where the road will lead, but because he trusts the One who calls him. His obedience becomes a blessing—not only for himself, but for “*all the families of the earth.*”

This same spirit of trust is echoed in **Psalm 33**. The psalm teaches us that hope is not optimism or wishful thinking. True hope is rooted in the steadfast love of the Lord. “*Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.*” Waiting for God is not passive resignation; it is an active choice to rely on God rather than on our own control, plans, or certainties. In a world that urges us to secure everything for ourselves, the Word of God gently but firmly calls us to place our hope elsewhere.

Saint Paul deepens this invitation in the Second Letter to Timothy. He speaks honestly about the cost of the Gospel: faithfulness will involve struggle and even suffering. Yet Paul anchors this realism in hope. God’s grace is not earned by our accomplishments, nor undone by our weakness. It is grace given before the ages began and revealed fully in **Jesus Christ**, who has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light. The Christian life is not about proving our worthiness; it is about trusting God’s purpose and living courageously within it.

The Gospel then takes us up the mountain with Jesus, Peter, James, and John. In the Transfiguration, the disciples are granted a glimpse of who Jesus truly is. His glory shines through, and Moses and Elijah appear, representing the Law and the Prophets—testifying that all of God’s saving work leads to this moment. Overwhelmed by the experience, Peter wants to remain there. He wants to build tents, to preserve the moment, to stay in the brightness of glory.

How deeply human that response is. We too often want faith without descent, light without the valley, prayer without responsibility. But the voice from heaven gently redirects the disciples: “*This is my Son, the Beloved... listen to him.*” Not simply admire him. Not cling to the experience. Listen to him.

Then comes one of the most tender moments in the Gospel. The disciples fall to the ground in fear. Jesus comes close, touches them, and says, “*Get up and do not be afraid.*” The glory of God does not crush them; it restores them. The encounter with God is not meant to trap us on the mountain but to strengthen us for the journey ahead.

As they come down the mountain, Jesus leads them back into ordinary life—where misunderstanding, suffering, and eventually the cross await. But they descend changed. They have seen his glory. They have heard the Father’s voice. They now walk with a deeper clarity and courage.

These readings invite us to ask some honest questions. What is God asking me to leave behind so that I can follow more freely? Where am I tempted to remain comfortable rather than obedient? Do I listen to Jesus only when it is easy, or also when his words challenge me? And when fear overwhelms me, do I allow Jesus to touch my life and say again, “*Do not be afraid*”?

Lent is our mountain moment—a sacred time to see more clearly who Christ is and who we are called to become. But Lent is also preparation for the descent: for faithful daily living, quiet courage, and lives that become a blessing for others. Like Abram and like the disciples, we are called to trust the promise, listen to the Son, and move forward even when the path is not fully clear.

This is why the Lenten Mission this week at Our Lady of Peace is such a timely and grace-filled invitation for our parish. A mission is more than a series of talks or services; it is a sacred pause—a moment when God invites us to step away from what is familiar and enter more deeply into trust. It is our opportunity to climb the mountain with Jesus, to listen more attentively to his voice, and to allow him to touch our fears with his reassuring words: “*Get up and do not be afraid.*”

During this mission, the Lord desires to renew our hope, strengthen our faith, and prepare our hearts for the mystery of Easter. He longs to show us again who he is—and who we are meant to be. Like the disciples, we may come carrying burdens, questions, and fears. Like them, we may prefer what feels safe and familiar. Yet Christ calls us forward: to prayer that transforms, to repentance that frees, and to a faith that does not remain on the mountain but walks courageously into daily life.

The Lenten Mission is a moment of grace. Let us not allow it to pass us by. Let us come, listen, and place our hope once more in the steadfast love of the Lord—so that, like Abram, our lives too may become a blessing for others.

Lenten Recollection, Reconciliation & Healing Mission



Lent is a sacred season of grace — a time to pause, to return to the Lord, and to allow Him to heal what is wounded within us.

We invite you to experience a powerful Lenten Mission where the light of Christ can touch your heart, lift your burdens, and lead you to forgiveness, freedom, and new life.

Our Lady of Peace Parish warmly welcomes you and your family to these special days of prayer and renewal, led by

Fr. Roy Palatty, CMI

Spiritual Director of Shalom World, gifted preacher, and Professor of Philosophy.

Mission Schedule

Sat, Feb 28: 5:00 p.m. – Holy Mass & Talk

Sun, Mar 1: 10:00 a.m. – Holy Mass & Talk & 11:30 a.m. – Holy Mass & Talk

Mon, Mar 2: 7:00–9:00 p.m. – Holy Mass | Talk | Eucharistic Adoration

Tue, Mar 3: 7:00–9:00 p.m. – Holy Mass | Talk | Eucharistic Adoration

Wed, Mar 4: 6:00–9:00 p.m. – Confessions | Holy Mass | Healing Adoration

As we celebrate our **75th Anniversary**, this mission is a beautiful moment of grace — not only to renew our parish, but to renew our hearts, our families, and our relationship with God.

All are welcome — individuals, couples, and families.

Come and be renewed in Christ.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Join us every Friday during Lent in the **Parish Hall**. **6:30 pm** – Soup Supper

7:30 pm – Stations of the Cross

Homemade soup, bread, and water will be served. A **goodwill donation of \$5** is appreciated. ***If you are able to make soup for any of the following dates: **February, 27; March 6, 13, 20, or 27**, please leave your name and phone number with the Parish



Mass Intentions

Saturday 28th February 2026 - 5:00pm

†**Joseph & †Margaret McRae** Requested by The McRae Family

†**Philomeno Vaz** Requested by The Family

Special Intentions for newly married Neil Fernandes & Alana Dmello

Sunday 1st March 2026

10:00am

†**Deceased Members of the Samson Family** Requested by Samson Family

†**Luiza Perucello 1st Anniversary** Requested by The Zirnhelt Family

11:30am

†**Stefan Lavor** Requested by Halina Lavor & Family

†**Bernie Cote** Requested by Zirnhelt Family

†**Anthony Jonus Boschi** Requested by Zirnhelt Family

†**Costantino Vinante** Requested by Vicky Iamascia

Monday 2nd March 2026 - 7pm

†**Michael Walker** Requested by Maryanne Walker

Tuesday 3rd March 2026 (NO 9AM)- 7pm

Special Intentions for Anne Marie Cserer

Requested by Mary Ann Prykan

Wednesday 4th March 2026 (NO 9AM)- 7pm

†**Mikele Lista** Requested by Rosanne Lista

Special Intentions for Antoinette Offi

Thursday 5th March 2026 - 9am

†**Cardid Barbero** Requested by Eden Molina

†**Frank De Luca** Requested by De Luca Family

Friday 6th March - 9am

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

Special Intention for Lorena Duran Requested by Kevin Madigan

Special Intentions of Kevin Madigan



TUESDAY TREASURES!

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