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God is With us!

*May the joy of Christ's coming fill our hearts and
make us instruments of God's peace.*

Welcome, Visitors

Our Lady of Peace Parish warmly welcomes visitors joining us for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Your presence here is a sign of life in our community. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

Grateful Disciples & Stewards

According to the Archdiocese of Toronto's Pastoral Plan

"Our parishes are spiritual homes for the faithful where we meet one another to encounter Christ...Each of us needs to be fully engaged as a disciple of Jesus, grateful for what we have received from God, and eager to share it creatively and responsibly.

*This is the spirit of deep stewardship"
In the spirit of stewardship, OLP needs your faithful assistance in sharing your gift of time, talent, and treasure in building up a strong community.*

Please consider joining one of our ministries in the parish.

Be a cheerful steward!

Volunteers Make Our Parish

Get to know the various volunteer ministries in our parish. You are invited to consider joining any one of them with your God given talents.

Please consult the white binders placed at the back of the church for description of the various ministries and registration forms. For further information, please call the church office.

Care of the Sick

Please notify the Pastor to make arrangements for visits.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

For assistance, please call the **Parish Office** at **416-239-1259** and Select **Option 5** and leave your first and last name and phone number where you can be reached. Please remember our Society of St. Vincent de Paul's *neighbours in need*. Thank you for your kind donation as you leave the church today.

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Over the past two Sundays the Gospel readings have introduced us to John the Baptist as the herald chosen "to prepare the way" of the messiah. On this Fourth Sunday, we meet Joseph, the husband of Mary. In Matthew's Gospel it is Joseph who is told of Jesus's conception and Jesus' role as the messiah whereas in the Gospel of Luke, it is Mary who is told the news in the Annunciation story. When Joseph found out that his fiancé Mary was already pregnant before they came to live together, according to Mosaic Law the only option he had was to divorce Mary. But, an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and revealed the identity of the baby Mary was carrying. And so, Joseph did exactly what the angel told him to do-that he should not be afraid to take Mary as his wife. Have we wondered what made Joseph be obedient to God and to put his trust in God at that particular challenging moment of his life? What can we learn from Joseph? As part of our spiritual preparation to celebrate Christmas in a few days' time, Joseph can be a model for us as people of faith. We are invited to learn to develop an attitude to that of Joseph who surrendered himself to God. As things become fast paced and there is so much to do before Christmas, we are encouraged to learn to become more and more trusting and obedient to God and to open our hearts to the working of the Spirit. When we strive to follow in the footsteps of Joseph, we may learn to become more loving in our relationships with God and with one another. This is the spirit of the celebration of Christmas--God is with us.

Fr. Yaw

The Spirit of Christmas

Let us celebrate the Christmas Season in the spirit of stewardship by sharing our gifts of time, talent and treasure with others.

Going Away for Christmas

We wish you safe travels and God's blessings.
We look forward to seeing you again.

MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 24	Tue	5:00 PM	General Intentions
Dec 24	Tue	9:00 PM	General Intentions
Dec 25	Wed	9:00 AM	General Intentions
Dec 25	Wed	11:00 AM	General Intentions
Dec 26	Thur	9:00 AM	+ Nazzareno Nizzero
Dec 27	Fri	9:00 AM	+ Umberto Orsini
Dec 28	Sat	9:00 AM	+ Francesco & + Constantina Pellegrino
Dec 29	Sun	9:00 AM	OLP Parishioners
Dec 29	Sun	11:00 AM	+ Lorraine & + Michael McCart



SANCTUARY CANDLES



December 22 - 28

Tabernacle: + Brian & + Gary McDougall

Sunday Collection

December 14 / December 15, 2019

Envelopes:	\$ 3,263.05
Loose:	\$ 244.80
PAG:	\$ 954.24
TOTAL:	\$ 4,462.09

*Your regular offerings help to run the parish.
Thank you for your generosity.*

Fourth Annual Christmas Pageant

There will be a short Christmas Pageant performed by our children (ages 4 - 10) just before the 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass, Tuesday, December 24, 2019.

Solemnity of the Divine Motherhood of Mary

As part of our celebration of this Solemnity of Mary, the Patroness of our community, Bishop John Boissonneau will come and celebrate the Mass at 5:00 PM, Tuesday, December 31, 2019.

Holy Day of Obligation

A Holy Day of Obligation is a day on which the faithful are expected to attend Mass and to engage in rest from work and recreation in accordance with the Third Commandment. In Canada, the Canadian Council of Catholic Bishops has decreed that the Holy Days of Obligation to be observed are all Sundays of the Liturgical Year, Christmas Day and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on New Year's Day. The celebrations of the Solemnities of Epiphany, the Ascension of the Lord, the Holy Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ (*Corpus Christi*) are transferred to the following Sunday.



God's Blessings

Wishing you and your family God's blessings this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year.

- Our Lady of Peace Staff -

Christmas & New Years' Schedule

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24, 2019

5:00 PM & 9:00 PM

Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25, 2019

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Feast of St. Stephen - Thurs December 26, 2019

9:00 AM

Feast of the Holy Family (Vigil)

Saturday, December 28, 2019

5:00 PM

Feast of the Holy Family Sunday, December 29, 2019

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Mary, Mother of God (Vigil) Tuesday, Dec 31, 2019

5:00 PM

Mass celebrated by

Most Reverend John Boissonneau

Mary, Mother of God - Wednesday, January 01, 2020

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Regular schedule continues from

Thursday, January 02, 2020

Office Hours During Christmas

Wednesday, December 25, 2019 - Closed

Thursday, December 26, 2019 - Closed

Wednesday, January 01, 2020 - Closed

Regular schedule resumes on

Thursday, January 02, 2020.

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