

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

A WELCOMING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



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PASTOR: Fr. Yaw Acheampong

Parish Office Hours:

Please see inside of bulletin for details.

CELEBRATION OF MASS:

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS IN PLACE

Please see inside of bulletin for details.

Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday to Saturday and Holidays: 9:00 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction:

First Friday of the Month: 6:00 p.m., followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Reconciliation:

Saturday after 9:00 a.m. Mass until 10:30 am

Baptisms: For registered parishioners, please contact the Parish Office for more information of the Baptismal Preparation process & celebration.

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:

Our Lady of Peace School:

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416-733-8544

Welcome To Our Lady of Peace Parish

Our Lady of Peace Parish warmly welcomes parishioners, children and adults for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Our Lady of Peace also welcomes visitors who are joining us for the celebration. Your physical presence here is a sign of life in our community. Parents and guardians are encouraged to bring their children to Mass especially those who are being prepared to celebrate First Holy Communion this Easter.

New Parishioners

A special welcome to our new parishioners. We ask you to register. Registration forms are located at the back of the church or can be obtained from the Parish Office.

Coming To Mass

Please remember that respecting provincial recommendations we do not come to church if we have a fever, cough, difficulty in breathing, sore throat or we are not feeling well.

Sunday Eucharist

The Eucharist remains the source and summit of our life in Christ. For Christians, participation in the Sunday Eucharist is the central experience of the week, and that is the foundation for the obligation of every Catholic to be personally present at Mass every Sunday. Of course, if there is a legitimate reason (such as being sick) this obligation does not apply. Similarly, when pandemic restrictions for the common good and love of neighbour have prevented attendance, then the obligation does not apply, and it is understandable as well, that some may feel hesitant at first about returning to personal participation. But as the restrictions are lifted, now is the time to encourage Catholics to return to physical presence at Sunday Mass, if not impeded for a legitimate reason, in keeping with our basic Sunday obligation as Catholics.

Thomas Cardinal Collins

Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday & Friday
9:30 AM – 5:00 PM

COVID-19 Safety Protocols in place.

Care of the Sick

Please notify the Pastor by calling
416-239-1259 Ext 3.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

JANUARY 22, 2023

In Christianity, the Bible--Sacred Scripture--consisting of both the Old and the New Testaments--is known as the Word of God. The Bible is "inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3: 16-17). The Bible and its teachings are a primary and indispensable source of our Christian faith and we read the Bible at liturgical celebrations. In the Vatican II Document--Dogmatic Constitution of Divine Revelation, we read: "Access to sacred scripture ought to be widely available to the Christian faithful (*Dei Verbum*, 22). Over the years, the Church has continued to emphasize the importance of having the Bible and reading the Bible as part of our practice of the Christian faith.

On September 30, 2019-- the Memorial of St. Jerome, Bishop and Doctor of the Church-- Pope Francis established that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God." Pope Francis urges all Christians to read the Bible. On Sunday January 22--the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, we celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God. The Sunday also falls during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. As Christians the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God in the context of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity reminds us of Jesus' teaching in the Bible that "they may be one, as we are one" (John 17:22-23). We celebrate that we are together as one people of God-- in faith, hope and love as revealed in the Bible.

If we are to read and pray with the Bible as the Word of God, then the Pope encourages us to turn to the Holy Spirit "who makes Sacred Scripture the living word of God, experienced and handed down in the faith of His holy people." God still speaks to us in the Bible through his Son. When we read the Bible in the context of who God is and who we are, we understand how the Bible and its teachings are still relevant to our lives in our own time. With proper interpretation, the Bible conveys a message of hope, peace and love. As Christians when we read the Bible, we encounter Christ. When we strive to live according to the Word of God, our lives in our communities may be a reflection of God's love as revealed in the Bible.

Excerpted from Fr. Yaw Acheampong: "The Bible: Encountering God in Sacred Scripture." Catholic Register, January 22, 2023.

Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service 2023

This will take place on Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 4 PM at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (73 Simcoe St., Toronto). Please come and join his eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins with other Christian leaders to pray for unity.

MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 24	Tues	9:00 AM	No Special Intention
Jan 25	Wed	9:00 AM	No Special Intention
Jan 26	Thur	9:00 AM	+ Patrick Gilleece
Jan 27	Fri	9:00 AM	+ Wilf Slater
Jan 28	Sat	9:00 AM	+ Anna Angelucci
Jan 28	Sat	5:00 PM	OLP Parishioners
Jan 29	Sun	9:00 AM	+ Owen Curtis
Jan 29	Sun	11:00 AM	95 th Birthday of Warren Kenny



January 22 - 28, 2023

St. Joseph – A Special Intention

Mary, Mother of God Offering 2023

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No. of Households Supported	73	73
No. of Adults	96	95
No. of Children	57	41

Thank you very much for supporting the Christmas Drive.

Coffee Sunday

Will take place this Sunday, January 22, 2023 after the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses.
All are welcome!

Special Thanks

I thank you all for coming to Mass. I would also like to thank parishioners who continue to support Our Lady of Peace. I thank our ministers who continue to serve the parish. May God continue bless you. *Fr. Yaw*

*Please remember
Our Lady of Peace in your will.*

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St. Peter's Church - 840 Bathurst St., Toronto.
For further information contact: The Sisters of Life at 416-463-2722 or email: toronto@sistersoflife.org

Archdiocese of Toronto

A Celebration of Marriage

Mass with Bishop Vincent Nguyen
Sunday, February 12, 2023 – 2:30 PM Mass
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica
65 Bond Street, Toronto
For Information and Registration:
www.archtoronto.org/marriage

Toronto Serra Clubs – Vocations

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."
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Mothers Group

The next meeting is on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 10:00 AM in the Monsignor Percy Johnson Hall.

**Archdiocese of Toronto
Catholic Family Services – New Beginnings**

Online Drop-In Bereavement Support Session
January 25, 2023 @ 7:00 PM
Online Drop-In Separated/Divorced Support Session
January 26, 2023 @ 7:00 PM
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