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Parish Office Hours:
Mon-Fri 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass:
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass:
Tuesday to Saturday and Holidays: 9:00 a.m.
First Friday of the Month: 9 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Reconciliation:
Saturday 4:15 p.m -4:45 p.m.

Baptisms: Every 2nd Sunday of the month.
For registered parishioners. Contact the Parish Office for more information on the Baptismal Preparation process.

Marriages: One year in advance notice. For registered parishioners. A Marriage Course is required. No date may be set before meeting with the priest.



Schools:

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416-733-8544

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.

THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Today as we celebrate the Feast of the baptism of Jesus, the three readings offer us an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of Jesus' baptism and the importance of our own baptism as disciples of Jesus. The readings help us to see that the baptism of Jesus revealed his identity as the Son of God and his mission as a servant of God. There is a connection between the baptism of Jesus to his mission as a servant. Jesus' ministry began with his baptism.

The retired Pope Benedict describes Jesus' solidarity with us as "with our efforts to convert and to be rid of our selfishness, to break away from our sins in order to tell us as that if we accept him in our life, he can uplift us and lead us to the heights of God the Father."

What does our own baptism mean to us? Today's celebration calls us to reflect on our baptism through the perspective of the baptism of our Lord. As Jesus' baptism inaugurated his mission to serve, our own baptism calls us to serve. As we celebrate the baptism of our Lord, we are reminded that as baptized people, we are encouraged to see our baptism as our commitment to serve--to use our God-given gifts of time, talents and treasure to help promote love, peace, justice and healing in our world.

Fr. Yaw

THE SEASON OF ORDINARY TIME - LITURGICAL YEAR A

This year the Season of Ordinary Time also known as the Season of the Year, begins on Monday after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday, January 12, 2020. The Feast of the Lord's Baptism serves as the First Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Ordinary Time will continue till Tuesday February 25 leading us into the Season of Lent from Ash Wednesday, February 26. The Season of Ordinary Time resumes on the Monday, June 1 after the Sunday of the Solemnity of Pentecost on May 31. The Season of Ordinary Time is the longest of the liturgical Seasons with thirty-four Sundays. The Thirty-Fourth Sunday is the last Sunday in Ordinary Time and it is celebrated as the Solemnity of Christ the King. The Thirty-Fourth week ends the Ordinary Time and a new Liturgical Year and a new Season, Advent begins.

The Liturgical Year is structured to help us celebrate and understand the spiritual significance of the mysteries of Jesus. During Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The people of God offer praise by celebrating the Paschal Mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus. The Church encourages the faithful to participate in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist especially on Sundays which are Holy Days of Obligation. The liturgical colour for Ordinary Time is green.



Jan 14	Tue	9:00 AM	+ Sr. Mary Perpetual
Jan 15	Wed	9:00 AM	Malou & Rene Andrada 45 th Wedding Anniversary
Jan 16	Thur	9:00 AM	Malou & Rene Andrada 45 th Wedding Anniversary
Jan 17	Fri	9:00 AM	+ Addey Pinto
Jan 18	Sat	9:00 AM	Malou & Rene Andrada 45 th Wedding Anniversary
Jan 18	Sat	5:00 PM	+ Dan & + Wayne Currie
Jan 19	Sun	9:00 AM	OLP Parishioners
Jan 19	Sun	11:00 AM	+ Lorraine & + Michael McCart



January 12 - January 18
Sacred Heart: + Anna Cavalcante
Tabernacle: + Enrico Colosimo

Sacramental Preparation

First Confession & First Holy Communion

The Children's Liturgy Program continues next weekend
Sunday, January 19, 2020 @ the 11:00 AM Mass.
 Children in **Group 1** will do the presentation of the
 Gifts of Bread & Wine.

Confirmation Enrollment

Enrollment of candidates will take place at ***all***
 the Masses this weekend – **Saturday 5:00 PM /**
Sunday 9:00 AM / 11:00 AM

Archdiocese of Toronto
Formation of Lectors

Saturday, January 18, 2020 – 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
St. Patrick's Parish - 139 McCaul Street, Toronto
Register: <http://bit.ly/LectorFormation-Jan2020>
Email: Ella Okonkwo formation@archtoronto.org
Phone: 416-934-3400 Ext 523
 Refreshments will be provided. No cost to attend.

Sunday Collection
January 04 / 05, 2020

Envelopes:	\$ 2,751.75
Loose:	\$ 358.40
PAG:	\$ 1,214.55
TOTAL:	\$ 4,324.70

Collection for the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
will be published in next week's bulletin.

Maintenance Fund - December 2019

Balance as of June 16/19	\$ (1,419.45)
Monthly donations via PAG	\$ 743.00
Collection #3- September 8/19	\$ 4,737.55
Collection #4 – December 1/19	<u>\$ 4,434.71</u>
New balance	\$ 8,495.81
Less expense items:	
Church furnace blower motor replacement	\$ 1,652.05
Church doors (3) panic bar replacement (to ensure doors lock after closing)	\$ 1,737.50
Church ceiling bulbs replaced with donated LED light bulbs (to reduce electricity costs)	\$ 1,380.00
Parish share of cross replacement costs (insurance deductible and cross base repairs)	\$ 2,900.00
New fire alarm monitoring panel and service (new technology prevents false fire alarms)	<u>\$ 826.26</u>
Total expenses	\$ 8,495.81
Maintenance Fund as of December 31/19	\$ 0.00

With the help of your donations to the Maintenance Fund collections, we have continued to focus on important repairs to keep major equipment functioning, reduced electricity costs by using LED energy efficient bulbs, paid the costs of un-insured roof cross repairs and installed equipment to prevent false fire alarms.

Your generous support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.



Update - December 2019

Our parish has received the 7th payment distribution from the Family of Faith. Since inception, we have received a total of \$99,850.05. Half of that amount, \$49,925.03, has been evenly applied to reduce our "Celebrating the Legacy" Capital Campaign loan and our Archdiocesan Debt. The other half has been used for the projects outlined in the approved Family of Faith case statement and described in previous bulletin updates.

The \$4,646.25 received in November was used to reduce the advance taken from Family of Faith for the rectory repairs completed in late 2017 and 2018. Future distributions will continue to be applied to the advance, currently at \$28,236.16, until it is reduced to zero.

Please continue to fulfill your Family of Faith pledges. Your donations play a key role in the long-term success of the parish and Archdiocesan projects. Thank you for your generous support!

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