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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 request

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

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 of Anointing, 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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Francis Liberman Catholic High Sch.

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PARISH MINISTRIES / GROUPS

Adult Legion of Mary

Altar Servers

Altar Society

Bible Study

Baptismal Preparation

Children's Liturgy

Collection Counters

Finance Committee

Funeral Altar Servers

Gardening

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 Hospitality

Men's Group

Parish Music Ministry

Pastoral Care for the Sick

Prayer Group

Rosary Apostolate

Sacramental Preparation

Senior's Group

Screening Committee

Youth Group

St. Vincent de Paul Society

(647-234-0265)

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Christ the King 905-471-0121



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Dec 2 - 8, 2019

Monday, December 2

9:15 am + Elias Diniz

Tuesday, December 3

9:15 am + Huu Ngo

7:00 pm + Death ann. Helen Elizabeth

Wailoo

Wednesday, December 4

7:00 pm + Veronica Rampersad; Ah-Yee
Min At-Teck; Fen Yoon At-Teck

Thursday, December 5

7:00 pm + Thanksgiving

Friday, December 6

9:15 am + Jacinto Vaz

7:00 pm + Rebecca Redublo

Saturday, December 7

9:00 am + Tony Fernandes

5:00 pm — Thanksgiving from Meighan

Reel Wong

Sunday, December 9

8:30 am + Delfin Reyes

10:00 am + Death ann. Ashley Vasquez

11:30 am + Anthony Goveas

1:00 pm — Community of Prince of Peace

First Sunday of Advent Reflection.....



Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

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In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory.

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know *that* our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

Sanctuary Lamps Offerings



*In Loving Memory of
Cosmo, Vincenzo & Giovannina, Luigi &
Lucia, Francesco, Matteo & A.J. An-
drews: Yole Loreto Baldassini. Par-
ents La Posta, Baldassini and Cianfa-
rani families: Hyacinth Myers from
Seniors Group*

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Monday, December 9th,



8:30 am —Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Praying the Holy Rosary
9:15am — Holy Eucharist

*There will be fellowships after the Mass in the Parish Hall
Everyone is invited!*

Offertory Collection



Last Sunday Collection: \$ 9,162.90

Thank You For Your Generosity

ST. BARNABAS PARISH ADVENT RETREAT

St. Barnabas will be having an Advent Retreat on Saturday, December 7th from 9 am - 3 pm. The speaker will be Dr. Josephine Lombardi from St. Augustine's Seminary. The retreat begins with 9 am Mass. Light breakfast will be provided but bring your own lunch. The day will end with Adoration at 2 pm followed by Benediction.

**Parish Pastoral Planning continued.....
The third Core Directives.....**

(iii) A Communal Life in the Parish Which Offers Welcome, Hospitality & Outreach



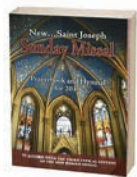
"Go and do likewise."
LUKE 10:37

Each parish will possess a strong and inclusive identity as a community of faith, offering to everyone an experience of welcome, hospitality and accessibility. In every parish there is a "stranger in our midst" and thus the entire parish community is called to serve as the face and hands of Christ, welcoming each new member to a warm and loving family of faith. 8

Across the archdiocese, we are blessed with many diverse ethnic and linguistic communities; these many languages and cultures together reflect one rich expression of Catholic faith. This unique experience of diverse communal life needs to be promoted and integrated into the life of the archdiocesan church.

A vibrant parish will make sure to reach out to the various groups within the parish, e.g., family and youth, students, young adults, men and women, and the elderly. The Catholic schools connected to the parish should be active partners in parish life, affirming the ongoing relationship between parish, home and school.

The active stewardship of every parishioner will ensure the parish's vitality, namely, an increase in committed parishioners and volunteers. Ideally, the age, race, sex and ethnicity of the volunteers will reflect the demographics of the parish itself.

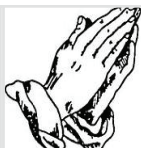


NEW SUNDAY MISSALS

2020 Sunday Missals are on sale in the parish hall after all Sunday Masses. The cost is \$5.00 each.

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. If you would like to enroll, brochure and enrollment forms are available at the parish office.



Let us pray!

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

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SPECIAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION,
November 30/December 1st, 2019**



Serving Our Neighbours
In Need



The Vincentians will be in the lobby this weekend to accept your donations for their Christmas program. Thank you for your generous support

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE CAMPAIGN

Clothing Drive



What's in your closet?

This Campaign is being run for the Good Shepherd Centre. A box will be placed in the church lobby beginning this weekend. We need winter jackets; hoodies; winter boots; underwear; socks; gloves; mittens and hats (in good condition). Good Shepherd is a place that promotes human dignity, where people come first and where the 'last' - the homeless, the marginalized—come first of all. 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".

SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



Your 2020 offertory envelopes are now ready for pick up from the parish hall.

Please do not begin using them until January 2020 as credit will not be issued if they are used earlier.

**NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
DEC. 3rd - 12, 2019**



**FEAST DAY / HOLY EUCHARIST
Thursday, December 12th at 7:00pm**

Please see the flyer at the bulletin board for different times of novena and Masses.

*Everyone is welcome to attend.
Fellowships after the Mass*

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19th, 2019

10:00 am—12:00 noon

And

7:30 to 9:00 pm



There will be 8 priests available for Confession



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