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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 8:30am; 10:00am;
11:30am & 1:00pm

WEEKEDAY MASSES

Mon., Tues., Fri. 9:15am
Tues., Wed., Thurs. 7:00pm
Saturday & Holidays 9:00am
First Friday 7:00pm

Followed by HOLY HOUR

DEVOTIONS

(Before each Mass)

Recitation of the Holy Rosary
Infant Jesus of Prague (Tuesday)
Our Mother of Perpetual Help
(Wednesday)
Holy Spirit (Thursday)
Divine Mercy (Friday)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00pm - 4:45pm
Or by appointment

BAPTISM

Contact Parish Office 1 month in advance of anticipated baptismal date.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest one year in advance. Preparation course is a prerequisite.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If one of your loved ones would like to receive this Sacrament, please call the Parish Office.

COMMUNION OF THE SICK AND

HOUSEBOUND

The Eucharist is brought regularly to the sick and shut-ins. Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation are also available. Please notify the parish office.

PARISH SCHOOLS

Prince of Peace 416-393-5416
Our Lady of Grace 416-393-5372
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905-472-4961

CATHOLIC CEMETERY

Christ the King 905-471-0121

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY

9:00am - 12:00noon

1:00pm - 4:00pm

6:00pm - 9:00pm

SATURDAY: 10:00am - 6:30pm

SUNDAY: 9:00am - 2:30pm

PARISH MINISTRIES / GROUPS

Adult Legion of Mary
Altar Servers
Altar Society
Bible Study
Children's Liturgy
Counter's Ministry
Eucharistic Minister to the Sick
Finance Committee
Junior Legion of Mary
Intercessory Prayers
Knights of Columbus
Liturgy of the Word for Children
Pre-Marriage Preparation Course
Ministry of Lectors
Ministry of the Eucharist
Ministry of the Eucharist on the Homebound
Ministry of Hospitality
Men's Group
Parish Music Ministry
Prayer Group
Sacramental Preparation
Senior's Group
Screening Committee
Youth Group
St. Vincent de Paul Society
647-234-0265

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



December 17 - 23, 2018

Monday, December 17

9:15 am - Thanksgiving from Tyson Wong

Tuesday, December 18

9:15 am + Emmanuel
7:00 pm + 1st year death anniversary Alberto Bautista

Wednesday, December 19

7:00 pm + Leslie Fernandes; Paquito Chavez

Thursday, December 20

7:00 pm + Anne Menezes

Friday, December 21

9:15 am - 50th Wedding anniversary Rodolfo & Epifania

Saturday, December 22

9:00 am + 3rd death anniversary Piedade Joanes
5:00 pm + Jose Ambas Jr.

Sunday, December 23

8:30 am - Community of Prince of Peace
10:00 am + Death anniversary Julie Fernandes
11:30 am + Stella Rodrigo
1:00 pm + Torres & Menezes families



Let us pray!

For those who are sick members of our parish and those who love and minister to them.



Offertory Collection

Last Sunday Collection: \$10,214.70
Building Fund: \$ 3,240.50

Thank you for your generous hearts!

The Third Sunday of Advent

*John the Baptist teaches the path of repentance and announces Christ.
(Luke 3:10-18)*

This Sunday's Gospel continues last week's focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ. Recall that last week's reading described John's appearance in the desert and established his connection with the prophetic tradition of Israel. If we were to read Luke's Gospel continuously, we would learn about John the Baptist challenging the crowds who came to him and calling upon them to show evidence of their repentance. John tells his listeners that they cannot rely on their lineage as Israelites because children of Abraham can be raised up from stones. Repentance, rather, must be observable in one's actions. Here, Luke is continuing to set up two important themes of his Gospel message: the Christian faith is expressed in one's actions, and the call to salvation is extended to everyone, Jews and Gentiles.



In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel.

When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Please join us in this beautiful opportunity to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16th, 2018 at 7:00pm

There will be 9 priests available for Confession.

Remembering the Parish in Your Will

November is "Make a Will" month! Have you considered remembering our parish in your will? The Church is where we experience many important moments in our lives. A bequest is a beautiful way to express your faith and gratitude for a lifetime of blessings – a lasting legacy of love that will help the Church continue with its many ministries. When making your will, please consider a bequest to (Name of Parish). For more information, please call the parish office or the Development Office of the Archdiocese at 416-934-3411, ext. 519 or visit www.archtoronto.org/development.

Out of the Cold Program

Out of the Cold Program at 2575 Midland Av, Scar, need approx. 19 Volunteers for food prep, setup, serving, & cleanup on Fri Dec 21 approx. 4 pm to 9 pm & on Sat Dec 22 from 6 am to 8 am. Special appeal to students 14 & over, young adults or adults to converse with guests at tables. SIGNUP SHEET ARE AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY TILL REQUIRED NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER POSITIONS FILLED!

SOCKS CAMPAIGN

Once again, we are running a socks Campaign for the Good Shepherd Centre in downtown Toronto. A box will be in the church lobby this weekend. As we wait for the coming of Christ this Advent season, let us welcome him by sharing our resources with those who are in need and let us always give "with joy in our hearts".



PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PROGRAM

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG) to assist you in your support of the work of Prince of Peace Parish, through your regular parish offerings (this does not include special collections). The Plan is administered through the Office of Development of the Archdiocese of Toronto and tax receipts will be issued for all offertory gifts. Enrollment forms available at the parish office.

START BOOKING YOUR SPOT NOW!!!

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE TOUR

To Portugal, Spain, Paris

September 9-23, 2019 (15 days)

Tour Costs \$4,450(including tax and tips)

Flyers are available at the foyer or For Information, please call Fr. Lorenzo at 416-291-9422 or Pat Martyn at 416-629-0350. Queen Serena Travel & Tours Inc. Tel no. 905-412-2242

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Parishioners are invited to sponsor this year's display of Christmas decors in our Sanctuary. You may dedicate your offering for your loved ones or in thanksgiving to God for the many blessings you have received. Envelopes are available in your pews, at the foyer or at the parish office. Dedications will be accepted until Friday December 21st 2018. God Bless!



VOCATION CORNER

Could God be calling you to be a priest or religious and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997. email: vocations@archtoronto.org.**



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Monday, December 24th, 2018

**No Morning Mass
Carols 1/2 hour before all
Masses**

**6:00 pm; 9:00 pm & 12 mid-
night**

CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday, December 25th, 2018

**9:00 am / 10:30 am / 12:00 noon
(No 1:00pm Mass)
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NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Monday, December 31st, 2018

**9:15am– Mass
5:00 pm—Mass**

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Tuesday, January 1st, 2019

**9:00 am / 10:30 am / 12:00 noon
(No 1:00pm Mass)**

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**The Parish Office will be closed
December 25- 26, 2018**



**VOTIVE LAMPS
INTENTIONS**

1. In loving memory of Robert & Amy Franco. Offered by their children, Victor & family, Stanley & family; Annie & family.
2. Carol Chung (December 17, 1959- December 21, 2001). Lovingly remembered by mother, Shirley Young-You, sister, Elaine Chong and children Adrian & Camille Chung.



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