

# 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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## Welcome to Our Lady of Peace Parish

Our Lady of Peace Parish warmly welcomes parishioners 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. We are also happy to welcome our children. Parents and guardians are encouraged to bring their children to Mass especially those who are being prepared to receive the sacraments in the 2022 – 2023 liturgical year.

### 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.

### Children's Liturgy

Takes place on Sundays at the 11:00 AM Mass. Parents are encouraged to bring their children who are on their journey to celebrate 1<sup>st</sup> Confession and 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion during the 2022/2023 year.

### The Joy of Service Stewards Make Our Parish

As baptized people, we are called to use our God-given gifts to live out our baptismal promises as disciples and stewards. You may consider responding to your baptismal call by becoming one of the ministers in the various ministries in the parish. Please see the two white binders at the back of the church for the description describing all the various ministries for the description in the parish.

### 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.

### The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

For assistance, please call the Parish Office at 416-239-1259 and Select Extension 5 and leave your first and last name and a phone number where you can be reached. Someone will return your call.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



This weekend, our Advent journey brings us to the Third Sunday of Advent, traditionally referred to as Rejoice Sunday or *Gaudete* Sunday. Liturgically, there is a temporary shift in colour from purple to rose for the Third Sunday of Advent's candle-- symbolizing a theme of joy. At today's liturgy, we are told to "rejoice always because the Lord is near" (Philippians 4:4-5). The celebration of Third Sunday of Advent reminds us to focus on the spiritual joy-- an essential spiritual component of our preparation for Christmas. In his Apostolic Exhortation "*Gaudete et Exsultate*" (*Rejoice and be Glad*), Pope Francis describes the spiritual joy as "not the joy held out by today's individualistic and consumerist culture." He speaks of a joy "lived in communion, which shares and is shared." The Pope continues "Fraternal love increases our capacity for joy since, it makes us capable in rejoicing in the good of others" (128). With the image of the rose-coloured Advent candle expressing joy that comes from sharing, let us continue our advent journey to the light of Christmas.

Excerpted: Acheampong, Yaw (2022) Rejoicing in the joy-filled light of Christmas, "Walking on the Journey of Faith" Catholic Register Books, Toronto October 30, 2022.

### Congratulations!

To the children who celebrated their First Confession on Saturday, December 03, 2022. They will celebrate First Holy Communion during the Easter season. Please keep them in your prayers.

### 2023 Sunday Offertory Envelopes

The 2023 boxes of Sunday offertory envelopes are now available in the Monsignor Percy Johnson Hall. You will find a box labeled with your name and envelope number. The boxes will be arranged in alphabetical order by last name. Please note that a new number may be assigned to you. Please put your name and mailing address on the envelopes for the first month. Parishioners who do not have boxes of envelopes and would like to use them, may contact Fr. Yaw or the parish office.



Dec 03	Sat	5:00 PM	OLP Parishioners
Dec 04	Sun	9:00 AM	+ Manuel Pererra & + Maria Santos Medeiros
Dec 04	Sun	11:00 AM	+ Louis & Loretta England
Dec 06	Tues	9:00 AM	+ M. Clotilda
Dec 07	Wed	9:00 AM	+ Therese Glover
Dec 08	Thur	9:00 AM	+ Kevin & Kathleen Fitzgerald
Dec 09	Fri	9:00 AM	+ Valentine Weber
Dec 10	Sat	9:00 AM	+ Sam Hajjar
Dec 10	Sat	5:00 PM	+ Lynette Fernandes
Dec 11	Sun	9:00 AM	OLP Parishioners
Dec 11	Sun	11:00 AM	+ Norma Palma
Dec 13	Tues	9:00 AM	+ Kevin Gilbride
Dec 14	Wed	9:00 AM	+ Debbie Wright
Dec 15	Thur	9:00 AM	+ Elizabeth Anne Fenech
Dec 16	Fri	9:00 AM	+ Mr. & Mrs. Walker Williams
Dec 17	Sat	9:00 AM	+ Godofredo Hermosa



**December 04 - 10, 2022**  
 Sacred Heart: In Thanksgiving  
 Tabernacle: + Ejay Falco  
 St. Joseph: + Percy Danso

**December 11 - 17, 2022**  
 Tabernacle: Special Intention  
 St. Joseph: Family Intentions

**Offertory for November 2022**

Envelopes:	\$ 15,021.25
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<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 21,314.22</b>

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**4<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Fund Collection**

Envelopes:	\$ 8,040.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 8,040.00</b>

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**2022 Donations**

Please be advised that in order to have your donations for 2022 be included in the 2022 tax receipt, all donations should be received by the parish by December 31, 2022. Donations received after December 31, 2022 will be considered 2023 donations.

Many thanks for your generosity.

**Christmas & New Years' Schedule**

**Christmas Eve**

**Saturday, December 24, 2022 - 5:00 PM**

**(Children's Pageant Performance before Mass)**

**Christmas Day**

**Sunday, December 25, 2022 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**

**Mary, Mother of God (Vigil)**

**Saturday, December 31, 2022 - 5:00 PM**

**Mary, Mother of God**

**Sunday, January 01, 2023 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**

**Epiphany (Vigil)**

**Saturday, January 07, 2023 - 5:00 PM**

**Epiphany**

**Sunday, January 08, 2023 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**

**Annual Christmas Concert**

This Sunday, December 11, 2022 – 4PM  
 In the church followed by reception in the  
 Monsignor Percy Johnson Hall.  
 Free Admission – Free Will Offering will be taken.

**Children's Christmas Pageant**

Rehearsal after the 11:00 AM Mass

**Advent Day of Confessions**

**Saturday, December 17, 2022**

**10:00 AM – 12:00 PM / 4:00 PM – 4:45 PM**  
 Please see bulletin board for more information

**Toronto Serra Clubs – Vocations**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.”  
 If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) or website: [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

**Special Thanks**

I thank you all for coming to Mass. I would also like to thank parishioners who have continued to support the parish in this pandemic.

I thank the ministers who have continued to serve the parish during this challenging time.

May God continue bless you.

*Fr. Yaw*





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