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**PASTOR:** Fr. Yaw Acheampong

**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.



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**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.

**Ministry Workshops**

Fr. Yaw will be hosting a series of short workshops to all volunteers (both old and new). Each workshop will take place in the church at 10:00 AM on Saturdays.

Please plan to attend.

Workshops for the following ministries are as follows:

**Lectors (Weekdays/Sundays) : February 29, 2020**

**Eucharist Ministers : March 21, 2020**

(Including Ministers for Shut-ins & Eatonville)

**THE SEASON OF LENT**

On Ash Wednesday (Feb. 26) we begin a new journey of faith—a journey of spiritual renewal when we focus on the Passion of Christ and his death on the Cross. Jesus' death on the cross speaks to us about God's love and mercy for his people. Jesus calls us who believe in him to take up our cross and follow him. To live out the Christian faith therefore means to embrace the cross as a way of life. What does it mean to embrace the cross? This year, let us focus on how we as disciples can truly embrace the cross. Learning to embrace the cross may help us develop a positive attitude to change from our former ways to becoming spiritually closer to God. To embrace the cross does not call us to do what we might consider great and extraordinary things. In fact, as shown by the lives of the saints, to embrace the cross means committing ourselves to doing what is pleasing in the sight of God. This calls us to make sacrifices in our lives for the sake of others. According to Pope Francis in his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, (The Joy of the Gospel): "When we stand before Jesus crucified, we see the depth of his love which exalts and sustains us, but at the same time unless we are blind, we begin to realize that Jesus' gaze, burning with love, expands to embrace all his people." (268). When we genuinely open ourselves with contrite hearts to be transformed by the Spirit of love of Christ, we learn how to carry our own cross so that the love of Christ is real and present in our communities.

**Excerpted from: Fr. Yaw Acheampong  
"Lent, A Season of Discernment to Embrace the Cross" in Catholic Register, (February 23, 2020)**

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES**

Community Masses with distribution of ashes will take place at **9AM** and **7PM** in the church.

School Masses and Distribution of Ashes:

**10:00 AM**

**For Our Lady of Peace School  
At Our Lady of Peace Church**

**1:15 PM**

**At St. Elizabeth School**

**2019 Tax Receipts**

Are available in the **Monsignor Percy Johnson Hall** this weekend **after** all the Masses.



Feb 25	Tue	9:00 AM	+ Angus MacDonald
Feb 26	Wed	9:00 AM	No Announced Mass
Feb 26	Wed	7:00 PM	No Announced Mass
Feb 27	Thur	9:00 AM	+ Brian & + Gary McDougall
Feb 29	Sat	9:00 AM	+ Drina Leljak
Feb 29	Sat	5:00 PM	OLP Parishioners
Mar 01	Sun	9:00 AM	+ Brian & + Gary McDougall
Feb 23	Sun	11:00 AM	+ Emerentienne Boudreau



**February 23 – February 29**

**Sacred Heart:** St. Joseph:  
**Tabernacle:** Monaco/Spina Families

**Sacramental Preparation**

**First Confession & First Holy Communion**

The Children’s Liturgy Program continues next weekend **Sunday, March 01, 2020 @ the 11:00 AM Mass**. Children in **Group 6** will do the presentation of the Gifts of Bread & Wine.

**First Communion Classes for Students of Alternate Schools**

Classes will continue on **Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 10:00 AM** in the **Monsignor Percy Johnson Hall**.

**Sacramental Preparation Confirmation**

Lessons continue on **Tuesday, February 25 at 5:30 PM**.  
**Please be punctual!**

**Sunday Collection**  
**February 15 / 16, 2020**

Envelopes:	\$ 3,383.50
Loose:	\$ 352.85
PAG:	\$ 1,125.80
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 4,862.15</b>

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

*Mary, Mother of God – Pray for Us*

**Lenten Retreat**

**“Up and Down the Mountain with Jesus Peter, James & John”**

To be directed by **Monsignor Jim Hutton** of the **Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie** at Our Lady of Peace.

**March 7 / 8 Vigil & Sunday Masses**

The Transfiguration event for Jesus

**Monday, March 9 – Mass at 7:00 PM**

The Transfiguration event for Peter and us

**Tuesday, March 10 – Mass at 7:00 PM**

The Transfiguration event for James and us

**Wednesday, March 11 – Mass at 7:00 PM**

The Transfiguration event for John and us

**Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday during Lent beginning at **6:30 PM** followed by Mass at **7:00 PM**

**Lenten Supper of Soup & Bread**

Our community will have *Lenten Soup and Bread* for supper every **Friday** after the **7PM Mass** in the **Monsignor Percy Johnson Hall**. There will be different types of homemade soups. We can use this light meal as a sign of the austerity that characterizes the Season of Lent. The supper costs \$5 per person.

**OLP Pancake Brunch**

Will take place this weekend on **Sunday, February 23** after the **11:00 AM Mass** in the **Monsignor Percy Johnson Hall**.  
**Adults \$10 Children under 12 \$5**  
Donations of desserts greatly appreciated.  
Tickets available at the door.



**2020 Parish Campaign**

Share Life Parish Campaign Sunday collections will be made on **March 29, May 03 & June 07**.

Our parish goal this year is **\$67,700.00**.

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