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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 to share your God given talents.

Please consult our website:

<https://olpeace.archtoronto.org>

for description of the various ministries and registration forms. For further information, please call the church office.

Office Hours

Because of reduced hours, please call the office to book an appointment before making a visit at **416-239-1259 Ext 0 or Fr. Yaw at Ext 3**

Office Hours During Christmas

Friday, December 25, 2020 – Closed
Monday, December 28, 2020 – Closed

Please remember Our Lady of Peace in your will.

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Today our journey of Advent brings us to the Fourth Sunday of Advent-depicted by the lighting of all the four candles on the Advent wreath. So the question we need to ask ourselves is: How have we prepared ourselves to welcome Jesus in a few days time? The readings for today invite us to reflect on the meaning of the fulfillment of God's promises to his people in Jesus. Today's Gospel reading features Mary and her role in God's plan for us. We admire Mary for her unique characteristics: her simplicity, her fidelity and her complete trust in God. As we come closer to Christmas, perhaps we can focus on the words that Mary said to God, "May it be done to me according to your word". Our Advent this year has been very different due to the COVID-19 pandemic with uncertainties and challenges. Yet, this is the time that we need to focus on the spiritual side of Advent by examining our relationship with God. This is the time that we need to surrender ourselves to God by putting our hope and trust in Him. Trusting in God that with Him "nothing will be impossible" offers us hope for deepening our relationship with God and neighbour in joy and peace. Christmas comes alive when we see love.

Fr. Yaw

Visit to the Church During Lockdown

Due to provincial restrictions, all public Masses are cancelled. The church is open for private prayer only from **Tuesday to Friday 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM, Saturday 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM and Sunday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM.** Only **10** people are allowed in the church at one time. COVID-19 safety protocols are enforced. There will be **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** when the church is open for private prayer.

Visit to the Church on Christmas Day

Please note that if there is no change in the current restrictions, the church will be open from **9:00 AM – 12 noon** for private prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
Current COVID-19 Safety Protocols enforced.

**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Dec 23	Wednesday	+ Jack Mahon
Dec 25	Christmas Day	General Intentions
Dec 27	Feast of the Holy Family	+ Erica Lewis



SANCTUARY CANDLES



December 20 - 26

Sacred Heart: + Bob Kennedy

Tabernacle: For the Dead **St. Joseph:** For Peace

Sunday Collection November 29/30

Envelopes:	\$ 2,415.00
Loose:	\$ 25.00
PAG/Donate Now:	\$ 1,008.14
TOTAL:	\$ 3,448.14

Thank you for your generosity.

2021 Sunday Offertory Envelopes

2021 Sunday envelopes are available in the **Monsignor Percy Johnson Hall**. If you used envelopes last year, you will find a box labeled with your name and envelope number. They will be arranged in alphabetical order by last name. Please note that a new number may be assigned to you. Please pick up your box of envelopes when you visit the church for private prayer. Please remember that COVID-19 safety protocols are enforced.

New Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese

On November 28, 2020, Pope Francis appointed Father Ivan Camilleri as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto. The Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-designate Camilleri will take place on the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Monday, January 25, 2021. Due to current restrictions on places of worship, attendance will be limited by invitation only.

Bishop-designate Camilleri entered St Augustine's Seminary in 2001 and was ordained in 2007. He is currently serving as Chancellor of Spiritual Affairs, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia. Fr. Camilleri also served as sessional lecturer at St. Augustine's Seminary, and a Judge at the Matrimonial Tribunal of Toronto.

Please join me in offering our prayers and best wishes for Bishop-designate Camilleri.

Message from Thomas Cardinal Collins



God's Blessings

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

- Our Lady of Peace Staff -

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING
MESSAGE FROM FR YAW**

I hope you are all well. Like any other parish, your Christmas offerings to the parish have always been a source of great support. I am grateful to you for your continuing support. At the moment, in a time of uncertainties due to COVID-19 pandemic and the health restrictions, the Archdiocese does not know what is going to happen in our parishes over the Christmas and the New Year. The parish is therefore planning ahead based on our current situation for liturgical celebrations. I am earnestly asking you to plan ahead and to reflect on how best to continue your yearly Christmas donations. You can send your donations to the parish whenever it is convenient to you: when you come to visit the church for private prayer, by dropping it in the parish office, by dropping it through the mail slot in the front door of the parish office or by mail. You can also safely donate on line by visiting:

<https://community.archtoronto.org/page.aspx?pid=416>

In this challenging time, Our Lady of Peace parish continues to depend on your generosity to help run the parish. I am grateful for your generosity. Please be safe and keep others safe. May God bless you and your families.

Christmas Decorations

Our Lady of Peace will greatly appreciate donations of fresh poinsettias for Christmas decorations in the church. Due to the recent restrictions, you may bring your donations to the church when you come to visit the church for private prayer. **Tues - Fri 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM, Saturday 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM and Sunday 9:00 AM - 12 noon.** Thank you again for your generosity!

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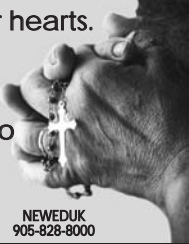
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