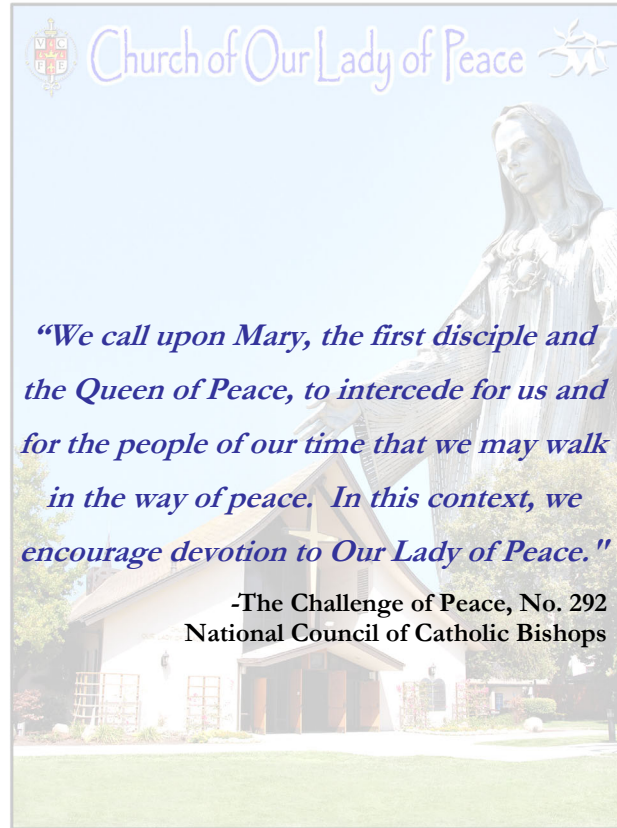


Welcome

Our Lady of Peace Church is located in Santa Clara, California, the heart of Silicon Valley, and is considered a "second home" by many of the parishioners that worship here. It is a serene and peaceful place of worship that maintains the rich traditions of the Roman Catholic Church and is also dedicated to the Perpetual Adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Perpetual Adoration, begun by Monsignor John J. Sweeny has continued for over 30 years.

Our Lady of Peace Church is also the home of the Shrine dedicated to our Blessed Mother. The Shrine of our Blessed Mother has been a focal point for many people seeking inspiration and comfort and to pray.

Our Lady of Peace Church is open 24 hours a day, all year round.



Our Lady of Peace Church & Shrine

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Or Visit us at www.olop-shrine.org

Parish Services are conducted by the Fathers of the
Institute of the Incarnate Word (IVE).



www.iveamerica.org

Shrine of Our Lady of Peace

Dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Our Lady's Image

In August of 1980, Msgr. John J. Sweeny, then pastor of Our Lady of Peace Church in Santa Clara, California, commissioned Charles C. Parks, a noted sculptor, of Wilmington, Delaware, to design a 32-foot stainless steel statue of Our Lady. Thus began a remarkable odyssey, of a truly extraordinary image of the Blessed Virgin, the Mother of God.

When completed, the statue was blessed and dedicated by Bishop Pierre DuMaine of the Diocese of San Jose. The ceremony took place October 7, 1983, on the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary and we received a special blessing for the dedication ceremony from Pope John Paul II.

After 25 years, the Shrine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at Our Lady of Peace is still the only major Marian Shrine on the West Coast between Our Lady of Sorrows Shrine in Portland, Oregon, (over 700 miles to the north), and the famous Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, (over 2,300 miles to the south).

Because of the Shrine, thousands of people visit the shrine weekly from neighboring parishes and from across the country. All are welcome to participate in our many programs and services.

First Friday

An all-night vigil is held monthly, beginning with the celebration of the Eucharist at 7:30 p.m. and concluding with First Saturday Mass at 5:00 a.m. Since October 7, 1969, people have come together in the Church of Our Lady of Peace to spend the night in prayer.

Fatima Pilgrimage

On the thirteenth day of each month from May through October a special remembrance of Our Lady of Fatima begins with Mass at 7:30 p.m. In 1917, Mary appeared to three children in Fatima, Portugal, on those days and invited the entire world to pray for peace. This pilgrimage reproduces the identical ceremonies celebrated at Fatima with a candlelight rosary procession and blessing of the sick.

Weekly Holy Hour/Eucharistic Celebration

Every Tuesday, at 11:00a.m., we celebrate a holy hour in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction in honor of Mary.

Perpetual Adoration

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed day and night, 24/7 for perpetual adoration. This is symbolic of the great truth that devotion to Mary leads us to Jesus.

Parish Life

Although the Church of Our Lady of Peace serves a small residential community of parishioners within its Diocesan boundaries, we are home to thousands of Catholics who live in Northern California and/or are a second home to visitors nationwide. We celebrate over 27 Masses each week and offer confession prior to every Mass, each Saturday afternoon, and by appointment in the rectory. Each year, on average, we provide religious education to over 800 individuals, marry 70 couples, and baptize over 270 individuals.

The staff and volunteers working in the rectory office are happy to provide you the information you need to visit our shrine, register as a parishioner or prepare for baptism, reserve use of the hall, etc. If we cannot answer your questions, we would be happy to refer you to someone who can.

Parish Library

Visit our library, located in Room 1214 on the 2nd Floor of the Family Learning Center, and choose from nearly 9,000 items available for all ages (educational, fiction, family oriented DVD's and more). Based 100% on donations and run by parishioners, the library was started May 31, 1999 and has grown to a patron list of over 800.

Gift Shop

Our Lady of Peace Gift Shop is a full service, one-stop shop for Catholic books, goods, and services, including a wide selection of statues, images, rosaries, sacramentals, and audio/visual media.

The Gift Shop is located on the north corner of the Family Learning center across from the rectory. It is easily located by the blue awning above the entrance of the store.

Mass/Liturgy

Over 5,000 people attend Mass each weekend and we have opportunities for parishioners to serve as altar boys, lectors, ushers, singers, musicians, or to assist the Altar Society. For more information, contact the rectory or pick up a copy of our bulletin in the Church.

Religious Education

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that the purpose of our life is to know, love and serve God in order to be happy with Him forever in heaven. Knowledge of God attracts us to Him and excites love in us for Him. Love unites us intimately with God, and this love is expressed by the way we live (service). To help parishioners continue in their search to know God and to receive Holy Sacraments, Our Lady of Peace offers an ongoing program of religious education for children and adults, through our School of Religion.

The Institute of the Incarnate Word (IVE)

The IVE is a Religious Institute founded by Rev. Carlos Buela in Argentina. It was started in 1984 with a small number of priests and seminarians. Their goal is following Jesus Christ, and Him crucified, through the profession of the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, taking the Blessed Virgin Mary as protectress and guide. The IVE consecrates themselves to her according to the method laid down by Saint Louis de Montfort. Their specific goal, following the call of His Holiness John Paul II, is the evangelization of culture. Its pastoral work is principally in the form of the preaching of missions according to Saint Alphonsus Liguori, as well as the Spiritual Exercises according to Saint Ignatius of Loyola. The IVE assists local Bishops in staffing seminary faculties for clergy formation and operating parishes and schools.

On March 19, 1988, Fr. Buela founded the 'Institute of the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara,' as the feminine branch of the Institute of the Incarnate Word. The clergy and religious sisters live the same founding charism and evangelical mission. Our Lady of Peace benefits from having both the male and feminine branch in residence.

The support for the work of the Institute is carried out by many lay people who share in the religious family in one form or another. Many of them have requested to belong to the Third Order of the I.V.E., living various lifestyles and apostolic commitments.

Support

To help maintain this beautiful Shrine to the Blessed Virgin Mary, we gratefully accept your financial contributions and support through prayer. Donations may be left in depositories placed throughout the Shrine property, left in the collection basket, or brought to the rectory.