# OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH A WELCOMING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



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**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: **416-393-5253 Fax 416-397-6061** 70 Mattice Ave. Etobicoke, On M9B 1T6

St. Elizabeth's School **416-393-5278 Fax 416-393-5048** 5 Redcar Ave. Etobicoke, On M9B 1J8

Office of Catholic Youth of the Archdiocese Director: Fr. Joshua Roldan 416-599-7676 Web: www.ocytoronto.org Email: youth@ocytoronto.org

Vocations: Fr. Matthew McCarthy 416-968-0997 Web: vocationstoronto.ca Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Catholic Cemeteries 416-733-8544

# Welcome To Our Lady of Peace Parish

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.

# **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**

Sundays at the 11:00 AM Mass. Parents are encouraged to attend Mass with their children who are preparing to celebrate 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion this year.

# **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.

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

"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" (Archdiocese of Toronto Pastoral Plan)

As baptized people, we are called to share God's gifts of time, talent and treasure to live out our baptismal promises as followers of Christ. Please see the two white binders at the back of the church for the description of the various ministries at Our Lady of Peace parish.

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL, 30, 2023

Easter: Being good shepherds to each other.

Today our journey through the Easter Season brings us to the Fourth Sunday of Easter. This Sunday is also referred to as the "Good Shepherd Sunday" because the Gospel reading talks about Jesus as the Good Shepherd (John 10:1-10). By depicting Jesus in describing himself as the good shepherd, the Evangelist John taught his audience about the great qualities of the good shepherd: the qualities of caring, loyalty, protectiveness and understanding. The good shepherd sees every sheep of his flock as special and he leaves no sheep behind. The good shepherd leads his flock with love.

This Sunday is also known as World Day of Prayer for Vocation. Today, we pray in a special way for the men and women who have dedicated themselves to the service of God's people as priests, deacons and religious brothers and sisters. However, today's other two readings (Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20-25) tell us that as members of a believing community, by virtue of our baptism we are all called to serve. We all share in one call-- the call to service. We develop the attitude of that of the good shepherd when we strive to care for others. Our service to others is an expression of our love for them. Today, let us turn to Jesus the Good Shepherd to teach us to listen to his voice. Let us ask him to guide us to build caring communities that reflect God's love for us.

Fr. Yaw Acheampong

## **Confessions**

Every Saturday after the 9:00 AM Mass until 10:30 AM at the back of the church.

## **Celebration of First Holy Communion**

This takes place this Sunday, April 30, 2023 at the 11:00 AM Mass. Please note that the first few pews in the church will be reserved for the children.

## **Celebration of Confirmation**

This takes place this Sunday, April 30, 2023 at 4:00 PM. The celebrant of Confirmation is Bishop Ivan Camilleri (The Auxiliary Bishop of the Western Pastoral Region of the Archdiocese).

Please keep our children in your prayers.



May 02 May 03 May 04	Tues Wed Thur	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM	+ Steven Michael Dellio + Dorothy Sitarz No Announced Intention
May 05	Fri	9:00 AM	+ Christina Sarfo
May 06	Sat	9:00 AM	+ Carmela Ienco
May 06	Sat	5:00 PM	+ John De Nobrega
May 07	Sun	9:00 AM	<b>OLP</b> Parishioners
May 07	Sun	11:00 AM	+ Nick & Mary Relic + Bob & Joy Collis

# **SL ShareLife** <u>4th Sunday of Easter - April 30, 2023</u> <u>ShareLife Sunday and the</u> <u>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</u>

When you support ShareLife, you help educate our future priests. This past year, you invested in our Church's future by supporting 58 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary.

Thus far, we have raised \$24,188.00 toward our goal of \$63,000.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelop, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Thank you for "living the Gospel" through our parish ShareLife program.

## **Bequest To Parishes**

A bequest in your Will to Our Lady of Peace is an acknowledgment of your returning to God a portion of the gifts He has bestowed on you during your lifetime. Charitable bequests can have a favourable impact on your overall estate plan.

Bequests are not just for the wealthy. Consider including Our Lady of Peace parish or any of the archdiocesan charities in your Will. For further information, contact the development office at 416-934-3400 Ext 561/519 or email development@archtoronto.org

#### **Special Thanks**

I thank you all for coming to Mass and for your support to Our Lady of Peace parish. Many thanks to our ministers who continue to serve the parish. May God continue to bless us all.

Fr. Yaw

The Lord is risen, Alleluía!

# Archbishop Francis Leo

Western Regional Mass of Welcome for Archbishop Francis Leo will take place on Wednesday, May 03, 2023 at St. Francis Xavier, Mississauga at 7:00 PM.

#### **First Friday Devotion**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction takes place on Friday, May 05, 2023 at 6:00 PM followed by Mass at 7:00 PM.

## The Gift of Faith and Mental Health

The Southdown Institute invites you to join us for a day of insightful, educational, and practical talks to promote mental health, wellness, and spirituality, designed specifically for the Catholic community of faith.

Date: Friday, May 12, 2023 – Time: 10 AM – 3 PM Location: Nativity of Our Lord Parish Hall, 480 Rathburn Road, Etobicoke, ON M9C 3S8 This is a free event, and registration is required to attend. To register, visit <u>www.southdown.on.ca</u>

#### Archdiocese of Toronto New Beginnings

New Beginnings ministers to those who have suffered a loss through separation, divorce or bereavement.

**Catholic by Choice** 

May 09, 2023 7:00 PM Register at: <u>https://nbcbc0523.eventbrite.ca</u>

Blended Families Online Seminar May 18, 2023 7:00 PM Register at: https://nbbf0523.eventbrite.ca

Location: St. Peter's R.C. Church 100 Bainbridge Ave., Woodbridge, ON L4L 3Y1 For more information, please contact: Arcangelo Limanni MRE Email: <u>alimanni@cfstoronto.com</u> Phone: 647-215-3978

## Month of May

is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Please remember to say the rosary.



"The Rosary is my favourite prayer" St. Pope John Paul II

Mary, Mother of God - Pray For Us

