



PRINCE OF PEACE PARISH

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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.

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Baptismal Preparation

Children's Liturgy

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Funeral Altar Servers

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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

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Dec 9 - 15, 2019

Monday, December 9

9:15 am + Death ann. Hon Sum Lai

Tuesday, December 10

9:15 am + Huu Ngo

7:00 pm — Thanksgiving from Linda Ah-Teck & family

Wednesday, December 11

7:00 pm + Xavier Titus; Anthony & Dorothy Rodricks; Osmar & Beryl Paul; Patrick Mercer

Thursday, December 12

7:00 pm + Amado D. Laxamana

Friday, December 13

9:15 am + Walter Gonsalves

Saturday, December 14

9:00 am + Elias Diniz

5:00 pm + Daphne Bednarek

Sunday, December 15

8:30 am — Community of Prince of Peace

10:00 am + Ester Reyes

11:30 am + 38th death ann. Susie Yuen Chiao Chiu

1:00 pm + Leony Cajayon

Second Sunday of Advent Reflection.....



In this week's Gospel Reading and next week's, our Advent preparation for Christmas invites us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. In this week's Gospel, Matthew describes the work and preaching of John the Baptist.

John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets of Israel, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. In fact, the description of John found in this reading is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah ([2 Kings 1:8](#)). In this reading, John directs a particularly pointed call to repentance to the Pharisees and Sadducees, parties within the Jewish community of the first century.

John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. Other groups in this period are thought to have practiced ritual washings for similar purposes, and John's baptism may have been related to the practices of the Essenes, a Jewish sect of the first century. John's baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian baptism. In this passage, John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11).

In this reading, John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: ". . . the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals" (Matthew 3:11). In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today's passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus' public ministry.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.



Sanctuary Lamps

Offerings

In Loving Memory of

- 1) Huang, Chiu & Kuan families especially Susie Yuen Chiao Chiu, Yung Chang Huang & Clement Chuan Chang Huang.
- 2) 5th year passing away of Frances Koon-Lin Hui. Offered by Thomas and Victor
- 3) Hon Sum Lai
- 4) Birthday blessings for Olivia Lariviere. Offered by Grandma



THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Monday, December 9th,

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

9:15 am — Holy Eucharist

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



Offertory Collection

Last Sunday Collection: \$ 8,143.80

Thank You For Your Generosity

PARISH PASTORAL PLANNING

For Information, please see the website at
www.archtoronto.org



SENIORS MONTHLY GATHERING

Fun for Seniors

Will be held Tuesday, December 10th from 1:30 - 3:30 pm in the Parish Hall. All seniors are welcome to come and enjoy bingo, line dancing, light refreshments & more.

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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".



ADVENT CONFESSIONS

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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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 20th, 2019. God Bless!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24th, 2019

No Morning Mass

Carols 1/2 hour before all Masses

6:00 pm; 9:00 pm & 12 midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25th, 2019

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

Please Note: Incense will be used at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses

NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Tuesday, December 31st, 2019

9:15am— Mass

5:00 pm—Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Wednesday, January 1st, 2020

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, 2019*



Let us pray!

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



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