

# OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

## A WELCOMING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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**PASTOR:** Fr. Yaw Acheampong



### **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!

### **The Joy of Service** **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.

### **EASTER GREETINGS**

**Rejoice! The Lord is risen.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Resurrection event offers us hope, courage, strength and the promise of a new life in the Spirit of God.

As we rejoice at the celebration of Easter, we are also encouraged to support each other and our parish community. Supporting our parish brings us hope, joy, and helps us continue the parish's mission of serving the community.

May God bless you and your families at Easter and always.  
*Fr. Yaw*

### **THE SEASON OF EASTER**

Easter is the "Feast of Feasts", the "Solemnity of all Solemnities" and the "Great Sunday". The celebration of Easter begins the Season of Easter. Sundays of Easter Season have precedence over all feasts of the Lord and Solemnities. The Easter Season recalls the time when the risen Lord manifested himself to the disciples and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles at Pentecost Sunday. During this season, the Easter candle is lit for all Masses. Again and again, the liturgy resounds with the cry of "alleluia!" as the people reborn through the Paschal Mystery wait in joyful hope for the day when they too will share the glory of their risen Lord. During the Easter season, the colour of the vestments and the antependium is white. The Church encourages the faithful to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist on Sundays of the Season of Easter. Pentecost Sunday concludes the season of Easter.

Taken from "Ceremonies of the Liturgical Year"

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction**

Every Friday at 8:30 AM followed by Mass at 9:00 AM

### **Special Thanks** **Stewardship: COVID-19 Pandemic**

I would like to thank 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.

*Fr. Yaw*

The Parish Office will be closed  
**Easter Monday, April 05, 2021**



Apr 11	Sun	9:00 AM	+ Julian Molina
Apr 11	Sun	11:00 AM	OLP Parishioners

### **Sunday Collections**

***March 07 - 21, 2021***

Envelopes:	\$ 7,419.00
Loose:	\$ 95.00
PAG:	\$ 4,285.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 11,799.00</b>

*Your regular offerings help to run the parish.*

*Thank you for your generosity.*

*May the Lord bless you!*

### **COVID-19 Safety Protocols in Churches**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the safety protocols in place, there are a few changes in the parish.

Admittance to all Masses will be given to those who come first. Doors open 30 minutes before Mass starts. Please note that due to physical distancing in place, the seating capacity of the church is drastically reduced. COVID-19 safety protocols are strictly observed.

Facemasks or a face covering is mandatory in the church. Please follow the instructions from the ushers when you come to church.

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.

Many thanks for coming to join us at Mass.

### **Celebration of First Confession 2020-2021**

**Group 1** - Tuesday April 6, 2021 at 7PM in the church.

Children with last names beginning with  
A (Adjei) to D (De Maria)

**Group 2** - Wednesday April 7, 2021 at 7 PM in the church.

Children with last names beginning with  
G (Gallo) to N (Neculai)

**Group 3** - Thursday April 8, 2021 at 7PM in the church.

Children with last names beginning with  
O (Odunaike) to Z (Zaffino)

Please it is important that you stay in your group.

Celebrant: Fr. Yaw

Please remember the children in your prayers.

### **ShareLife CAMPAIGN 2021**

Last year we did very well. Despite the effects of the COVID-pandemic on our finances, we did what we could do to help bring hope and joy to the needy. We raised **\$57,672.00**

Please let us help to extend the hands of Risen Christ to our brothers and sisters in need through our generous contributions to the 2021 campaign.

**Our Suggested Campaign Goal for 2021**

**\$ 67,700**

**Overall parish Campaign Goal**

**\$13.8 million**

**Collection Dates for 2021 Campaign**

**Weekends of:**

**April 17-18**

**June 19-20**

**October 2-3**

**May God bless you for what you do for others.**



**How has your gift to ShareLife made a difference?**

Thanks to generous donors like you, ShareLife agencies helped 150,000 people locally last year.

Your gift:

- enabled 21,000 people to receive affordable mental health care through family service agencies
- ensured nearly 7,000 seniors received dignified care
- facilitated the arrival of 528 refugees through the Office of Refugees of the Archdiocese of Toronto
- helped nearly 1,900 young pregnant/parenting women and their babies receive loving support
- invested in our Church's future by supporting 54 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary in the current academic year.

**Thank you for supporting ShareLife!**

### **Special Thanks**

I 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 greatly appreciated. May God bless you for all that you do for Our Lady of Peace.

*Fr. Yaw*



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