# **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:**

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#### 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 bring their children to Mass especially children who have just celebrated their First Holy Communion.

#### **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> Stewards Make Our Parish

"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.

#### ASCENSION SUNDAY - MAY 21, 2023

#### Lifting up our spirits

Pope Francis begins his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel) with these words: "The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus." In this document the Pope teaches, "Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are 'disciples' and 'missionaries,' but that we are always 'missionary disciples'" (120).

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Ascension. Today we celebrate the day that Jesus after his Resurrection was taken in bodily form into heaven. Our call to be missionary disciples is related to the Ascension of the Lord. The readings (Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Gospel of Matthew 28:16-20) for Ascension describe the Ascension event and what it means to us. When we examine the three readings in light of each other, we can discern that the end of Jesus' public life on earth also marked the beginning of the missionary activities of the early disciples. As Christians, Pope Francis' message about missionary disciples is one for us to reflect on, on this Ascension Sunday. Today's celebration reminds us that as baptized people we are to continue with the mission that was first entrusted to the early disciples. We are to "make disciples of all nations" through our actions based on the teachings of the Gospel. It is by serving others that the Ascension event can become spiritually meaningful to us. Today, let us turn to Jesus to guide us through the Holy Spirit in our missionary activities, activities that serve others. Let us ask God to lift up our spirits so that our actions may bring the love of Christ in our communities.

Fr. Yaw Acheampong

#### **Confessions**

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

#### **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

Mary Mother of God - Pray for us.



May 16	Tues	9:00 AM	+ Ramon Rafael Torres
May 17	Wed	9:00 AM	+ Rose & Danny Casalino
May 18	Thur	9:00 AM	Fr. Yaw's Ordination Class
May 19	Fri	9:00 AM	+ Louis & Loretta England
May 20	Sat	9:00 AM	+ Fr. Christopher Benette
May 20	Sat	5:00 PM	<b>OLP Parishioners</b>
May 21	Sun	9:00 AM	<b>Deceased Members of</b>
May 21	Sun	11:00 AM	Acheampong Family In Thanksgiving – Baby Miles
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May 23	Tues	9:00 AM	+ Dionisia Claudio
May 24	Wed	9:00 AM	For Retired Priests
May 25	Thur	9:00 AM	+ Marie Thomson
May 26	Fri	9:00 AM	Special Intentions –
			Walsh Family
<b>May 27</b>	Sat	9:00 AM	+ Eddie Priolo



SANCTUARY CANDLES



May 14 - 20, 2023

Tabernacle: + Lisetta Gasparet St. Joseph: Family Intentions

May 21 - 27, 2023

Sacred Heart: + Adele Snidero

#### Offertory for April 2023

Envelopes:	\$ 16,954.60
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TOTAL:	\$ 24,614.71

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

#### **SL** ShareLife

#### <u>Ascension of the Lord - May 21, 2023</u> ShareLife and World Communications Day

On this World Communications Day, your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of Deaf people in our community.

More than 60% of families with a Deaf child do not know or use a signing language. Silent Voice, a ShareLife agency, is able to provide an array of accessible programs and services, responding to the needs of Deaf adults, youth, children, infants, and their families in American Sign Language (ASL). This is because of you. The help and support you give brings hope and changes many lives. Thank you for your generosity.

Thus far, we have raised \$51,052.80 toward our goal of \$63,000.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

#### **Toronto Ordinations**

Our Lady of Peace congratulates our newly ordained priests.

Fr. Cole Powers
Fr. Mirko Ljuba
Fr. Sean Jacob
Fr. John Wang
Fr. Matthew Wang

Fr. Savio Bruto da Costa

Please remember them in your prayers.

#### **Confirmation**

Congratulations to the following children who received their Confirmation on Sunday, April 30, 2023.

**Aaron Aragao** Joshua Poulo Makayla Cadette Marc Ruel Quibuyen **Gianluca Chiarotto Rachel Roiati Lucas Constantinou Gwyneth Salisny** Lucas D'Souza **Isabel Santos** Nika Snaith Micaela Delgado Baukje Jansma **Evan St. Amand** Morgan Jansma Syena Tamaya-Heer **Ariana Tehrani** Michael Kovacic **Daniel Nedzka Trevon Weir Christian Zirnhelt Kevin Omuri** 

Please remember them in your prayers.

#### **Handicraft Holy Land Christians**

Will visit the parish on the weekend of May 27 / 28, 2023 to sell handicrafts after all the Masses. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

Website: www.holvlandchristians.ca

#### **Coffee Sunday**

Will take place on Sunday, May 28 after the 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Mass.

Please come and join us for coffee and friendship.

#### Victoria Day Monday

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 22, 2023 for this Statutory Holiday.

Please Remember Our Lady of Peace In Your Will.



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