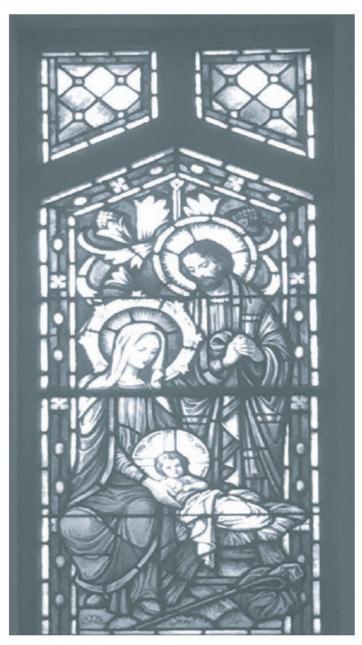
# OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH A WELCOMING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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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.

#### <u>Christmas Season at</u> <u>Our Lady of Peace Parish</u>

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.

#### **Christmas Greetings**



May the blessings of the Christ Child and His loving Mother be with you at Christmas and always. Fr. Yaw

# Children's Liturgy

There will be no Children's Liturgy during the Christmas break. The liturgy resumes on Sunday, January 15, 2023 at 11:00 AM. Parents/guardians & their children are welcome.

## **Office Hours During Christmas**

Monday, December 26, 2022 – Closed Tuesday, December 27, 2022 – Closed For emergency please call 416-2369-1259 Ext 3 for Fr. Yaw

## 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.

#### **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

# THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY Friday, December 30, 2022

According to the liturgical calendar, the Sunday after Christmas Day is celebrated as the Feast of the Holy Family. This year because Christmas occurs on Sunday, the Feast of the Holy Family is celebrated on Friday, December 30. On this Feast day, we celebrate that Jesus was born into a human family-- the basic unit of society-- with Mary and Joseph, his parents.

When we talk about the Holy Family, we may have the tendency to think that the Holy Family was entirely different from any other family including our own families. Yet, this is essentially the same reason why the church gives us the Holy Family as our model. The Holy Family had their own share of challenges, difficulties and pain. However, they put their trust in the Lord and remained very close together.

In this pandemic, we can learn from the Holy Family-to learn to trust God to lead us. As baptized people, we have become adopted children in Jesus. Although we come from different backgrounds of race, language, culture and social status, today's celebration also reminds us that we are all members of one big family of God. As members of God's family, we are encouraged to follow in the footsteps of the Holy Family-- to learn to share our grief and pain, our hope and joy. We are encouraged by the loving relationships between the members of the Holy Family to live as people of love and peace. May God bless you and your families. *Fr. Yaw Acheampong* 

# <u>The Joy of Service</u> <u>Stewards Make Our Parish</u>

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.

# **The Spirit of Christmas**

Let us celebrate the Christmas Season in the spirit of stewardship by sharing our gifts of time, talent and treasure with others in our community.

Our Lady of Peace - Pray For Us



Dec 17	Sat	5:00 PM	+ Melanie De La Cruz
Dec 18	Sun	9:00 AM	In Thanksgiving – Marianne & Leo Reis
Dec 18	Sun	11:00 AM	<b>OLP Parishioners</b>
Dec 20	Tues	9:00 AM	+ Michael Steven Dellio
Dec 21	Wed	9:00 AM	+ Cole Jacob Kay-Meltzer
Dec 22	Thur	9:00 AM	+ Msgr. Percy Johnson
Dec 23	Fri	9:00 AM	+ Gerald Stanimir
Dec 24	Sat	9:00 AM	+ Alex Pradan
Dec 24	Sat	5:00 PM	No Announced Mass
Dec 25	Sun	9:00 AM	No Announced Mass
Dec 25	Sun	11:00 AM	No Announced Mass
Dec 27	Tues	9:00 AM	+ Mate Begovic
Dec 28	Wed	9:00 AM	No Special Intention
Dec 29	Thur	9:00 AM	For The Healing Of Leo
Dec 30	Fri	9:00 AM	No Special Intention
Dec 31	Sat	9:00 AM	No Special Intention



December 18 - 24, 2022 Tabernacle: + Bob Kennedy Sacred Heart: + John (Jack) Zboch December 25 - Dec 31, 2022 Sacred Heart: Special Intention Tabernacle: + Norma Palma St. Joseph: + Snidero Family

## 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.

#### **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.

#### 2022 Tax Receipts

Tax receipts will be sent to parishioners using the postal addresses we have in our system. Thank you for your donations! Christmas & New Years' Schedule

<u>Christmas Eve</u> <u>Saturday, December 24, 2022 - 5:00 PM</u> (Children's Pageant Performance before Mass)

<u>Christmas Day</u> <u>Sunday, December 25, 2022 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM</u>

<u>Mary, Mother of God (Vigil)</u> Saturday, December 31, 2022 - 5:00 PM

Mary, Mother of God Sunday, January 01, 2023 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

> <u>Epiphany (Vigil)</u> Saturday, January 07, 2023 – 5:00 PM

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

Please note that there will be no Mass on: <u>Monday, December 26, 2022</u> <u>Monday, January 02, 2023</u>

## Availability of Hospital Priests

If you or your loved one are admitted into one of our hospitals, please be informed that there are priestchaplains at hospitals within the Archdiocese of Toronto. It is important for you register as a Roman Catholic on admission. If you would like to see a priest, please inform your caregiver. If you are not successful in getting to see the hospital priest, in times of emergency, please call the church office at 416-239-1259, Ext 3 for the pastor Fr. Yaw.

#### <u>Toronto Serra Clubs – Vocations</u> <u>Christmas – The Birth of Our L</u>ord

We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called 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 Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca

Please remember Our Lady of Peace in your will.

