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Parish Office Hours:

Please see inside of the bulletin.

**COMMUNITY MASS IS CANCELLED
FROM MONDAY NOVEMBER 23 TILL
FURTHER NOTICE.**

The church is open from Tuesday to Friday 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. for private prayer & on Saturday evening from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. & on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Only 10 people including the priest and ministers (volunteers) are allowed in the building at a time.

COVID-19 safety protocols are enforced.

Reconciliation:

Every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
It is also available from Tuesday to Friday 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on request.

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.



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Welcome, Visitors

Our Lady of Peace Parish welcomes visitors to the church for private prayer. Please remember that COVID-19 safety protocols are enforced. We are looking forward to seeing you again when the church is open for Mass.

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 get to know the various volunteer ministries in our parish.

Perhaps you may use this time of pandemic to reflect on which ministry God is calling you to serve His people.

Please consult our website:

<https://olpeace.archtoronto.org>

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

Office Hours

Due to the pandemic, the parish office is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Please call the office to book an appointment.

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.

SEASON OF LENT

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17. Every year we look forward to celebrating Ash Wednesday as part of our preparation for our Lenten journey. The ritual of having our foreheads marked with ashes in the form of a cross symbolizes our frailty, our brokenness and reminds us of Jesus' call-- "to repent and believe in the good news" (Mark 1:15). With the lock down and other restrictions put in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic we might even be wondering how to make this year's Lent as traditional as in the past? With many of us staying away from church, how can we all make this Lent spiritually meaningful to us?

Over the past year, the pandemic has drawn our attention to what is most important in our lives-- life itself. For those of us who believe that Jesus gave his life to save us (Galatians 1:4), perhaps we can take this Lent as a time to think about the state of our spiritual lives-- our lives in Christ. As part of our preparation for our Lenten discipline, we can ponder these questions: How has our absence from the church affected our spiritual lives? In what ways have we turned away from God? Lent is that part of the Christian journey that the Church has given us to examine our progress in the spiritual life. This is the time that we open our hearts to the working of the Holy Spirit to help us recognize those areas in our lives that need to be transformed.

The Scriptures for Ash Wednesday and during Lent hold up models of Christian life for us to consider and to imitate for our Lenten discipline. The Scriptures present the characteristics of the Christian life as a spiritual relationship with God, a life of service to God and community and fidelity to God. The Scripture readings also emphasize that it is not what we do that matters most but how we do it. Whichever Lenten discipline we decide to practice, we need to perform the discipline with a contrite heart and a desire to change. Let us also use this Lent to prepare us to serve our communities beyond the pandemic. Have a spirit-filled Lenten journey.

Fr. Yaw

Excerpted from Fr. Yaw Acheampong, "Season of Renewal Begins." Catholic Register, February 14, 2021.

Our Lady of Peace - 2020 Tax Receipts

Due to the pandemic, tax receipts will be mailed directly during the month of February to parishioners, to the addresses shown in our parish records. You may call the parish office for further information.

QUIZ

- How many Sundays come between Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday?**
- What days make up the Sacred Triduum?**



Feb 09	Tuesday	+ Reno Grima
Feb 10	Wednesday	+ Margaret Leah
Feb 11	Thursday	+ William Humphries
Feb 12	Friday	+ Rev Pamela Lucas
Feb 13	Saturday	+ Mario & Pasqualina Iannotta
Feb 14	Sunday	OLP Parishioners
Feb 16	Tuesday	+ Mario Borges
Feb 17	Wednesday	+ Dan Currie + Wayne Currie
Feb 18	Thursday	A Special Intention
Feb 19	Friday	+ Sante Zita
Feb 20	Saturday	A Special Intention
Feb 21	Sunday	OLP Parishioners



SANCTUARY CANDLES



February 14 - 21

Tabernacle: Special Intention for a parishioner

2021 January Offertory Collections

Sundays, January 03 to 31, 2021

Envelopes:	\$ 7,762.00
Loose:	\$ 175.00
PAG / Donate Now:	\$ 5,158.71
TOTAL:	\$ 13,095.71

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

**Maintenance Collections Report
September 10 - December 31, 2020**

Balance as of September 9/20	\$ 2,125.00
Monthly donations via PAG/Donate Now	\$ 520.50
All other Maintenance donations	\$ 9,859.00
New balance	\$ 12,504.50
Less expense items:	
Elevator – Five-Year Test (Safety requirement)	\$ 5,291.00
Annual fire system test and repairs (Safety requirement)	\$ 2,119.00
Total expenses	\$ 7,410.00
Maintenance Collection balance as of December 31/20	\$ 5,094.50

Your generous and continuing support of the Maintenance Collections during the extraordinary challenges we have all experienced in 2020 is very much appreciated. Thank you sincerely for your tremendous support of Our Lady of Peace Parish.

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. **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.**

**Schedule for the Liturgy of
Distribution of Ashes**

Ash Wednesday, February 17

From 9:00 AM – 12 Noon (app every 15 - 20 minutes)

From 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM (app every 15 - 20 minutes)

Thursday, February 18

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM / 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Friday, February 19

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM / 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Saturday, February 20

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

(There will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on these days)

As we begin Lent, let us learn to be patient, to show understanding and a greater concern for the other.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Resumes on the Vigil of 1st Sunday of Lent

Saturday, February 20 from 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Confessions

Saturdays 9:00 AM – 10:00

Stewardship: COVID-19 Pandemic

Many thanks to the ministers who are responsible for cleaning and disinfecting pews, kneelers and surfaces of other items in the church during the lockdown to keep us safe. Many thanks also to the ministers who are serving the community during this challenging time.

Special Thanks

Our Lady of Peace parish would like to thank all parishioners who have continued to support the parish through your generous Sunday offerings. This is a challenging time for us and so your generosity is great appreciated. May God bless you for all that you do for His Church. *Fr. Yaw*

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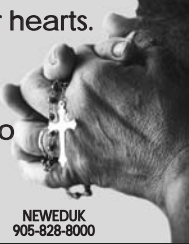
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